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Dear Friends:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 30. Gertrude and I not only enjoyed our trip around South America at the time, but we have since enjoyed the memories of many acquaintances made at that time--yours among the number.

Mrs. Simons passed away the 30th of October as a result of cancer. She was operated first January 30, four years ago, and a second operation was necessary the 10th of last January. Everything possible that medical science could do was done, but it was not enough.

I am fortunate in having four children, three daughters and a son, and ten grandchildren.

The 14th of November, 1948, would have marked the 54th anniversary of our wedding. A year ago we had planned making a trip to Hawaii, but we were unable to secure reservations. It was probably well that we did not go because of Mrs. Simons' condition.

Mrs. Simons was the correspondent in our family, and this is the first time that I have seen to sending out greetings and to answering letters.

With best wishes to you for the New Year, I remain

Sincerely

W. C. Simons

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