

December 16, 1950

Mrs. L. P. Russell
2778 Grande Vista
Oakland, California

Dear Mrs. Russell:

While I have thought of you a great many times I am surprised that you have remembered me, because it has been so long since you were in Lawrence. To me, I have reason to remember you because I was baptized by your husband.

If you wrote the address on the envelope you certainly have retained your youth and vigor to an unusual degree. Some months ago I had a letter from Lois Hutchinson, who was the daughter of Dr. Hutchinson whom I believe succeeded you in the pastorate of our church. While she can not be more than about fifty-five years old her writing showed a trembling hand so that I feel she is not in good health.

I was very fond of her father, whom I think was of English birth but who had been educated at Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

He left our pastorate to become president of his alma mater, but found it unpleasant because of a lack of unity on the part of the school board so that he did not stay long, later becoming state secretary for Iowa where he passed away suddenly from heart trouble while walking through the city park.

Mrs. Simons and I were married November 14, 1894, but she passed away two years ago, her death being occasioned by cancer. She was a wonderful woman and occupied a real place in the hearts of the people of Lawrence. I have four living children, ten grandchildren and two young great-grandsons.

I hope all is well with you.

Cordially your friend,

W. C. Simons

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