

December 13, 1950

Mrs. H. A. Mercer  
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Dear Mrs. Mercer:

I was shocked on receiving your letter this morning, having on my desk my Christmas greeting already addressed to you and Dr. Mercer. I am very happy indeed that we came into your life and his at the time we did. It was fine to have him and the family come into our church where you were beloved by everyone who knew you. I have just called Reverend Mr. Thomas and read your letter to him.

Your darling little daughter I should judge is now about seven years old and she will undoubtedly be a very great comfort to you. I think it is fine that you had the hospital training so that you can step into work with which you are familiar, and which at the present time is better paid than many of the different vocations.

I think you will recall that Mrs. Simons passed away October 30, 1948. For a few years prior to her death we had formed the practice of having a student and his wife in our home, the wife to look after the house in exchange for room and board for both of them and an additional salary. I am fortunate now in having a young couple who are as kindly in looking after me as if I were a relative.

I recently spent several days in Tulsa and Oklahoma City with my daughter, Mrs. Maloney, and her married children. I now have two darling great-grandsons, one of them a little past a year old and the other about six months old.

I am very happy indeed that we had the opportunity of knowing Dr. Mercer and you, and I am so sorry that his useful life was brought to such an early end. If at any time I can be of service please let me know.

With very best wishes to you and your charming daughter,  
I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:bjh

W. C. Simons