

October 30, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. John Ruckman Baldwin
2447 Montana Street
Oakland, California

Dear Friends:

I received the announcement of your wedding some days ago but have waited to answer until this time because I wanted to address you at your new home. You are entering one of the finest periods of life and I hope and trust that you will have many years of happy life together.

It so happens that it was just two years ago today that Mrs. Simons passed away, and it has been a great source of satisfaction to me to know that at no time during the nearly fifty-four years of our married life did either one of us ever try to have the last word. We had few disagreements in any event, but when anything came up about which there was a disagreement we let it pass by as quickly as possible, and I think that you young folks will add to the happiness of your lives if you will remember that you only pass this way once and the happier you are the sweeter will be your memories in years to come.

I shall be glad to have you remember me to Col. and Mrs. Baldwin. They have been our good friends for many years.

The check that is enclosed is not large, but I hope you will buy something with it that you want to have.

With very best wishes I remain

Cordially yours,

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Encl.

W. C. Simons