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Dear Pat and Andy:

It was mighty sweet of you to write the nice letter of February 3. I always think of you and Andy as persons who have my warm regard and as persons who are almost like members of my family. I am really delighted to know that Andy has engaged in a business life. A musical life is short, it is hectic during the years when you are trying to perfect yourself, and it is grievous when you feel that your musical ability may be waning. The successful period in a musicians life is not too long, but if Andy makes good in business, he can still be interested in music when your children and grandchildren are able to take on a part of the load.

I sincerely hope that now that you are settled that you will have a youngster of your own, maybe more than one.

Margaret and Otis, who have been with me for 14 months will be leaving in June, and I have another student husband and wife already engaged to take over. I do not believe, however, that at any time I shall have the same fraternal feeling that I have had for you and Andy. You are both so fine and each one supplements the other. It seems to me that you have reason to be quite well pleased for the progress you have made in the year you have been in New York.

As far as my health is concerned, it has been good.

Perhaps I should say just a little more about the couple that will be taking over after Margaret and Otis leave. He is a student in engineering who has transferred from Manhattan to K.U. because he believes we have superior instructions here. The wife is a blonde, reared near Herrington, Kansas, and has been accustomed, I think, to some farm work, but is a graduate at Manhattan and is glad to take over at our home in order to make