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Dear Grayce,

I was going through my desk this afternoon and ran across your letter of May 22nd, written before I had gone to the Lake. I sincerely hope that your health is good and I am sure you are finding a great deal of pleasure in your new and ideal apartment. You have the opportunity to breathe the fresh air from the Lake and to enjoy the beauty of the great out-of-doors, and at the same time have the warmth both from your heating plant and your fine old fireplace.

I presume you think as I do quite often that we two are the only ones left of our family, which for many years consisted of five children, mamma and grandfather. We had some rather difficult years in Western Kansas, but I am sure it was much harder on our dear, little mother than it was for we children.

I was at the University a few days ago and I think you will be pleased with the diorama that will soon be completed and dedicated to the memory of our dear mother. It is simply an illustration of Hodgeman County in 1878. The gentleman who is creating this fine illustration of the scene as it was so many years ago, has made at least two trips to Western Kansas and has actually visited the spot where our mamma homesteaded. It shows a sod house, a well of the type we used to have and the grass and wild flowers. I think they will also add some striped squirrels and a rabbit. The work is nearing completion and when finished, the diorama will be dedicated to our little mother, who was a pioneer Kansas mother.

It has seemed to me very suitable to have this memorial at the State University on the account of mamma's great interest