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Dear Grayce and Don:

I was very glad to get your letter of January 25 and am sorry that Ruth had to be operated. However, it is my opinion that operations of that character are usually successful. I think she was wise to have it performed without waiting longer. Please give her my best regards.

The cold weather which had escaped us has finally caught up with us, and the thermometer was not far from zero both yesterday and today. Also there has been quite a fall of snow which will be of great advantage to wheat. The ground was exceedingly dry and this coverage, although not furnishing enough moisture, will be of great advantage.

I had a nice letter today from Mildred McCurdy. You probably remember her father, Sam McCurdy, and his wife, Milly, which I presume was a nickname for Mildred. They were good friends of ours and had been residents of Alabama for many years. Henry McCurdy was quite a friend of Dolph's and has made good, I think, in the book publishing business in the east. Sam McCurdy has been gone for a long time, and Mrs. McCurdy wrote me a beautiful letter following the death of Gertrude, and about ten days passed away herself.

I have just written a letter to the American Historical Company which helped me gather data for the genealogy, asking advice as to the number of copies to be printed. I have probably spent \$1,500 or more already in gathering the material, and it will cost quite a little to publish the book and I am in a quandry as to how many copies to issue. I would hate to print too few, and neither would I want to have a considerable number left on my hands.

It is through the Collins family, Ann Collins being Grandfather Gowdy's grandmother, that we are related to