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Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Parrish
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Dear young folk:

Several times every day my attention is called to you through some of the directive notes left by Irene. When I came back from the Lake, I found that she had left things in remarkably good order, or it may have been when I began occupying the downstairs room. It required a lot of care for her to put things in such nice shape, and I certainly appreciate it. I think I have been very fortunate indeed in the young folk I have had in my home. Elinor and Walley Scott are caring for the home very nicely. If I were inclined to be quarrelsome, I think I should be very unhappy, because I could not find anything to quarrel about, and it has been indeed fortunate for me to have someone to maintain my home for me in such a pleasant and orderly manner.

I shall be glad to hear from you and to know how you are getting along. I have a lot of confidence in the ability of each of you, and I shall be glad to have you find time now and then to drop me a line.

I had a very good summer at the Lake, but took it a little easier than I had in previous years, and limited myself to fishing excursions of about two hours rather than all day excursions of previous years. I was fortunate in having one of my daughters with me all of the time that I was at the Lake, and when we came home, Janet and Mary Both drove their car and Mr. McNalley drove mine.

It is a little bit hard for me to realize, or rather to accept, that I can't do as much as I could in former years. I drove the entire distance from Lawrence to the Lake, or from the Lake to Lawrence, in a single day many times without any discomfort. I think probably the next best thing to being able to do as you formerly did is to realize that you can't. Because when you have that realization, you are not so apt to fret over your limitations.