

Dear Andy, Pat and Randy,

Perhaps the other person is just as hesitant as you have been and just as anxious to enlarge his acquaintanceship.

The Fetters apparently are happy in their work here and are well liked by the congregation. Mr. Thomas, I think, figures on winding up his active ministry in the comparatively near future, which I presume means that he has reached the age of 65 or whatever age is necessary for participation in the ministerial pension fund. I think that Edith has continued to work at the University and I hope that when he quits work, she will be able to quit also. They are nice folk and while I do not see very much of them excepting from the pew in the Church, I like them both.

Nita Rankin has been giving me some of the attention that she used to give to Charles and I think it is too bad because while I like her, I have no thought of marrying again and I should like to see her married to some good man who loved her and could take the responsibility for their livelihood. She always plays the organ, as usual, in Church and apparently plays for practically all of the funerals at the Rumsey Funeral Home. I do not think it strange that I am still very lonely for Gertrude and I do not care to be otherwise.

I remember your mama because I think that she was at our home at one time and I remember Andy's good looking sister, who I think was married and living in Topeka. Maybe you are lucky that the relatives have not been too close to you in the life of the baby as they say that grandparents and others are apt to spoil the little ones. I think it is fine that you feel so close to Andy's family. That is the way it used to be with me as I thought very much of Gertrude's mother and sister.

I am glad that Andy is making good and am sure that advancements will continue to come from time to time because he is capable, earnest, and interested.