

December 20, 1949

My dear Arthur:

I thank you and Kathleen very warmly for the congratulations you have sent to me on my 76th birthday anniversary. I am afraid I found it impossible to keep track of the birthdays of the family generally. That, however, makes me the more appreciative of remembrance of my own birthday on the part of others.

This little letter is to bring you and Kathleen not only my thanks for your birthday greetings and wishes but also a little remembrance for the Christmas Season. Instead of delaying to select something myself which I have felt you and Kathleen might wish to have, I am enclosing a bank draft, the proceeds of which I should like you to feel free to use in whatever way may give you the most pleasure. I would be doubly pleased if, with the enclosed, you might find it possible to purchase something for your home which you will be glad to have, as a gift from me. The little enclosure carries with it my fondest love and best of wishes to you both.

I have just finished a long letter to your mother. While I am sure she will miss your aunt Gladys at the Christmas Season, what may be lost in that way will be more than made up in the remembrance of the happy visit she had with you and Kathleen as well as Gladys in the summer time.

As my Christmas mail is very heavy, I shall not write more at this time except to

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