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c/o Dr. L. J. Day,  
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Peterborough, N.H.  
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Dear L. K.,

This is just a note to enclose with a letter I have written at East to the Senate and the Staff, trying to convey something of what we would like to be able to say. It is not the first I have tried to write but I have realized that I have no right now to make it anything but a simple letter of sincere thanks. The time for exhortations or advice from me has passed, and would now be improper, and indeed I have no wish to intrude into the future, or to seem to think that I can add to the wisdom now available to the College. I only want to let you know that you are constantly in my thoughts and your welfare very near my heart. The memory of our close cooperation during these past years is precious to me; the day was not complete without a frank talk with you about what was best for the College, and where that discussion indicated a need for second thoughts the final decision was always better for it. Now I know that your faith and courage and wisdom and forbearance, which is sometimes most difficult, will be equal to the demands made upon you, but decisions made elsewhere may hold up cherished plans and the fruit



of uncertainty is anxiety. I long for the peace that can come from knowing that all is well with you and with the College.

Our month away provides little in the way of news. In the main it has been a time of quietness spent reading, walking, and being with our children and grandchildren. A week of it was spent on the North Coast, at Stanger Beach, with Raulfus and his family, to whom we return for another fortnight tomorrow, and the rest with Len and Pandy (Mary), who have now gone down to spend two weeks with Murial at Mandeville. You may see them while they are there, though I think they will spend almost all their time at the farm, sleeping all they can. Len has had a busy year and that was his idea of holiday when he left. For ourselves we have made no plans yet beyond the probability of staying the next few months in Maritzburg, where I have been offered the freedom of the Laboratory and Library in the Chem Department. I may find some problems here on which to exercise my mind, and possibly a little lecturing as one or another of the staff go on leave, but there is no mention of that yet. In any case I want a month or two there, without obligations of that nature, to



find my feet again in that field. If it were possible  
how gladly would I return to Fort Hare to a place  
under Dr. Galloway, content to work with students,  
and be among those who mean so much to us,  
but I should not even think such things, tho' who knows  
it can never be.

Congratulations to Shena on getting her V. E. D.,  
and to John Knox on his Degree. I hope he now  
gets to Durban and does well in the Medical  
Course.

Warmest greetings to yourself and Frieda  
and the members of your family

from

Elise and myself.

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