Dear Dannie,

I have just had a letter from Jimmy saying that Hettie was operated Jan. 6. Strange how there is some transference of thought, but the last week, I have been wondering if Hettie had the operation you told me from last year the doctors had advised. I am glad it is safely over, and Marion and I hope and pray that her recovery will be rapid and complete. Of course as the operation was a long one, it is a severe shock to the whole system and you all must not be discouraged if the convalescence takes some time. I am sure in the end she will be much better for having passed through this real ordeal. And it must have been difficult for you all.

Thanks for the invitation to the Heineman lectures. I hope some day before our time runs out, we can go there together.

It has been extremely cold here for three weeks, but it is warming up now.

I have a series of difficulties that have made me miserable. The urinary and intestinal infection I think is clearing up and the Malta fever too I think is less violent, but it gives me a bad time for 3 or 4 hours, early afternoon, and then leaves me flat the rest of the day. The treatment is a long one, running for months sometimes for a year, but I feel it is some better.

This is just a short note and I hope you will let me know how Hettie is getting on. We miss so much seeing you all - and since I am not using a secretary these last months, my letters are very unsatisfactory for I can't write long letters by hand without tiring too much.

You know how much you all are in our thoughts. Our best love to Hettie. I cant tell you how happy we are that this ordeal is over and how fervently we hope she will soon be well.

All the best from Marion and myself to you all.

Faithfully,

Sg: George