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Dear Dannie,

I have your letter of Sept. 24 and also the brief note of Sept. 25 sending the article from the Reader's Digest about Sara Gordon. Thanks for both! The article about Sara Gordon is very good. She is really a great woman. She will be 74 in a month or two and I fear will have to retire from the clinic soon, as the work is becoming too heavy. Her first husband was a German, and I know very little of him. She married him before the first world war while she was studying in Germany - and it was years later that she married Penfield Mower of Boston, who was quite a *beau* about Boston for years. She made her reputation as Dr. Sara Gordon, and professionally she has always used that name. Her husband is a year or two older than she and he takes over all the oversight of their home at Marblehead Neck. There is a talk of medicine or hospitals or ills at Marblehead Neck over the week end and she has Boston people out to dinner and bridge almost every Saturday and Sunday night.

She is a great woman in the real sense of the word - a great woman and a great doctor. The work in the Xray room is becoming too exhaustive, and I would not be surprised to see her retire soon, and do some writing. There was one article in News Week about a month ago that she had agreed to do a syndicated article.

I enjoyed the book of Harry Golden that you sent me. I'm sure you saw the items in News Week and The Saturday Review about his past. I don't think his sins of youth will interfere with his writing.

I'm glad Christiane is well over her operation and that she will be spending some time with you. We were in Cuernavaca last week end and Gustave came in to see me last Sunday evening about 6 o'clock and stayed for just half an hour as he had to get back to Mexico City. I told him I had the letter from you about the Brussels matter and he said he wanted to talk it over with me this week. We had no conversation of consequence Sunday evening and I'm hoping he can come out for dinner with us alone this week as there is much I want to tell him about the situation here that has developed since he started his holiday. I'm sure there must be a misunderstanding about what Maryssael said about my being "sorry" that W had to take the blame for a decision taken by you. You know how I feel about this whole business for we have talked about it so much. I'm sorry that W's career may be ruined, but I would be the last person to say that he was suffering from decisions taken by you. I will put Maryssael straight on this. W's ambition was his downfall and you know how I feel about things like that.

I will write you about things here after I have had a talk with Maryssael.

Yesterday when we came back from Cuernavaca I stopped at the doctors and found that the last stool culture still shows some of the bugs that cause the dysentery. The dysentery is better.

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I still suffer from tremendous gas. I still eat 6 small meals a day, and lie down immediately for at least 1/2 hour after each meal. It is a strange unnatural sort of life. The last four or five days I have not lost more weight, but have not gained any, I think I am getting better. It is the worst siege of illness I have ever had. Marion is well. I will be writing soon again. Marion joins in lots of love to you all, and to Christiane.

Faithfully,

GEORGE