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My dear Friend:

We received and greatly appreciated your cordial Christmas greeting. I am ashamed as I reflect on the passage of time since the receipt of your last letter. But you are not the only one of our friends to be thus neglected.

As you know, we could not get to Shelburne last summer. We staid at home till early in August, and then motored to N.Y. taking along one of the students of Elmhurst College. He was seeing the cities of the East - Cleveland, Buffalo, N.Y., Phila. - Baltimore and Washington for the first time, and we had some of our pleasure in watching his enjoyment.

We made visits in Buffalo and

Mr. Morris, N.Y. and about a fortnight's stay at the home of a cousin of Mrs. Foster's in Greenwich, Conn., and reached Elmhurst Sept. 13.

During our absence the death of Miss Mary Larrah occurred - the first of the sisters to go. This followed by about two months the death of Mr. C. A. Street (aet 82) the husband of Rosamund Larrah. The Streets were very dear friends of ours. We had been their guests in Chicago, and at their summer home at Hyannisport. It was on his way to the latter that Mr. Street was stricken and on his arrival in Boston was taken to the Mass. General Hospital where he died. Perhaps you know all this, but knowing your interest in the family I had to mention it.

Our lives here go on without any extraordinary happenings. We manage to maintain a fair degree of health, and to keep up

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an interest in numerous affairs,
chiefly religious and ecclesiastical,
which interest I believe to be
in part the secret of not
growing old. And we enjoy
our own home - small as it
is - and the flivver, which
makes it easy to go where
we will in the neighborhood,
except in sub-zero temperatures,
of which variety we have had
a lot since winter set in.

I wonder whether you have heard
the following story about a Jew
and a Scotchman. The former sold
the latter a horse for \$1,000. As the
animal was dead when it arrived
the Scotchman indignantly demanded
the return of his money & got it.
At their next meeting the Jew

(who had received the horse back) thanked the Scotchman, telling him he had sold the animal for \$1500. This he did by a raffle 100 chances at \$15 a chance. "Of course the man who got him was mad, but I gave him back his \$15."

Years ago Dr. Clinton Locke was Rector of Grace Ch., Chicago, founder of St. Luke's Hospital and the Dean of the Clerical body here — this by common consent. He was a great wag. At one of our clergy meetings he was presiding when a man named Perry (and an eccentric sort of person) arose to speak. Locke recognized him and remarked sotto voce "Another attack of peritonitis". Quick as a flash Perry came back — "Not so serious as Lockjaw". I really think that the best repartee I ever heard.

Perhaps you can regale me with something as good: if so

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go to it! But whether you
have any good yarns or
not, don't pay me back in
kind by delaying your reply
for months!

Affectionate remembrances
to Miss Brown and yourself,
in which Mrs. Foster joins.

Cordially yours,
Thos. B. Foster.

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