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Dear Lou:

I was glad to get your card but ashamed to find that in the change of places your card had been pulled out from my file and had never gotten back. I made up the deficiency at once and sent off to you the reprints which you should have had before now.

I am delighted to hear that my paper in Heredity met such a responsive chord in you. I am curious to know what things you are referring to in virus research which lead you to the same conclusions. Your book will be a great addition to the literature and I look forward to it eagerly.

Thea's operation went very well and I think she and Joe are both optimistic about the outcome. I do hope this settles things favorably.

The Bacteriology Department here is undergoing readjustment and I cannot yet guess how things will work out. Some of my group are taking the course in Immunology from Weiss, but I suppose it is too early to judge how it will go. I gather that he does not have the force, enthusiasm and clarity of Luria, but perhaps he will improve with time. I find him an interesting fellow to talk to and think he really has some potentialities that may blossom forth. I have done little more than see Stokes on the run and haven't had a chance to get acquainted with him at all. We have had a very hectic Fall with a constant stream of visitors from Europe and elsewhere. While this is all very nice in itself, it is a great distraction and I am wearing myself out trying to keep my research going and at the same time be a decent host to our visitors.

I don't know what you think of Nanney, but I can't help but say, as I must have said to you before, that I think he is really destined to do big things. He continues to develop at an amazing rate and has spark plugged the research in our group for the last six months. He's on the track now of the mechanism of determination of mating types. He has a beautiful clue and I believe it will lead to the long-desired solution of that difficult problem.

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We are glad to hear that you are getting settled well and hope that you and Zella and Danny love your new home. Needless to say, things are very different here without you and we miss you a great deal.

With very best luck to you and with good wishes to all my friends at Illinois,

Cordially yours,

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