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Dear Minnie

Lest the crowded days that intervene between now & the 19th shut me off from the coveted chance to pen this note of Birthday Greeting, I'm taking time by the forelock and availing myself of a quiet half hour this evening —

It was a grand concert this afternoon — How disappointed I was that you could not enjoy it with me — but as I sat in that great hall I thought of you listening to the purest music in your comfortable little apartment and I was happy that you at least had escaped

the wet and damp of a long trip back & forth, and you shall have other opportunities to hear the great Toscanini inspiring his orchestra - They say seats are sold as high as $15.00 - so great is his performance.

"Do" went in your place - but not in your stead. And now the house is deserted; Else, & the Dockey brothers are out - and I'm just pillaged the ice box - had my supper and was tempted to call you on the phone again - but I guess I must indulge myself in the written rather than the spoken word - Just to let you know I'm thinking of you - Eager for your happiness and well being - and thinking too of the day this week which marks the beginning of a

New year for you. If I had my way the days that it brings would each be filled to full measure, passed down, — bringing you with all the delightful experiences of life — and I have faith that they will be — the happiest you have yet known — a glorious year for us both. Filled with this wish goes all my love and thought — you mean much to me Sis, and as the years pass I find I am becoming more and more reliant upon you.

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I am wondering if you will be good enough to spare me the rather difficult task of a shopping tour in search for something that you might like and accept instead the enclosed check & spend it to get that very thing — please do. There is something which you may feel you could not otherwise have,

But it would make me very happy if you would get just that thing.

Now, of all you will — I'm not going to be cheated this week end — perhaps I can get away Saturday. This week is a full one — I've got to make a speech before the Am. Assoc of Surgeons — at the Institute on Friday. We have mapped out a heavy schedule of experiments — by the way you'll be pleased to know that the Enzyme work is progressing better than I dared hope — almost too good to be true.

We have perfected ways of concentrating & purifying it. And find that as little as two drops will protect a mouse against a million times the fatal dose of Typhoid Streptococci —

Last Friday I had dinner at Dr Flexner's given in honor of Dr Landsteiner - I sat on

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the right of the Nobel prize winner & felt highly complimented - What a splendid character he is - so simple & modest - so brilliant in accomplishment.

I looking forward to being with you - my days are busy ones - sometimes hopeful, sometimes disappointed - that's the life of research, but come what may, my thought is always of you and your courage & faith sustain me. A joyous birthday to you and many more to follow.

God bless & keep you

With all my love

O.H.

Tuesday – Many thanks for your good letter & for sending Catherine – Feel so sorry for the folks

But Cheer – Happy Birthday