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Mrs. Lena Rankin-Doty  
416 Park Street  
Greenville / Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Doty:

Your good mother had written me a dear and long letter giving me your family news which I was really eager to obtain, in spite of the fact that they include the announcement of your father's demise, a year ago.

My mind and soul is living in the U.S.A. continuously and you can imagine that it is all over Pisgah Forest and through the valley of Davidson River many a time. At these mental excursions I never fail to meet your good father who was right for 20 years my most loyal friend and helpmate and my comfort in all my difficulties. What Hamlet says in the first act of the play about his father you may say about your own father, too:

He was a man, take him for all in all

I shall not look upon his like again.

Now, dear Mrs. Doty and dear Mr. Doty -- pardon my misfitting quotation. Naturally, Mrs. Lena must put her own husband even above her father, or at least on a par with him!

What a fine family your father has left! Let me admit that I do not remember his 10 children and thus I presume that five of them were born <sup>after</sup> ~~from~~ the year 1909 when I was banished by Vanderbilt from my old and beloved territory.

I know that your brother is living in Nauheim for the time being and I have asked him to pay me a visit before it is too late -- inasmuch as I am 83 years old and inasmuch as he might be summoned back to the beloved U.S.A.

If I were to talk about politics this letter would not come to an end. Let me admit, however, that the Korean ~~at~~ complications might have been avoided if we Westerners had a better understanding for the "soul" of the Easterner. Our politics are all-too-economic, forgetting what is spiritual in man. Bolschewism after all is a sort of a religion and it is impossible to overcome it by tanks and by bombs<sup>s</sup>. That being so, resistance to bolschewism <sup>after the pattern</sup> of a Mahatma Gandhi might have been preferable to a resistance to Bolschewism by force of arms. Also, is it not written "Do not resist the evil"?

O, what am I doing? This was going to be a loveletter and I am afraid I am talking myself away from you by my political opinions. But how can we exclaim jubilantly at Christmas

"Peace on Earth and good Will to all Men"

if we treat some of them at the same time with bombs and hellfire? I hope you are going to have a particularly lovely Christmas with your loved ones and I assure you that I remain, in everlasting gratitude to your father, also yours and your husband's

very sincerely

Always with a smile

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