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Dear Nell Dare,

You have no idea the pleasure your Mother and Child has brought to me! It came a few minutes before the taxi which took me to the train on my way home for the holidays. So of course your book went along to be me more light in all the beauties that make up our Christmas. I continue to study your pictures and am ever moved by the philosophy behind them and the text, so exquisitely written.

When I was with you in New Hampshire you asked so kindly about me – what my hopes and aspirations were. Perhaps the article which came out in our Milwaukee Journal on Sunday before Christmas will tell you a bit about me. Jane Farley, a young journalist did a very excellent study of me from a number of facets before she wrote. For an article which one is not allowed to proof read I feel it turned out amazingly accurate. In any event we shall have to continue our visit as soon as we can in person. Does either Mr. Davis or your work ever bring you to the Midwest? even to Chicago from which I am only one hour and fifteen minutes away?

Melissa, for whose home I found a number of things in Minneapolis at Thanksgiving time, has just sent me the most charming letter of the most spectacularly small size. What labors of love that Tasha gives us!!

I have asked our college library to order several copies of your book and I have written personally to Harper to ask for the brochures about it for the special students in my classes who must be interested. I hope they still have some they can send me. Thank you again for so kindly autographing my copy and enclosing your greetings.

Gratefully yours—
Vera Peterson