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Dear Cecile: your most interesting letter received and enjoyed by all. The account of the wedding was most unusual and interesting. Surely one must be supplied with plenty of franks when attending a wedding. Just wonder what the collections are used for. Perhaps the spectators pay expenses of the wedding instead of the bride and groom. Surely hope the pictures Hena took are good so we can see them some day.

Cecile everyone who reads your letters say you should write a book and I heartily agree - With very little change and additions your letters almost form the necessary continuity for a continuous story.

The childrens letters written in french have caused a sensation. I, of course, could not read them but Sunday Bess and Lottie read them to us - They were quite impressed as was Papa and I, at the nicely written letters - Bess and Lottie said the childrens

had used good French too - It was so cute of them to write in French - expect they have set out to convince Harry that they are really learning something.

Jim and Bess spent Sunday and Monday with us. Masonic work had Jim completely absorbed so we saw him only at bed time and breakfast Monday morning. Bess and I had a nice time together - she rested and relaxed, having nothing to push her was a new experience and she enjoyed it. She took Mrs. Allen Johnston, Mrs. Duval and me to the Zephyr room for lunch and they came home with us for the afternoon - During the course of conversation Bess said something about you folks being in France. Mr. Johnston was quite interested and said she knew you in Church circle when you lived here - she remembered how artistic you were and how cleverly you did things in the circle - she asked to be remembered to you. Mrs. Duval had a little girl ten and a half years old. She is smart as can be and so cute. She belongs to Girl Scouts and Mrs. Duval works with the scouts. She was so interested in your children and the experiences they are having. She took Dorothy's and Cecile's names and addresses and said she was going to have her little girl write them. She said the scout troop her little girl belongs to are quite interested in writing little girls in foreign lands. They have just recently written some girls in England.

She thinks the troupe may be interested in corresponding with Dorothy and Cecile. They want to know how the people over there live and what they do - etc -

Dorothy going to be a God Mother is an unusual experience for an American girl - I think it is very nice and am especially pleased that the children are being looked up on with such tender thoughts. No doubt all of the children are experiencing things that are very interesting. They will have an understanding of French people and customs they could not have learned by book study.

Our weather is simply perfect these days and the flowers are unusually pretty. We have a beautiful view from each window.

(Later) Charles just came in - He is here to get a new Chevrolet and he said they had every known and unknown accessory on the car and made him take all of them - It ran the cost up nearly \$300.00. That is another of the car Dealers racket - From the looks of things new and used cars will be on the luxury list for keeps -

Have an engagement for twelve fifteen so will have to run along -

more next time -

all my love

- Mom -