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St. Louis 13, Missouri
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Dear Bill,

Well how are things with my favorite pen pal? Fine I hope and all is going well with me here at home. At present I am working for the Salvation Army and we are really busy with so many needy families coming in for Christmas help. I have applied for a position as social worker at one of the local orphan homes and applied for a position with the Girl Scouts. I hope the Girl Scout job comes through because that will be my chosen profession. Wish me luck.

Well how do you think your Christmas is going to be? I hope yours will be just as happy as I am anticipating for myself. You planning on getting married, engaged or just staying in this single world of ours this Christmas? It seems as though everyone in St. Louis is planning on taking the fatal step so I was wondering if the same was true for K. G.

I was glad to hear that Claudia is doing so well and happy to know that you had looked into the situation for me. Claudia is a sweet kid and I think a lot of him. We went to school together here in St. Louis when she was living here and got to be real good friends. I haven't seen her in about two years so I hope I can get there next month.

You know Bill, I had no idea that Pittsburg was so far from Kansas City. You have quite a long way to go each week, don't you? I do hope I can get to K. C. so that I might go to Pittsburg and hear you preach. As much as I have heard of your speaking, I am looking forward to the time that I can hear you. And will you please stop thanking me for flattering you because those are not my intentions. I do not believe in boosting the already boosted ego of the male population so believe me I am sincere in everything that I say to you.

Bill, I want you to write me and let me know if I will be free or if it will be okay for me to write you something that has been bothering me for a long time. It is nothing so puzzling that I have to have consoling but it is something that concerns you and I just want you to know it. After I have written this information, I don't think that we will be corresponding any more, but that may be best after I tell you what I am thinking.

Please forgive me for cutting this short, but I must get back to work. The telephone is constantly ringing and I have to keep stopping so I will close now. Write me and let me know if I should write this next letter and be sweet. I will be waiting to hear from you.

As ever,

Andrew