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SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Rev. J. H. Harris M.D.
Westerville, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Harris:

I wish to thank you for your fine
Christmas greeting and the lofty sentiments
therein expressed and beg ^{you} to accept
from myself & Mrs. Kay our best wishes
for continued health & happiness in the
New Year and in many years to come
Last summer I gave up my home in the
City & spent June July & August at my
country place at ~~Prakness~~ near Paterson N.J.
PRAKNESSE

where my daughter Emma & three of her
sons joined us for the summer

Early in September Mrs Lay & I decided
to take up our home with Emma at
St Paul & we then arrived here - making
a radical change in our lives.

This was due to a great extent to
the illness of Mrs Lay, who needed the
ministry of the daughter & we are
now a very happy family

Dr Arthur Harris is gaining a
great reputation for his management
of the Botany Dept. of the University
and is about to dedicate a new Botany

Building now completed & costing about \$250,000,
and is ^a man of the highest type well worthy of his
family & record - It is a real pleasure to hear from
you & note your continued interest in us.

We were pleased to see your son Daniel, whom we
met several times last winter in New York and hope he
is making fine progress in his profession.

It has been quite a wrench to give up all my
associations in New York in my church & my profession,
in both of which I have been very active. - but it was
time for me to retire and devote myself to study
& research in certain lines, which have been neglected

in the pursuit of a profession.

I have been admitted to the bar here, but
am enjoying a new line of work in literature

With very kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
Joseph P. Lay