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The Tall Evergreens 1932  
Fenwick, Ontario

Dear Mr. Page, --

It was a  
pleasure to get your card  
at Mothers' Day, & I shall  
try to deserve your com-  
pliment. Did you know  
that Mazo de la Roche (Winner  
of the ten thousand dollar  
prize, offered by the Atlantic  
Magazine for her novel "Jalna")  
has adopted recently a boy  
of five & a girl of two years.

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She is in England this summer but her house is in Toronto. I wish every unmarried or childless woman could follow her example & make this world a happier place.

It was most kind of you to send me such a good description of Homer Watson and his work. Of course I <sup>had</sup> known him by reputation but that was enough to give your appreciation great interest. How you & dear Elsie must have enjoyed your visit with him.

Last Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blake Duff called for me & took me with them to visit Walter McRaye who lives at Grimsby & whose fame as a reader and entertainer is known not only on this continent, but in England where he gave recitals with Pauline Johnson. He has a wonderful voice with great range & richness of tone. He is an enthusiast over poetry & read to us poems of Roberts, Bliss Carmen, Wilson McDonald, Edwin Markham & many many others. He has

wonderful collection of treasures, rare books, pictures, autographs of a host of noted people. There was a picture & autograph of the recently assassinated President of France with his five sons - splendid young fellows, four of them killed in the war. Mr. McRaye has a lovely little fruit farm - plums, cherries, peaches and apples - three acres of bloom. I should think he is in his fifties, though he has that clear English complexion that never looks jaded.

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Your third favor is the poem on Spring, which I read with pleasure. My favorite stanzas are the third & fifth, but all the verses give the worshipful feeling of a walk in the spring woods. Yes, I think "Here seek the joy of a new found birth" is preferable to the other line. Of course the prevailing influence of the woods is peace.

You remember Emerson interpreting the Woods as saying to a man fresh from a political meeting "Why so hot, my little Sir"? But in Spring every new leaf & flower rejoices.

Mr. John Garvin was here last Sunday, & we called on the Duffs in their lovely place at St. John's. Forty years ago Mrs. Duff (then Georgina Summerville) attended his school when he taught in Welland - & he slapped her hands for misbehavior! Well, he didn't slap them this time; far otherwise.

Do let me know when you are next in Pelham. We want you & Elsie & Ellen here for a good visit. My love to them.

Sincerely Ethelwyn Wetherald