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my dear Gertrude,

I still have made no plan for going away from here. I think I shall probably do it but I surely am more comfortable here so far as the indoor life is concerned than I would be in any hotel. Life is very prosaic for a person situated as I am but you dont make it any easier by fussing about it. I wonder often how I manage to keep house

at all. But, after <sup>(2)</sup> all, things go along some way. I realize there is little or nothing here to interest you. Your interests here amount to very little. Your friends are among the Christian Science people in Oregon and your work is there. You would no sooner reach here than you would be seized with the desire to return. The days are all alike. I have struggled with colds ever since reaching Chicago. I might do a little better in Aiken or vicinity but I don't feel any enthusiasm in any of such plans.

Lillie's training in one of the Boston hospitals makes her quite useful in caring for me. So - you can see how it is.

Isabel will be going away in a few days to Europe again to stay about two months. I did not see much of Sam when here as he had a cold and I was afraid of it. I am trying now to patch up my nose and throat so that I can get outdoors more than I do.

My ~~health~~ <sup>help</sup> seems to manage to steer me along, and so there it is. I need to have a little dentistry done but may put that off until spring.

These are this evening's reflections.  
If I can read all the books that were  
given me for Christmas, it will be  
some achievement.

With very much love

Yours

Mother

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