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March 12, 1929

My dear Gertrude,

You will want to be hearing from me again. Things are going fairly well. Spring is advancing and with it I have shed almost all of my winter clothing. Quite an event for me who wear probably too much clothing all the time. I wish I could doff more of it! I have escaped so far any severe colds this winter for which I am thankful enough.

Hattie Barne's attack of influenza was quite trying. She was tired out to exhaustion and came down with this attack immediately on her arrival. I felt obliged to keep away from her which left her practically alone with the nurse and she was homesick - and all the rest of it, perhaps you can imagine. She went off back to Bristol long before she was able or should have gone and altogether it was a great disappointment to her and also to me.

Robert has gone North on business and may be gone a fortnight. He'll bring

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Perkins back with him for the spring vacation.

I am beginning to realize that my stay in Aiken will be over in a few weeks - a month perhaps. On the whole it has been successful as I have avoided the severe weather of the North which has been exceptionally bad in Chicago this year.

Miss Breaux is less fortunate than I have been, as she succumbed to some of these germs that were flying about here which resulted in a week spent at the hospital.



On the 25<sup>th</sup> of March will  
occur Belle Adam's birthday.  
She will be ninety years old,  
a very smart person for her  
years, I say.

I don't yet know whether  
they will decide to go to Peter-  
boro again this summer or  
not but I have my doubts  
as the help question was  
trying and annoying to  
them Past year.

I was quite amused at  
the way Sam looked forward  
and planned for a home in  
Cambridge. He is certainly  
forehanded.

If you are coming here at

all, you had better be on your way or I may meet you en route. I expect to return to Chicago about the middle of April.

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Little Robbie read his lesson to me this morning. I was truly astonished at ~~his~~ the way he could read. What he read, he read as well as I could. Big Edith overdid sometime ago. She is quite discouraged about ever being well, and indeed she probably will never be very strong. Robert wants them to come back here another

year.

I hope you have your belongings including those of the Museum in good order by this time.

With lots of love

Yours

Mother

Kind remembrances to  
your friends.

(My love too - Adele)