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Dear Mrs. Warner,

I was so pleased to have that particular book from you for a X-mas present. It gave comfort and help that very X-mas night. I think that if when you consider all to yourself what your religion means to you in living this existence, then at the same time you must know how grateful I am to have some of it too. The aspect of living has greatly changed since I was fortunate enuf to receive your help - and the blessed thing is that I feel an ever increasing help from the great Good. I fell to sleep New Year's eve with the knowledge that I had a great treasure - a "rod and a staff"



to assist me always. It was the best New Year's Eve reflections and sense of gratitude that ever I experienced.

Now for what you particularly want to know. It has taken me some time to realize with any definiteness just what your mother wants— as regards plans. She talked quite a time after dictating her last letter to you. She feels she ought to avoid the wet and rainy <sup>pre</sup>-spring here, that is February and March but she doesn't want to spend all that time in Aiken. I believe down in her heart that she really wants to go <sup>to</sup> California but she wants a member of her family to take her there, and plan to change from place to place as her strength stands it. She gets terribly bored without something to do and as soon as the sight-seeing and the food become monotonous, she becomes downhearted away from her personal belongings. The Robert Basses have been urging her to go to Aiken and I think your brother John thinks that would be a good place because he probably cannot give up so much time to keeping her company as she would probably stay away. Lillie and I are useful to her but after all we are mere adjuncts in her living. Your mother has come to realize how full your life is in Eugene and your meaning to your community, and she



both hesitates and feels she has not the right to take you away from there to what must be dull for you. She will not ask you, I am sure.

This winter she seems a very pathetic figure. She is so dependent for happiness on her own and only they can supply anything. Mr. John calls up usually every day & drops in frequently and she is absurdly happy when he or Mrs. Brown come in. She spent New Year's night at your brother's - the first time there since her return here - and she was so pleased to go out.

In spite of her occasional imperiousness that lonely side is the one that impresses me most. I have to go to breakfast now & so I shall send part II answering your other questions a little later. With good wishes and affection - Adèle B.