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My dear Gertrude,

I am hastening to write to you because I have a plan now for going away. My doctor thinks it would be much better for me to get out of this climate thru February and March. I think I will go to Aiken. I am not anticipating any great pleasure in going away from home. As I look back on my trip of last year, it left rather a dreary memory. Abba

is going to visit her brother in Florida. John will arrange something in Aiken for me and perhaps stay a little while. Would you like to join me in Aiken? I have no entertainment of any kind or description to offer you as all I do nowadays is to sit in a chair and think. Even the drives around Aiken are not pleasant. But seeing the little children and following their life a little gives me some interest. I think of going sometime after the twentieth. You could join me there at any time you choose.

Since I wrote you last, Isoline Barnes has passed on. Robert came up from Aiken to the funeral. I know no particulars. They were planning to sail soon for England, having hired a house, as is their custom of Pate, for some weeks or months in Chelsea, a part of London.

I have given the material you sent me to my dressmaker and she is pondering over it. I hate to leave my apartment

but it seems best, as I have to stay
in the house most of the time.

Yours with love

Mother

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