

March. 25<sup>th</sup>

My dear Gertrude.

I did not realize until your letter to Belle came that I had not answered your letter and suggestion that you come here in May and go on with me to Peterborough for the month of June, but I have been counting on it all the time and looking forward to it. I hope you will excuse my lack of attention it seems to be more and more difficult for me to write letters.

We have had a quiet winter here it must be very stupid for Belle. I was pretty well the first part of

of the winter but we have had very  
severe and disagreeable weather  
I only get out a little so the winter  
is long - John and Abba sailed  
last Saturday to be gone until the  
first of June, he wants to be back  
for the Convention and a plan  
of joining Robert for a little walk-  
ing trip in Spain. Robert and  
Edith sailed March 5<sup>th</sup> for a little  
trip they were to land first in Algiers  
then go over to the Balearic islands  
take a little walking trip in the  
islands cross over to Spain visit  
a few cities take the boat home from  
Gibraltar. They expected to be gone  
about 8 weeks, Edith got a bad abscess  
on her leg which had to be lanced  
and detained them two weeks. So

They changed their plans somewhat. Edith says  
the children are getting to the age where she  
will have to devote her time to them so she  
is taking this little ~~by~~ trip now while can.  
The baby has gone to East Walpole to stay while  
she is away. They will come home all right  
but John & Abby will be easily persuaded to  
stay longer. Did you hear or see anything  
of Jack while you were in Los Angeles.  
I am interested in your having Mrs Seton  
stay down near George I wonder if she will  
see much of him she is a pleasant and agree-  
able woman to have near him any way. Certainly  
I am very much interested in what you say about  
how George is starting off in his work it is so  
much better than we feared. I think Los Angeles  
is a place that appeals to the young. I hear that  
Jack likes it out there, he is selling land for a  
living just now. Belle and I went to the lecture  
by the D. A. P.'s you sent us one ticket and I  
bought another, under their auspices I should  
have said, a young Englishman Vivian  
Gilbert told the story of going to Jerusalem with  
Allenby as an officer in his army. They started  
from Egypt and went across the desert.  
"The Romance of the Last Crusade" it was  
unusually interesting it was I bought his book.  
We have rented the cottage at Peterborough  
this summer and I have to get it ready

I hear from Sam occasionally as  
we have had some business to-  
gether. I am hoping Sam wont de-  
cide to sell his property although  
he makes a pretty strong case  
against - keeping it. I think it  
will take about ten years to fully  
develop the thing for those improve-  
ments in a big city more very  
slowly. There are so many things  
to accomplish but they are bound  
to come in the end. The bridge  
over La Salle St. has been decided  
upon and that is the beginning  
I am counting on a very nice  
time with you -

With best love  
Mother.

I enclose a letter from Edith showing  
a little about their work at  
school. Perkins belongs to a boy  
Scout class, they are quite fond of  
their dancing school.