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New York

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My dear Gertrude,

Your telegram duly reached me and I replied at once that you should make your dentist appointments and that we could make plans for my visit after your dentistry was finished. After your invitation to visit you first came my plans were complicated by the passing of my third sister at the age of 85. My second sister had passed shortly before May and I reached home on the "Empire State" at 87. We have been planning for their internment but have

not yet settled upon dates. Furthermore  
my brother in Florida who is 82 is not  
at all well and his wife has been critically  
ill. All of these circumstances have  
combined to make it unwise for  
me to carry out my original intention of  
spending April with you and when your  
telegram arrived I did not feel justified  
in holding out hopes to you of coming  
in the immediate future so that there  
seemed no reason for your not attending  
to your dentistry first and having my  
visit at a subsequent date. It may  
be possible therefore that I shall see you  
here in the East before I am able to pay



you a visit in Eugene. After your  
lecturing in Boston is finished you may  
be able to spend some time with us here  
in New York. We can get you a room  
here in this Hotel where we can be near.

Mary is busy with her work  
in the United China Relief and I have  
been making some addresses. Every one  
is as busy as bees and there is more or less  
of confusion both in plans and their execution.

Many friends in much love to  
you and in the hope that we shall see you  
soon,

Yours affectionately

John

