

THE
Devon
70 West 55th St.
New York

Sept 8, 1944

My dear Gertrude,

Immediately on my arrival I telegraphed you that I had had a comfortable journey and that I found Mary very well. The trip from Portland to Chicago was easier than I had expected, for I was able to secure a room in place of my lower berth and this made it possible for me to relax more than I would have been able to do in an open car. Many thanks to you for

providing such good accommodations
for me,

I missed you and the
Museum very much all the way across
the Continent but the more I thought
of my stay with you in Eugene the more
grateful I was that I had made the
trip. It was a great delight to me
to see and handle the familiar
art objects. It was good of you
to give me carte blanche in the
arrangement of the rooms and I hope
that the public, when it sees on Sept 24
what has been done, will be pleased.
The large Hall in which are the two
stones is very imposing and impressive;

and so also are the North and South
Galleries. The Magazine Gallery will
be a new spectacle as also will be
the new Chinese Books Gallery.

The day after arrival I
visited my brother's widow who had come
up from Florida during my absence. She
is in a wheel-chair, cannot walk, is
blind and her hearing is impaired but
she is cheerful and seems happy. I could
not help contrasting her feeble condition
with your vigorous health for which
you must thank God Every day.

Mary Jones in love & joy.
Please remember me to M^r Somers, M^r
Reynolds, to M^r Smith and M^r Holmes

in the Hotel and to Miss Keene. I hope
that Mr. Teller is proving to be an
agreeable companion.

yours as ever

John