

Hawthorn Hill  
Oakwood  
Dayton, Ohio

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Dear Harry:

I left my reading glasses which were in my handbag at Leontine's last Sunday and have not been able to read or write since. But I can't wait any longer for them so I'll push my typewriter off at arms' length and see what I can do.

It did seem to me that it was too much for you to have this anxiety about your mother just now. I don't know what to say except to remind you again of the affection and sympathy of those of us to whom your happiness and unhappiness are of great concern. Your mother has had a long and useful life, as you said, but I wish she could be with you for a few more years for she does not seem "old", except in years. Every one says the same thing about her. Old age like hers is so lovely. Father was just like that in not outliving himself. Day before yesterday was his birthday. He would have been ninety-six years old.

If it had not been that I felt all the time the depression that you must be in, it would have been so much fun to see you at Oberlin. Haven't we interesting friends there? Orv likes them all so much too which is a great satisfaction to me. When we all get too old to labor any more, let's make up a little colony at Oberlin!

Have you heard Doctor Dick give his talk and show his pictures of his African trip? Yesterday it popped into Orv's head that it might be a nice thing for him to do for the Engineers' Club (of which he is President) to give them that talk for an evening's entertainment. Mr. Kettering last year had Mr. Akeley but of course that costs a lot. I thought perhaps Orv could pay Doctor Dick's expenses and maybe he would come as other speakers come who are not professional lecturers. It was Orv's idea first but he wondered if Doctor Dick would feel he could come so far. Well, Orv can ask him and he can do as he chooses about it.

I am acting as Carrie's chief assistant now that Edwards is gone. I am ashamed (almost) to tell how happy Carrie and I are to have that "dark" out of the house. I don't mean that he was disagreeable personally, for he was not, but we have our own ideas of cleanliness which were not quite the ideas prevailing on the British tramp steamer where he seems to have got most of his experience. He has his ticket for a boat sailing November twenty-ninth. I think he expects to go to France.

More later when I get my eyes!

As always

Katharine