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Dear Mattie and all: -

I received your letter of Aug. 6, and was delighted to hear from you (I don't act like it, do I?) Albert was in school only during his "vacation" and "educational leave" - 2 months - The Indian department ~~is~~ is requesting its teachers to attend school somewhere each year and A. thought if he has to go he might as well get some good from it - He is an accepted candidate for his Ph.D. degree and expected to get it this winter but this awful sick spell he has had has made it very doubtful - He didn't want me to write home about it but I wrote to mamma a week or so ago - He says you all have enough to worry about without him - Maybe mamma + France have told you - He had a paralytic stroke Aug. 13 brought on by high blood pressure - His pressure was 210 a week afterward when we got him to a doctor and a couple of weeks ago ~~was~~ it was only 174 - the doctors both say <sup>that</sup> with care he will recover - Dr. Fulton was here a few days ago and says he is doing

fine - but recommended that he go to Stanford as it is sea level and might be better. He has never been helpless - did not lose motion but all feeling in his left side -

Louie wrote me a card from Valpo - I was surely surprised - I have not answered it and have no idea if they are there or at home -

I wish I would write more letters but something always happens to prevent - I certainly am not mad at anyone - it is just that awful procrastination - I have tried to write to mamma - she writes once in a great while but Frances hasn't written in ages - she surely can't be out of sorts about anything -

No, I didn't know she had her teeth taken out but am certainly glad of it. I know nothing at all of what they are doing. The letters that Mary Lou and Julian wrote me from the bank is the one and only time I have had a letter from Jeff. for a long long time. I will answer them and also Marjorie's letter.

Your roads must have been as bad as ours. How nice that you have two nice big girls to help you but now that school has commenced you are all busy enough I know. Unless mamma or some of the rest should get very sick, I will

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not get home until A is well or if he gets worse again we will leave and go some place to a lower altitude - the doctors both say he will get well.

I know one thing that mamma should not do any extra cooking or work of any kind.

When Uncle B. stayed before he gave them \$5. a week board. You know in case of sickness accident or any trouble it would be very nice to have a man in the house. I have always felt better satisfied when I knew he was there but they should manage it so that there is not the extra work.

Our Ford is like "a white elephant" on our hands now that Albert is sick. we have been taking some little rides lately but the roads are something awful - there have been so many hard rains the "washes" and rivers are awful - Holbrook nearly washed away.

The tourists are many - now on their way home from California and another crowd going to Cal. for the winter. Unless one has lots of time it takes too long for the trip by car. Our vacation would be over by the time we made the round trip and we would hardly have time to stay over night.

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and say 'Hello!' I am so glad you, Wilson and the children had such a nice visit home and to Columbus. I told Frances that whatever you and she did with that property would be all right with me. I know I would rather have my part in U. S. Bonds.

Oct. 10 - 7:30 A. M.

This is a beautiful, bright, cold morning - a heavy frost last night. Albert is not allowed to eat any breakfast and I don't get any for myself. So morning's work is rather easy.

I generally go to the school house at 8 although school does not begin until 9. The children come earlier and I see that they are washed and combed and dresses changed before school. They wear their camp dresses home but I have pretty blue dresses, bloomers, and red ribbons for them to wear to school. We seem to not take any interest in taking pictures any more but we sent for some films on last mail and I must take some pictures here.

Two little girls, Camilla Deebah and Lonnie James are coming now so I will close with love to all - am always glad, glad to hear from you even if I don't act like it.

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