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Dear Mary

A great deal has happened since I wrote you last--mostly hard luck. I have been in rather miserable health for the past year. I spent the summer with your uncle John while his wife was away and had a good rest so that I felt quite well in the fall, but have gone backward since.

Your Uncle Will has been quite sick since July. In August he went to New York and had a serious operation on the bladder. He got along very well but after he left the hospital his heart gave out and he was in a critical condition for a while. He is very much improved now, but I do not think he will ever fully recover. It had been a great strain on me to take care of him, do my housework, and teach school. I hope the worst is over now.

I am sending you a box this week of things you may find useful--a dress or two, hats, a coat, etc.

I have not forgotten the watch I promised to send you. I have really not had the time or energy to attend to it when I did happen to remember, but I will look after it immediately after Christmas.

We are to have Christmas dinner together at your Uncle Jim's this year. It will not seem like Christmas with Father and Mother both gone.

I hope you and your family are well and that you will enjoy a happy Christmas.

With love to all Aunt Carrie