

The Devon  
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New York

March 29, 1944

My dear Gertrude,

Your telegram duly reached me and I replied at once 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 Mary and I reached home on the "Gripsholm" 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 inconvenient 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 you not attending to your dentistry first and having my visit at a subsequent date. It may be possible therefore that I shall see you in the East before I am able to pay you a visit in Eugene. After your dentistry 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 [sic] is as busy as bees and there is more or less of confusion both in plans and their creation.

Mary joins in much love to you and in the hope that we shall see you soon,

Yours affectionately  
John

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