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Beloved Julie!

I wonder if you write letters on the installment plan, doing half a page at a time, then being whisked off to something else? For weeks Dick wanted a good look with you but the time for leisurely correspondence never seems to come.

First of all we are tremendously pleased at the prospect of your coming to us in April. Do come & stay a while,

bringing your work along if need be. We can all scribble in the morning and play out of doors in the afternoon. We have a car now, and if you can manage the time we could take some runs up through the Blue-grass region, and along the Dixie Highway - Kentucky is glorious in April! Do hide a way with us!

Your little Christmas gift was quite the cunningest thing I ever saw! I got positively excited when I took all the contents out of the case

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for fear they will never go in again!

This winter has been, and still is so full, that I do not know when we will get East. I am in the middle of a novel book which Douglas Doty wants to serialize in the Century if I finish in time. Here five of us are directing one of the finest little Settlements you ever saw and trying to keep it from out growing its bounds completely. What with getting women divorced, and children in the Detention Home and saving husbands

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in the Work House, besides looking after the little ears, eyes, and noses of the juvenile Cabbage Patchers, we have our hands full.

When Mr. Jewett was here some weeks ago he gave us a lot of New York news, and we have been eager to hear more of what he told us. Has Mr. Phillips gone out to Doubledays? And what is Bert doing? All sorts of stray rumors have reached us. I hope you are a free lance again, and able to do what you want

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when you want. At the same time I know the pang it has cost all three of you to sever that long and delightful business partnership.

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A letter has just come from you to Ella, and I see you are a bit confused about your part in the Educational Association program. This association meets here in April, and it devotes one Evening to a Kentucky Author. Last year it was James Lane Allen, and this year it

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is Cal. I understand there are to be brief appreciations by you, Archibald Henderson, Annie Fellows Johnson, and one other, with a musical program from Cole's lyrics. It is not a dinner, but an enormous gathering over three thousand people probably. Teachers, professors and Educators of all kinds come from all over the state. Now as I understand it you are expected to address this same audience more formally on the follow-

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ing day. It is a great
pleasure to people who
live "outside the radius"
to come face to face with
writers & whom they
know and love, and
I can imagine what real
joy your visit will
bring.

Give Burt my love,
and tell him I don't
at all like to think
of his being sick. I
hope it's well in the
past by this time

Someone is call-
ing so I must hurry
away - (With much

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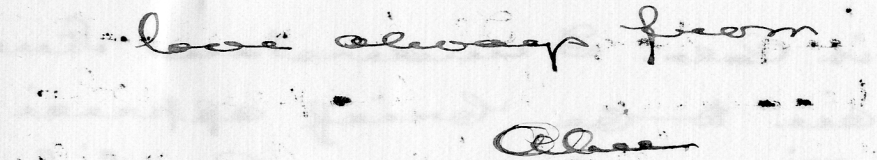
love always from

Alice



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