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Dearest Julie:

Won't you ask your nicest nurse to send me a post card saying how you are getting along? I hope the long rest and good care are bringing fine results. If only I were near enough to drop in on you now and then for a little visit!

The golden autumn days have ducked into brown winter but the carpet of gay leaves still makes the woods beautiful. Once a week I take "the aunties", Mrs Macaulay and Mrs Buckner, out for a long ride, and we explore the parks and beauty spots around Louisville.

Since life has necessarily

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slowed down for Ole and
me and we can no longer
either physically or finan-
cially go gallavanting over
the earth, we enjoy our
home as never before.
Being naturally more re-
gerious than he, and not
being able to exercise much,
I miss an active life more,
but it is astonishing how
many resources we can
develope when it is
necessary. I think I wrote
you that we were thorough-
ly enjoying Van Wyck Brooks.
"Indian Summer." He tells inti-
mately and charmingly about
the writers we knew and
loved in our youth, and
recalls so many old fav-
orites that we are constant-
ly stopping to discuss them
and tell when and where
we knew them. I know
of no books of criticism
that are so uniformly de-

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lightful as his.
Then I am deep in "Pilgrim's Way" by Lord Tweedmuir, which follows the course of a distinguished man and a rare spirit through a dramatic life.
Another quite different autobiography is "I Remember" by Abraham Flexner which I think you would enjoy. It, of course, is largely the history of Education in America in the last twenty years, but it's human interest concerns the life of a young Jew whose indomitable little mother brought eight children into the world four of whom distinguished themselves.
Abe's part in dispensing the Carnegie and Rockefeller millions

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and his contacts with interesting people all over the world make good reading.

Cole is absorbed in some philosophical essays, one of which has already brought favorable comment from several physicists - He sent it to Einstein who answered him at length in German, not altogether agreeing with his conclusions, but evidently greatly interested in his theory.

I had a copy of The Inky Way sent to S.S. but have had no word from him so far. The reviews have been fine, and I seem to have succeeded in making many exiled Louisvillians very homesick!

With much love from us both, I am as ever

Your devoted

Olive.

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