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Dear Dr. Pritchett:

Your letter just received is like an answer to prayer! I had just dictated a letter to you about our friend's situation, ~~disliking so much to do it, feeling that I ought myself to be in a position to help her out, but not feeling free to do what I would like to.~~

What led me to write was the letter I received from her a few days ago in which she says:-

Very sincerely yours

"I must write you that I've nothing to carry me through February. It seems to me there must be some Associations that would help. Selling the house is impossible yet. I can't leave it with things in it and an auction here would be impossible for any valuable things. You know George's father was a telegrapher early, then George through the war. Carnegie always hailed him as 'telegraph comrade.'"

Is it chimerical to think that possibly Mrs. Carnegie might be touched by this reference? You will know I am sure. You will know if there are Pension Foundations from which she could expect a reply. I know nothing of the kind.

Now that Mrs. Rumsey is gone is there anyone in the Harriman connection that would lend a sympathetic ear?

No, I have not given up the idea of going to Medina, but I am tied here by a pressing piece of work as well by serious illness in my family. It has occurred to me that I might possibly interest Mr. Kent of the Metropolitan Museum whom I am sure. It is not impossible that he would feel it worthwhile to send someone to Medina at once, at least I think I shall try him.

I am so glad that you and Mrs. Pritchett are in California. It is hard to believe that there is any spot on earth where the

weather is as you say "heavenly." It certainly has been the opposite here. I don't mind the cold and snow in the country but in the city nothing can be worse. However, I stay indoors by my fire and with my work and that isn't so bad.

I appreciate your saying that you and Mrs. Pritchett will be glad to have a visit with me if I get to California this winter. It is hardly possible I think.

With all good wishes

Very sincerely yours

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