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My dearest Jane:

Your letter warmed my heart! It was next to a real joy to pose back with you. What a pity that the friends our hearts nearest are so often the farthest away. Since we have been unable to have as we used to, we have missed, more than I can say, the happy reunion with friends in New York, Winter Park, Prouty Hook, and I might add "one stops in between".

We did have a delightfully cool month in the Cumberland. Our little cabin was right on the edge of a lovely lake and we were far enough away from the big camp to be quiet and yet was enough to go over for meals

and to join in the girls fun
when we feel like it.

There were nearly three hun-
dred of them, such splendid
physical specimens, all bent
on swimming, diving, riding
hockey, tennis, etc. Their con-
versation, too, sure, was
concerned chiefly with food
and it took twenty cooks
to feed them! Few of them
seemed to have read any
thing, though many were high
school or college girls. I
asked one radiant young
Diana what her favorite book
was, and she said "I've been
reading the same book for
a long time. It's called *Monte
Christo*."

Well, even so, if they devel-
ope strong capable bodies and
know how to use them prop-
erly, perhaps they could not
crumple up midway in life
as so many of my generation
have done.

We had to come home in the

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unlike of our Policy on account
of a severe case of neuritis that
has developed - Since the first of
August he has been living a hor-
rid time with it, with dental
complications etc - etc. He is
~~now a little better and we are~~
hoping that the worst is over.
One last winter he was so well,
better than he has been for years,
so we are counting on his funeral
good beach to get him over this.

As for me I have to work the a
tight rope all the time, but I
manage to keep going so long
as I perform no duties. And I
do local duties!

A nice invitation came the other
day from the Council of Washington ask-
ing me to be one of three women
writers to spend three weeks there
this winter, giving short talks each
day to the students interested in
creative writing. Good expenses were
to be paid and a handsome honorarium.
But of course I could not under-
take it.

What you ~~had~~ me of this. Miss
on the radio interested me, es-
pecially as I have never heard
one of the programs. It does it
not come in our local lines
I remember Mrs. Tucker perfectly
and am so pleased that she
"recognized my voice"!

Have you seen George Martin's new
book? The dedication to Sam Best
makes it belong to ~~all of us~~
in a way. But I am so out of
sympathy with George's attitude
toward all organized relief work
and at her "seeing red at the
wonder Social Service", that I'm a
bit impatient with Best for spoiling
her story by the intrusion of prop-
aganda.

The magnificent work I have
seen accomplished during ~~weekly~~
five years experience at our
own Settlement, and the wise
and practical readjustment of broken
homes and broken lives, proves
what can, and what is being
done all over the country.
Of course there are many instances
where relief work is wrongly ad-
ministered, and there are many
insufficient workers, but what the

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poor would do without organized charity I do not know. And I am not afraid of the word charity which seems to have gone out of fashion. I take as a synonym of love. It surely can do us harm.

That is one thing that draws me to Pres. Roosevelt, for whom I did not vote, and whose Good Bug course has often filled me with alarm. But I do believe he has a deep concern for the well fare of his fellow men, and that some of his measures will have fine and lasting results.

All your waves of mutual friends interested me greatly. What a grand sport Miss Roosevelt has been! When you see J.S.P. give him my cordial greeting, and also Bart. As for S.S. I can't quite bear to think of him these days.

We had a call today from
Dr. & Mrs. Davis, the author
of "Honey in the Horn" which I
~~have~~ not read. They are a
very modern young couple,
interesting, sophisticated and
amazingly frank. Her first re-
mark was that her chief interest
in life was sex, and that she
was interested to see how many
Sessions there were in Mexico!

Last night I listened to Sa-
dai talk at Town Hall, for the
Religion & Peace Year movement, and
was impressed with the fine
spiritual message and the ap-
parent sincerity of its utterance.
Surely in the face of the obvious
and vulgarity and materialism
of our theatres, and literature, we
need such ones in the wider-
ness.

Oh, dear Julie how I long to look
to you instead of writing! And
yet I'm grateful that time and
distance make so little difference
in our friendship. Your photo. hangs
above my desk where it has always
been, and you are ever there
what a comfort & inspiration you
have been to me through the
years! Love from us both —
Alice;