May 27, 1931

Dear Dean Jones:

I was ashamed of myself to have left a package behind - a package of manuscript that I needed, above all things, and I was ashamed to make you extra work.

The package arrived yesterday in ample time for my needs.

If you have seen Mr. Ellsworth he has probably reported on my doings. I am glad I went to Van Hornesville - glad to have seen again that valiant and serene old woman. She lay in her coffin quite unchanged - so confident and unafraid. O.D.Y. has much of her but he still has a long way to go to be all she was. I would like to know if he at ninety-two will still be here as much on his feet as she was at ninety-two; and whether he will lie in his coffin when his turn comes with the same kind and fearless look on his face. It is a long time since I have been so impressed by a personality as by that of O.D.Y's mother.

Incidentally the indefatigable Mr. Ellswoth showed me various things which he knew I ought to see and wouldn't have known enough to go after - among them a tavern at Cherry Valley where they make marmalade, rather unusual, and I am asking them to send you up a bit of it to try with your breakfast or tea; and to remind you that though I perhaps did not show it I am no end grateful for your hospitality and for the kindness of everybody.

Please remember me to Mrs. Ryan and to the girls at large, and believe me

Faithfully yours

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