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Dearest Julie:

Congratulations on adding left hand writing to your many accomplishments! I am so sorry about the broken arm. I hope it is not too painful and will soon be out of the cast. At best it is very trying. My colored cook said recently "Everybody's got some thing, and my potion is funds."

It does seem that there is no end to the ways the body can act up to harrass us. I am going about more and look much better, but can't do much on account of very low blood count which we are trying to correct with liver shots etc -

Most of our friends here are supporting Landon, and we shall vote for him, though I do not

share the intense dislike for Roosevelt that seems so prevalent. One gentle, little lady wrote me yesterday that she considered him "public enemy No 1."

In fact I sympathize with many of his ideals, and believe in his sincerity even while I acknowledge his bad judgment. But it is the principle involved and not the man that has influenced my vote.

I talked to an enthusiastic new Pen & Brush member recently, Mrs. Jacobs, a former Louisville woman. She was so delighted at being invited to join.

We are greatly thrilled over a beautiful new room that has just been added to the Cottage Patch Sentiment for the care of little children. It is given by a retired physician who has been incapacitated by the effects of radium, & will have to have some of his fingers amputated. This work has saved his reason, they tell me, and he is making toys and even a complete little doll house for

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the new room. Human nature can be pretty grand, can't it? We have also opened a Birth Control Clinic, which together with the baby and adult clinics, provide help for many in distress.

Have you read the much talked of "Gone With the Wind"? We are reading it aloud and finding it utterly absorbing. It is an amazing picture of the Civil War, with splendid characterization of certain types, and a skillful handling of a welter of material. Don't fail to read it, if you have not done so already.

The Dean of the Louisville Cathedral denounced it from the pulpit last Sunday as "a libel on Southern Womanhood". Had he said "lady-hood" it would have been more in keeping with his attitude. Those heroic Southern

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women who lived through the terrors of reconstruction can not be judged by ordinary standards. Even my generation recall stories told by our grand mothers that were hair-raising.

Cole sends dearest love & says he will write you soon.

Your devoted

Olive -

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