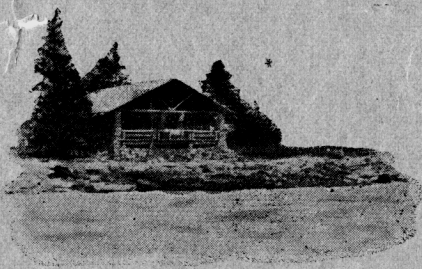


Hyde, Jane Brewster



HYDEAWAY
PORT CLYDE, MAINE "

Dearest - Aunt - Minerva -

Mary has just sent me a
clipping containing the sad
news of your mother's death -
My dear, my heart goes out
to you in deepest sympa-
thy - for I know your
grief and your feeling of
loss and loneliness. I have
dreaded this sorrow to come
to you because I have
had to suffer myself and
realize what it all means -
But there are the memories
and the wonderful presen-
tiality of such strong char-
acters cannot be forgotten &

We should give thanks
that our dear mother has
spared to us so long. I have
thought of you so many
times during our long silence
& was glad to hear occa-
sionally of your activities
& usefulness. I wish I might
join you in some little
part - if you have need
of me, do not hesitate to
call upon me. I was in
Washington in the spring &
had a delightful month
but it ended in a fall - a
senseless & heavy one for me
on my hollow feet & I have
floated for many weeks.
My summer up here has
restored me to health & vigor.
I have had a family of five



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delightful spot. We have done
our knitting & taken an active
part in the Red Cross work up
here. But - I am eager to do
some thing more while I
am, ashamed to confess my
inability - I expect to start
for home Mon. or Tues. of
next week & hope to assist &
discourage Miss Jones. These
war times make it hard for
schools. We had a successful
school last year, so this
may turn out better than it
promises just now. If you
are in New York, I would love
to see you or to, at least,
speak to you on the phone. But

I do not know your number -
I wish I could express all
that is in my heart to say,
but you know and will
make allowances for my
halting pen. Words are so
little comfort - after all, but
love and sympathy of
friends was my great-
solace. Sunday. You will
dictate me a line + let me
know if I can be of service
to you. and know always
I am at your command
with love and devotion,
Your "Child"
Jane Brewster Hyde -
Sunday