

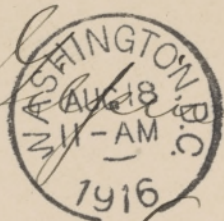
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My dear Laura, - I feel I must call
you Laura, for I am so drawn
toward you now. Anne loved you
so and wrote me such wonderful
accounts of your kindness and
many loving deeds you performed
this summer, and that is worth
so much to me. If I only could have
been with you - I know you did
everything for her and for Otto
too, and it is one happy thought
that I can carry with me the
remainder of my life - that you

and your Mother were with her to
the last - two friends whom she
loved so dearly, and who had
given her so much love and attention.
She was miserable when she left
here, and I did not want her to
go away from Roger, who was watching
her, and giving her all the medical
advice that he knew. But she could
not rest or recuperate in the summer
climate of Washington, which really has
been so terrific this year. And she
wanted to be with you all this
summer. She had been making
plans all winter for this summer
and had I remained at St Leon-
worth this summer I had planned

to bring little Babbie to her bungalow for
a visit. But we were ordered here, and now
I am trying to believe it was meant to be
for Otto is here with us, and I hope I can
be a little comfort to him. He is so brave
he mourns her so, but who doesn't. She meant
so much to me. You who have known her a
short time and loved her, what could you
say if you had known her all your life - the
one of 10 sisters who meant the whole world
to me. To say I am crushed does not express
it. I am lost, I can not believe she is so
far from us. She looked so badly when we
opened the coffin her last picture which you
enlarged does not look like her. Don't you
think it looks sickly? She suffered, but did
not tell it. Ah my dear, I do not know ^{what}
to say to you, I am so heart broken, I can
not think of anything else. I wish I could
express it in a better way - But I can't - Everything
seems gone since she left me. We were so
necessary to each other, she was my inspiration and
delight all the time - and altho I know she is
better off where she is now still I did not want her
to go soon, when she had everything to live for.
Ah I am so thankful you could be there, for
I know she knew you were with her. I want to
thank you (as well as a crushed heart can say)
for all you and your dear Mother did for her.
My whole family join me in this, and you know
how Otto feels about it. Keep up your spirits. She
is a beautiful example, and I am going to try to
be like her. Always sincerely Grace Brooke

Miss Laura



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