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HILLSBORO
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sept 12th

Laurie Darling:

Your telegram came, &
I am jubilant! How good of
you, - all of you, - to change
your plans, & help me. Please
tell your Mother & Father
I am very grateful for the loan
of you, & hope it doesn't up-
set them too much.

It seems cruel to tear you
away from the precious cabin
in the midst of the glorious
fall days - but then, perhaps

that will be evened up by your
not having to miss the lovely
early Spring ones!

This visit to the Petrunks
has been quite ideal, and I've
been very happy, leading almost
as simple a life as one could
at your cabin. I'm knitting all
the time - cooking over an out-
door fire, & "bug-ologizing" with
the charming Sasha, or playing
about with the girls. They are very
poor, & I thank my stars I can at
least in a way pay my "board &
keep" by giving Little Wanda anatomy
lessons. She's a marvelous pupil,
and we have lots of fun.

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Until recently, we bathed in the lake almost daily, but now it is really too chilly. I've been drawing quite a good deal - trees - rocks - old barns - etc.

Brought with me our drawing book we practiced in at the Thacheray. Remember? Parallel lines - slanting - shaded light to dark or vice-versa, etc? How those scribbles do bring it all back! And how that trip mellows in retrospect!

O, I can hardly wait for Oct. 15th - Will you be able to

do your work in the studio if
I make more room for you, or do
you want me to look for a room
besides. I doubt if you could
get the one upstairs except on
a yearly basis - pretty much of
an undertaking, don't you think?

I'm leaving here on Monday, the
17th, going to Boston for a couple
of days, & then home to see the
plasterers & painters if they haven't
by that time patched up my abode.
Mother writes they haven't yet
touched it, after all this time!

Exasperating, - what? But
who cares about anything, as long
as Oct 15th is coming. Hurrah!
Your jubilant Bessie



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