

Buckingham Hotel,

December 18. 1927.

Dear Laura,

I am enclosing my check for you to get something you want yourself, it is hard to tell what the modern girl really wants & I am sure you can choose something for yourself better than I can.

It has been such a hectic fall that I am glad it is over or about so.

In the first I got back from my summer outing on the evening of the Tornado, to find everything on wheels commandiered by the Red- Cross, even the street-cars were not running, so Mrs. S. & I staid all night at the Terminal Horel Laura said she or Charpey would come to get me u but as so many trees were down on the streets & debris of all sorts, I was afraid to let them, so I came up here perfectly safe next morning to find things in this part of town perfectly un-touched, but everyt- thing & everybody was sad & forlotn. Wekl that passed off & we calmed down & the next thing to happen was the fire at the Snnex the other p part of this hotel, right across from my windows, it was really fright- ful seven people lost their lives, three of the refugees whom I knew, came right here, & a fourth lost her life, So of course the shock was great & I am just getting over it now. fo it was only two weeks ago, but I never want to through anything like it again, This house being fire proof was of course entirely unhurt. I suppose before aanother year, I shall haave to find another home, as sinc the fire this building is ordered sold by the Court, but I shall not w rry yet.

In March, I am going to Tryon, N.c, where Dick & Lily have z cottage I do not care to leave before then, because our Symphony Society is h having Guest Conductors this winter, & they are most interestjn, I do not want to miss any of them if I can help.

How is your Father & where are you & he living now? I shall send this to the old address. Give him my love, & best Christmas wishes, for both of you & do write,

Povingly, Tante Laura,