

"SCALEBY"
BOYCE, CLARKE CO.
VIRGINIA

NOVEMBER 11, 1947

DEAR LAURA:

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR NICE LONG LETTER AND THE SPLENDID GENEALOGICAL ENCLOSURE. IT IS WONDERFUL TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE FAMILY THAT KNOWS AND KEEPS UP WITH THESE IMPORTANT DETAILS, AND IT WILL SOME DAY ALL BE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE BOYS AND BETTIE. YOUR BOOK I KNOW WILL BE SO INTERESTING. WILL YOU PLEASE PUT IN AN ORDER FOR A COPY FOR ME?

I THINK THAT SOPHIE NORRIS' ACCOUNT OF THE BAR HARBOR FIRE WAS MOST VIVID, AND I AM THANKFUL THAT MADELAINE AND DONALD'S PLACE WAS NOT INJURED AT ALL. IT IS ON A POINT OF LAND AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, AT THE HEAD OF SOMMES SOUND, AND SEPARATED BY A STRETCH OF WATER FROM THE MAINLAND AND THE VILLAGE. EVEN THE VILLAGE WAS SPARED, THOUGH BAR HARBOR WAS REDUCED TO A SHAMBLES. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY OTHER FIRES THIS FALL, NOTABLY IN MASSACHUSETTS, AND SINCE THE EIGHT WEEKS DROUGHT HAD LEFT EVERYTHING DRY AS KINDER WE TREMBLED HERE FOR OUR DWINDLING VIRGINIA FORESTS, HOWEVER, AT LAST THE RAINS HAVE COME NOW, AND THOUGH THE WATER TABLE IS STILL VERY LOW, WE CAN GO INTO WINTER LESS UNEASILY.

TYSON AND HIS WIFE, CATHARINE, HAD A NEW BABY THIS FALL, A LITTLE GIRL THAT THEY HAVE NAMED CATHARINE DREW. THEY ARE VERY HAPPY,

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LIVING IN FAR HILLS HOPING TO COME HOME TO VIRGINIA NEXT FALL. KAY HAS GONE INTO A BUSINESS HERE AT BOYCE, WHICH IS OF COURSE WONDERFULLY LUCKY FOR ME, SINCE I HAVE HIM AT HOME.

I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT KENNETH LEFT A NOTE FOR THE BOYS AND ME, ASKING THAT WE GET TOGETHER WITH DONALD AND DOROTHY AND MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT FOR A SUM OF MONEY TO BE PUT AT YOUR DISPOSAL, EACH OF US CONTRIBUTING PART. HE ALWAYS HAD YOU VERY MUCH ON HIS MIND AND HEART, AND WE HAVE EVER ADMIRERD YOUR WONDERFUL INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AND ABILITY. DONALD, MADELAINE AND DOROTHY ARE COMING HERE TO SPEND CHRISTMAS, AS WELL AS TYSON AND CATH, AND AT THAT TIME I HOPE THIS SMALL FUND MAY BE ARRANGED.

IF YOU ARE COMING EAST WE WOULD CERTAINLY LOVE TO SEE YOU, MEANWHILE, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR LETTER AND ITS ENCLOSURE, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR BOOK,

AFFECTIONATELY,

Bohula.
