

THE POTOMAC SCHOOL  
McLEAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY  
VIRGINIA

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DEAR LAURA,

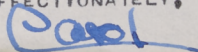
I AM, OF COURSE, HEART-BROKEN, PERHAPS MOST OF ALL BECAUSE YOU AND BETSY ARE NOT WELL BUT SECONDLY BECAUSE WE MUST POST-PONE YOUR COMING UNTIL NEXT YEAR. EVERYBODY HAS BEEN SO WORKED UP AND WAITING TO SEE YOUR SLIDES THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO UNWIND THEM, SO PLEASE MAKE A DEFINITE PLAN FOR NEXT OCTOBER, SHALL WE SAY?

WHEN YOU KNOW WHETHER AND WHEN YOU MIGHT DEFINITELY COME, PLEASE LET ME HEAR FROM YOU AS I WOULD LIKE TO LET SOME OTHER SCHOOLS KNOW ALSO. I HAVE PUT ASIDE \$100 IN MY DISCRETIONARY FUND FOR YOUR LECTURE WITH US AND I HAVE PUT ASIDE ANOTHER \$100 FOR PICTURES THAT I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE OF THE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL. AT LEAST THAT WOULD BE A START FOR US. I WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE ONE OF YOUR PICTURES IN OUR NEW CATALOGUE BUT I AM AFRAID THAT WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR A TIME. I WANT TO TELL YOU THIS SO WHEN YOU ARE MAKING PLANS AT LEAST YOU WILL KNOW WHAT TO COUNT ON HERE. I JUST SAW MISS SPEER AND I KNOW SHE IS HOPING YOU CAN COME TO HER IN THE FALL.

FOR US, AUGUST AND REALLY SEPTEMBER, TOO, ARE IMPOSSIBLE. SETH AND I ARE GOING TO ENGLAND, WITH A GROUP OF SCOUTS, I MAY SAY, LEAVING ON JUNE 16TH AND RETURNING SEPTEMBER 9TH. SCHOOL DOES NOT OPEN UNTIL THE 19TH AND WE ARE NOT SHAKEN DOWN SUFFICIENTLY TO DO MUCH UNTIL EARLY OCTOBER. ALSO AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER ARE USUALLY HELLISHLY HOT HERE SO THAT YOU WOULD DO MUCH BETTER FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW TO MAKE IT AS LATE AS YOU CAN. I SUPPOSE ONE REASON FOR YOUR THINKING ABOUT MID-SUMMER IS THE PUBLICATION DATE OF THE BOOK.

SETH AND I WILL BE EXPECTING A REAL VISIT FROM YOU AND WE HOPE FROM BETSY, TOO. GIVE HER MY LOVE AND WITH A VERY GREAT DEAL TO YOU, I AM AS ALWAYS,

AFFECTIONATELY,

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