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Dear Laura:

I received your two letters, one with check enclosed. This will not be cashed because it is not owed, and house arrangements from the 24th will be between Emily and you and Betsy. I wrote you that ^{Emily} she was coming down on that day, and she and Gerald arrived in good order, just before another big snow set in. At least, it was big out here, some 10" / but in town it was a mere 3" or 4".

Mrs. Anderson's check was returned from her bank because she didn't sign it! The First Natl. and I also, failed to note this, so it went through all the channels. I was a bit fearful for your account for awhile, but all is well now, for I returned it to her and she sent it right back and I deposited it. The Chavez and Williams checks have not come to me; if they came to your box addressed to you, Emily will deposit them, as I told her they might arrive.

I think Bibah did right in going to John Meem because the actions of Friedman simply must not pass unremarked. I don't know what happened to him when he was up here; no one seems to know anything official, everything is gossip and underhand. A horrid situation. Friedman has certainly put me on the spot, and the USA too in the broad sense, since I talked so much about the exhibit. I can't do anything now except wait until I see him again. He may well be on the way out, because a storm of protest has gone forth from all the staff to Dr. Toole, according to the rumors.

Meanwhile I'm working hard trying to get some engagements for talks etc., so far not too successfully, although I think there will be about 3 in February.

Well I hope the final wind-up there will not be too difficult; I can well imagine your concern for your equipment, but maybe a satisfactory arrangement can be made for its return. Home by air will certainly be more pleasant than via train.

Love,

Marjorie