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Miss Annis Duff,
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Dear Miss Duff:-

In this mail is the photograph of
of Ann Nolan Clark's silver cross which you re-
quested. She left it with me just as she was
leaving for Arizona. I hope I have not been too long
in making this, but this came along right in the midst
of all my Christmas work.

It is wonderful that Mrs. Clark is to receive
this award.

I have done a bit of research on this type of
cross. It is the cross of Saint James, the patron
saint of Spain, and was brought to this country in
that capacity so it can be said that it was the crusader's
cross. There are several of these in the silver
collections here in Santa Fe.

If there is anything else you should need, do not
hesitate to call on me.

Cordially



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Mrs. Ann Nolan Clark
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Dear Ann:

I meant to write the day I sent you the telegram about Claire, but things have kept on interrupting. But perhaps it's as well because now I have more to tell you about the Regina Medal Award doings.

As you know, the award luncheon is to be held at noon on April 16, and the committee of three Catholic Library Association members who met here last week said they want to have a press reception beforehand, with about fifty people present to photograph and interview you. I protested that it's too hard on a speaker to have this much kerfuffle beforehand, and they agreed that if it's all right with you the reception could take the form of a coffee party around ten o'clock so you'd have time for an hour's rest between events. How does this strike you? As you see, I've constituted myself a cross between dragon and guardian angel to see that you shall not be so swamped with demands and attention that you'll remember this occasion afterwards as just one long nervous and physical strain. Everybody's terribly kind, and nobody means to wear you out, but I know from experience that being lionized can become a real endurance test. This big day for you should be nothing but pleasure, and the committee saw my point of view very readily. Will you tell me what you think about the earlier time for the press business so I can let them know?

We've been asked to provide favors - mementoes, really, for the luncheon guests, and we're turning over in our minds what form it should take. We wonder about the possibility of a handsome little folder with a reproduction on the front of a photograph or drawing of the lovely cross you're wearing in the photograph of you that we use for publicity. Do you like this idea, or would there be any objection to that particular and unusual cross? If you think we could use it, could you have it photographed for us, at our expense? For the inside of the folder we wonder if you might have a brief essay on hand that we could reprint, or if there's a passage in one of your books that you'd like to have used. We don't want to put you to a lot of bother about this - after all, it's our responsibility. But we do want you to be pleased.

The CIA committee would like you to suggest any friends whom you'd like to have them invite to the luncheon. Of course I myself hope very much that Mabel will be there - it will be wonderful to meet her after all these years.

I'll keep you posted as other things come up.

Now about Claire Bishop. She realized that to fly out to Santa Fe for just a day or so immediately after finishing a strenuous six weeks of lecturing would not allow her the tranquility she needs for writing a good article. So she prefers to consult with you by letter and telephone. Is there any reason why you'd prefer not to have her telephone you? I ask only because some people find it tongue-tying. I'd like to suggest that she let you know ahead of time by letter what she's likely to ask you so you can have your answers planned. But as soon as she comes home for a short interval between out-of-town lectures she'll write to you herself to outline her plans.

That seems to be all for now. And if I don't have occasion to write again before Christmas here are my best good wishes for real happiness. It seems so good that we have one festival left to us for loving and giving and being more like innocent, happy children than we usually are in this feverish world.

Much love to you and Mabel,

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