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Dear Laura,

I know that you will be surprised to know how many friends you have who would like to help you through this difficult time of partial illness. They all feel as I do that they want you relieved of some of the financial strain and worry that is caused by illness. Of course we hope that once you get off crutches you will be going full steam ahead, but just in case the arthritis does not improve as much as we hope we want you to be able to pamper yourself. We know that you will give yourself every chance to get back on your feet.

We have taken the liberty of making this possible by depositing some money in your name as a tribute to you for all you have done for the Indians in this part of the world. You have been their friend more than most of us and could represent us all. That is what we would all like to have done for them. Your photography has been a "modus operandi" that has reached their lives and few of us have made the effort and taken the time to be as kind and understanding of them as you have. You have their confidence and affection far and wide both the Pueblos and Navahos, and Betsy shares in this.

When Betsy comes back to you we want you to be able to hire some one to help you take care of her. You need some one in the house while you are in the dark room. Perhaps you can get some one three or five days a week so that you can be free from worries about Betsy and yet not be spending as much money as you have to at Mrs. Klien's. I feel sure you could find the right person if you had the cash on hand.

Also if you were sure of having the money for the mortgage it would be a great relief from pressure. If you will accept this money from your friends who appreciate all you have done for the Indians and who would like to have you able to continue to do so much, you will make us all happy. The money is anonymous as to amounts, but Sibah will give you the names of your friends who have helped.

Love from

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