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Dear Laura Gilpin:

What a beautiful card and what a sad message. I am very sorry that you are not your usual self. Backs are funny and I am glad that for the present I have no great problems, except frustration.

Either I have more work to do or I cannot do as much work for I am always behind with what I set for myself. I have shows here and there and did appear for some little time on the Univ. of Oregon workshop. I also did three other in the Bay area last summer. I should say as Bernard Shaw did "that I have shot my bolt" but somehow I focus as easily as ever and do not want to quit. It always seems to me that for photographers certain honors do not mean much- that is no one pays any attention to anything but being reproduced in LIFE or getting a big bunch of money. Neither happens to me, but I was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences last May. I looked the list over and have discovered only Ansel already there. Georgia O'keefe was elected only in 1966. The University of Washington Press is going to put out a book on my work but the writer is slower than I am at getting ready.

At the time of the big Sierra Club dinner or just before I had dinner with the Porters, and that is always a treat. I do not go to the Sierra Club affairs altho I am a member- too expensive. Do take care of yourself and try not to travel in your winter weather. We are having a little ourselves, but nothing like New Mexico.

Affectionately,

Inogen