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Dearest Laura -

Let me quickly say all is well
with Brenda!

I am mortified that I have
been so tied up in my own
affairs that I have not let you
know about our Brendie.

as you know she had a
wonderful woman living with her
in her little Wilton cottage
and all was going well until
March when Brenda had a small
stroke. She is now completely recovered
and is walking, talking, though is still rather

wet.

after a deep conference with her doctor we decided it would be better to have her in a very well run (as nursing homes go) nursing home in Concord, NH (our home). She has a sunny room with a view of trees and birds, around-the-clock nurse on the floor and a regime aimed at making her as self sufficient as possible.

Poor dear she has no realization of who I am, nor did she of her faithful housekeeper. She is seemingly

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happy, but it is her own world
and you are only allowed in
in disjointed snatches.

Her doctor feels that she is
comfortable and according to her
nurses is a stubborn, but good
patient.

John and I went down
several weeks-ends ago and
closed out the house in Wilton
and have some of your photographs
that we will send along when
we have a chance to sort them

out. (just the personal one, not the many beautiful ones of her many works).

I am glad to hear that you are better - three years is a long time for Cretches and the accompanying pain!

John and I are well, Gordon⁽¹⁵⁾ is off in Des Moines, Iowa now and goes to Tilton School in the fall - Evan⁽¹³⁾ leaves in two weeks for a year in a small school in England. Jamie⁽⁵⁾ is a beguiling red headed boy and our three year ~~yo~~ old Shirley charms all she meets.

I will try to write you, as I don't believe Brenda would know you now.
our love,
Desmond