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Dear Laura,

I have been sitting here looking off into space and trying to think of some words with which to express my appreciation of the pictures you sent me. The ones taken of Bess before her years of suffering and pain are so comforting, and the one of Paul so expressive. It shows that he has matured quite a bit since I last saw him nearly two years ago. Both of the boys are developing into fine young men we think and are proud of them.

Even though I have not written to tell you so, I think of you often and know how dreadfully you miss Bess. It must be of untold comfort to you to know that you did everything possible for a human being to do to

ease her suffering. I have never known of greater or more unselfish devotion than you showed her through all the years of her suffering and pain. I wish so that I could have done more and look back now and wonder if I overlooked anything I could have done.

Thank you also for the Quarterly of the Southwestern Assn. on Indian Affairs. As soon as I can I want to send a memorial even if only a small one.

Congratulations on the many awards and honors you have been shown. Elizabeth has sent me newspaper clippings about them from time to time, and brought me her invitation to the dinner given by the Natl Conference of Christians and Jews. She was sorry to have missed it. With love, and again my thanks
Emily