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March 10th

Dear Laura, In September I
was way up in New England, on
Cape Cod - One morning we turned
on the T.V. at breakfast time,
and there you were, ^{so far away, yet so near -} so much
you I felt I could talk to you, &
get an answer! I do congrat.
ulate you on the appearance of
your new book. What a satisfaction
it must be to have it out, going
into the hands of people who will
value it. I often take my Enduring

Lava to me out of the shelf near
my desk, & enjoy it, show it to friends.

Last Thursday several of the
Potomac Teachers (retired) went to
Seth's for lunch, & had the most
delightful time. I then got off to
a fine start; when we stepped into
Seth's living room (at about 11:30 AM!)
the air was redolent with sherry!
Seth had dropped a bottle, which broke —
that was her explanation! Anyway — we
all enjoyed the sherry!

We've just had a beautiful
snow storm — a wet snow which clung
to the trees, and traces formed our
world — Then, of course, vanished, as
March snows do, after a few hours of

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sun. Today the spring flowers
are bright & jerky again - I al-
most wonder if the snow was a
dream!

Do you remember the fireside
bench I have, made in your father's
work shop, ~~with~~ ^{with a cushion} covered by Aunt Helen
Waterman? I believe I showed it to
you when you were here with
Carol & Seth for supper. It has been
so much appreciated. A very nice
young man, a friend of my daughter's,
who is doing cabinet work now,
was especially intrigued with it.
He said, quite modestly once, that he

thought he knew how the lovely
curves were achieved, but there was
a pitte edging along the legs, & he
could not figure out how on earth dm.
Gilpin managed that. Later he came &
said he thought he had worked out
the answer. I wonder if he'll ever
make anything as perfect.

Jim takes my most affectionate
greetings to you! I shall be glad to
hear that Seth has seen you -

Ever, Charlie W. Hoax Abbott