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Mrs. Nell Dorr
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My precious friend Nell:

I have been wanting to send you a message ever since we left your beautiful place on Saturday to tell you how much it meant in great depth of pleasure and feeling to be in your presence and with you under such beautiful conditions.

Mrs. Crabs and her daughter have spoken of you frequently, and I think you made a deep impression on little Jo Lynn.

I will not try to tell you what those moments with you, when you were reading to me and when we looked together at your wonderful book, have meant to me. You who understand so well know the impossibility of words in a case like this, and our empathy is such that I know you felt my deep reactions.

I think your new book is a creation of spirit and genius (maybe the two are of the

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same quality), and I look forward to having my copy with me all my life.

I shall see you soon, I hope; but meanwhile know that whether we are together or not, you are always in my heart. My life has been more full and meaningful and I have had more pleasure because you have been a part of it.

Bless you now and always.

Devotedly
Alice

Do forgive the typing
my hand is not so steady
these days —
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