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X45 Ave
West Branch.

Dearest Alice

Awake since 3- but rejoicing in Pearlie's Road to a Valuable

What a joy he is + how ridiculous one regrets wasted years. Yet no one can be deaths no matter how much he wishes at times. Like all of us he was the product of his genes + his environment

No one can measure success + failure + they are only relative + inextricably mixed like good + bad.

This morning the failure is in the ascendant.

"one point must still be granted, dark The movie why they do it." is very true. + I think of Grandma's "Johnny I don't see how you managed to break it" or lose it or anything else - including a mental paralysis in getting a present for one you love. Life takes infinite faith + patience + seeking to "understand" while knowing you never can.

The "party" last nite was good My contribution (except yr red coat) poor. Right it expect a prayer to do better.

I learned from Ted Cornselman his wife had fallen going down a single step + broken her back in two places and shattered a knee cap. Last

March and was still partially hospitalized & needed constant attendance

One man in a responsible position thought she had broken a hip. was sypsodes that Ted who Martin said had started with a Mother complex because his father had died when he was a boy. & She had brittle bones.

It jolted me & seemed unfeeling.

S.L. After a delightful talk with Irene Gladys & I stole to Reading & visited Mrs Mallory. — a whirlwind - a tornado. If I had married her. the explosion would have knocked out the moon. "charity," doing for so many "Museum of Mystic" Caring for the Gardens at Seabury House Residence & retired bishops in Green wich, $6000 for one woman with Career. 700 for one sister a week at Silver Hill (Rheumatism etc)

Bolting her two sisters she cares for sound like Miss Rorf Kay autocrat & friend G & I went to Mrs Mallory & an introduction to Archer Huntington — She was really interested in S.L. but Emphasized Negro problem 3 people now retired who have done big things before — look out for Irene.

I hope this doesn't get to you before you are rested enough to take it in installments. —— Other thing Rosa called last nite. Bernard R & M had searched N.Y. & found an apt at 106th & West End with a big room with 8 windows 2 bedrooms 2 baths for 165- sublet for 6 mos. They want some one responsible to sign lease Martha will put in her furniture & guarantee payment of 1/3 cost. & Rosa will take balance. I shall gamble on it for I feel Rosa can produce and has a sense of responsibility.

Ernst can come any time now & wants to borrow 280. to pay passage as it will take him 3 months to earn it in Europe. I suspect he can earn a living here & Knoedler will repay. Rosa said CK had been sick & Peggy hated the new picture she took in Berlin than any. so I feel that she showed her finances & work in order what the critics showed "produce"

The place is empty here except for Pearl.

Martha got the chair for Mrs Roof + Kay takes her home from the hospital today + believes with her at home the storage matter may be cleared up

as this is living day by day but the contract is Fed. Lowery.

I go in this morning to Roger Associates. It is possible Kay + Hunter may come out tomorrow + stay in the Kingsholm over Sunday.

Words, pictures — Eric seemed in good shape yesterday as the youngsters busy getting "beds for Dorry."

God bless you dearest ones. I feel sure I can stop a bit + have the boys pick me up next Saturday. The river is done as far as preparation for high water is concerned and today last day for Mike. Ben has his money for College. Ed Lowery says he has left his cable on L.I. for 2 months with no one there Imagine having a home you can leak that way. — You have in one way: but raise nothing except good health + strength. You still are the wise one God bless

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