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Miss Lillian Cowdy  
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Dear Lillian:

I have just reread your letters of May 15th and of June 27th.

A letter this morning from Grayce said they had had some ninety degree temperature in which it was eighty degrees in the house. I hope you have been able to be comfortable.

In your letter of the 15th, you spoke of the advantages of going quietly and peacefully as did Etelle. I, too, think it is fine to go that way, but we never can foresee just how the grim visitor will come to us. For some reason or other, I have never had a fear of death and I hope that when your last hours come, as come they will soon or late, I trust they will be happy ones, and I am sure that whoever is with you will try to do everything they can to show their love and regard.

I know that your home must be lovely this summer, and I hope you will get a great deal of enjoyment out of it and out of your porch and garden. We have given more time to gardening this year than ever because it is the first time in a good many years that we have expected to be at home thruout the summer season. Dolph has been a champion gardner and has raised a lot of vegetables so that he will go into the winter with a couple of well filled lockers.

Marie is planning to leave tomorrow for Gull Lake. She will go by train and will be met by Grayce in Brainerd Friday noon. Dolph plans to go up Tuesday, August 3rd, and it is barely possible that Bertie and I will go up about the middle of August. Not having a car, it will be extremely difficult for us to get around as we have to make train and bus connections, but if it is in any way possible for me to see you, I want to do so. I am not certain that we shall go up at all, but we may.

In your letter of the 27th, you spoke about having a seat at the cemetery. I am afraid that a granite seat would be very expensive and probably hard to get, but we have a very attractive