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Mrs. L. A. McNalley  
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Dear Janet:

I had overlooked the matter of the abstract and immediately upon receipt of your letter I went to the bank forgetting that it closes at noon because of its being Saturday. I shall try to remember to get the abstract Monday.

I am interested in hearing about your everyday affairs and the progress of the children of whom I am very fond. It might be fine at the close of the school year if Michael could spend a month or more with us here. I think a change in condition and surroundings might improve his appetite and get him out of the feather-weight and into the middle-weight class.

I had counted on trying to make the trip out there Sunday to visit you and to attend the Sunset Home meeting on Tuesday. While I have gas enough to enable us to make the trip, it will be impossible for us to do so with Etoile at our house and Julia at the hospital. Julia came in Thursday evening about 10:30 o'clock terribly tired and feeling at rather a low ebb. For reasons that were good she decided to stop at least for the night with Mary Jule. She slept from 12 until 4 when she awakened with a serious shortage of breath.

They notified me about 6 o'clock and I called Dr. Liddy who came out quickly and who diagnosed her condition as that of an asthmatic heart. She seemed much better yesterday, was relaxed and quiet, but had another disturbance early last evening so that the doctor gave her another shot and decided that she should go to the hospital. We have secured a room for her and it will be ready at 7 o'clock tonight and she will be taken out in an ambulance.

I believe that Liddy is right and that she has some heart disturbance and it seems astounding to me that her doctors in Chicago never advised her of that fact. I believe that what she needs is an absolute rest together with tender care and a sustaining and adequate diet.