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Dear Friends:

Gertrude and I both enjoyed Philena's interesting letter of September 29.

I think it is a wonder that you take such good care of your many friends who come to see you. I wonder at times if you are not tempted to open a cabin camp or something of the sort to take care of the scores of friends who swarm to your door step, and right here I will add that Gertrude and I would like to be a part of the swarm.

You will be glad to know that while Gertrude had her ups and downs, she is doing quite well. She has been troubled for a long while with nausea, especially after breakfast, but quite recently, Dr. Sudler, a friend of ours and of our Dr. Johnson, recommended the use of an old fashioned remedy that he knew of when he was a boy. She is now using it and so far the results have been very satisfactory. She knows what her trouble is, but instead of throwing up her hands and saying it is no use, she maintains her courage and plans for the future. I have told her that when she is well enough, I will take her on that trip to Hawaii. To talk with her, you would think that she was layed up with a temporary indisposition. While she has a trained nurse with her for 20 hours of the 24 hours of the day--each of two nurses serve 10 hours, I spend a lot of time with her. Not that there is anything especially that I can do for her, but she seems to be helped simply by my presence.

I am fortunate in having a mother and daughter at home. We furnish them board, room, and some money in exchange for maintaining the home. They have been with us since the first of September and it seems to be working out satisfactorily for them and for us. AS