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Dear Don,

I received your letter of the sixth today, and sincerely hope that Grayce is not seriously ill. I know she has had those temporary disturbances of the heart, and I don't know that one needs to be very much alarmed about it because I have had a number, but not for several months. I do think it is well for her not to go up and down stairs, and I try not to do any more climbing than is absolutely necessary. Some months ago, I took over the downstairs bedroom, and have only been upstairs once or twice since I came home from the Lake.

I shall be glad to have you report her condition as soon as she has her examination at Duluth. However, I don't believe she should take the drive unless you have the doctor's OK.

This is the eighth day of October, and we have not yet had a frost, but we have had an abundance of rainfall.

We had an all-office party at our home a week ago, which was a very enjoyable affair. Everyone came together with husband or wife, as the case might be, and the children. We had two long tables on the lawn south of our house.

Eight new houses are now under construction on the 40 acre tract south of our place, and I understand about fifty houses are to be built. The houses evidently are about five rooms, and at present prices, would probably have to sell for \$10,000 or more each. The houses have been partially constructed somewhere else, and then come to Lawrence in trucks to be assembled. They have not bothered me, excepting that they have cut up the road a bit. I have paid, during the years, at least \$1,000 in hard-surfacing the road, and so far as I know, two loads of crushed rock is all that anyone else has ever put, and that fairly recently.