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My dear Miss Cooke,

I feel quite guilty not having answered your very kind & welcome letter ere this time, but I am in such an unsettled state of mind just now I don't seem able to concentrate on letter writing. I am indeed happy to hear you have renewed your youth since the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. I can always picture you very busy during the summer months, then in the fall sit back and see the fruits of your labour. It's gratifying to know all three schools are full this year again. I will be there at the opening in mind, if not in person, and I am glad to know you have William back with you again, and I feel happy in the thought you are surrounded by so many nice people taking care of you and yours. You have such a big family and now Miss Cooke with all those nice lovely people you speak of you really don't need me, isn't that a fact? You asked about myself. I am well, and still at the shop. It's very busy, but now I have got to know the people and it's quite nice. About Lillias' affairs: I don't know anything so far, her sister and nephew employed a lawyer to act for them, and I haven't seen her sister since February 9<sup>th</sup> nor heard from her. I am living in the house I had prepared for Lillias, the rent is higher than I might have had but I expected us to share. However it's in a very nice part of the City, the front room looks into the Park. I had Jessie Harley visiting with me her vacation, naturally some of our talk was Wellesley and we spoke of the many summers Jessie, Sydney, Lillias and I carried on at Grove House without a break. Jessie heard from some of her friends there of the changes and how much difference there was since the four Scotties were there. Of course everywhere there are changes and sometimes they are for the best to all concerned. So far I haven't heard from Miss Temple. I have no doubt she is having a grand time with her relatives – now the War is over. (At least we hope it is.) Things may pick up again. I saw in the papers the [weekly?] sailing from Boston & New York were to begin September 1, so you may have Miss Temple back in good time. I don't seem to get over the loss of Lillias, as time goes on I miss her more & more, as she really is **my** loss. 32 years this month she helped to open Tenacre, and what an ending. I was on holiday a week ago, and as we rode along by bus, I had such a lump in my throat as I looked at the lovely scenery in the passing and thought how fond Lillias was of riding. No matter the year we are just like ships that pass in the night. I doubt it will take about a year to settle Lillias' affairs, all I want or will claim is just what I know is mine. Now Miss Cooke I think this covers all you want to know regarding me? And I do hope you will continue to have good health and those whom you love with you. Please accept my grateful thanks you're your very kind offer to send me the money. Meantime, I really can't settle to think even, but I want you to know I do appreciate your kind thoughts of me.

Believe me yours v. sincerely,

J.N. Dallas