

Letter from Mrs. William Faulkner to Helen Temple Cooke

Oxford, Mississippi June 26th [1953]

My dear Miss Cooke,

Please forgive a belated note.

[First?], Mr. Faulkner and I had a lovely trip through New England before returning to Mississippi, and many times have wished ourselves back in your delightful part of the States!

The heat here has not been most invigorating, so we have done little but idle, [and] try, sometimes unsuccessfully to keep fairly cool!

The afternoon spent in your charming home with you, Miss Hall, and Mrs. Hill will always be remembered with greatest pleasure . It was so gracious of you to have us.

Our long week-end in Wellesley was so filled with kind attentions that Mr. Faulkner and I were made to feel that Jill's graduation was somehow a **more** than special occasion.

Thank you again and again for being so good to us.

We will hope that your summer will be a nice one, and perhaps this Fall you and Miss Hall will fly down and give the Faulkners and the Deep South a chance to return your hospitality. Please do.

With deepest regards and love –

Estelle Faulkner