

the day might gently clip away, but it is
not for us to judge. Of this, & I am
sure grace & strength will be given not only
to the dear lady herself, but to you all,
to be kind, helpful and willing to accept
whatever may come to you during this
impossible trying experience. Truly
"we see through a glass darkly." If we were,
never we could perhaps be of some use to
you, but as it is we can only bear you in
our hearts & prayers; I say only, but it
may be this is as much as most material
service we can do. I do earnestly pray
that "the burden" may not be kept much
longer from the rest & refreshment which
we feel sure awaits her.

Thank you very much for your informa-
tion about the lake shore. I knew from the
leaf it was a housewreck, but I didn't feel
equal to looking it up, still, had I known

of your prospects I would not have troubled
you with it, as I am sure you know—

We congratulate you on the event of Ap. 23^d,
certainly thirty years is a long time, &
a security of that nature always
means a lot of work, especially when the
secretary is as rapid & painstaking as
all who know you are assured your work is,
to the minutest detail, but I am sure you
always are glad that your work is so com-
plete, even if no one knows of it but yourself.
Even in my humble path I have found it
a satisfaction to look back and feel that
though all my work is worthless for itself,
I have done some of it as well as I could.

We enjoyed the clipping & return it on this.
Yes, on Feb. 11th the our church took fire from
an overheated stove & burnt out most of
the interior, the mercury was 14° below zero,
& the water froze almost before it reached



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