

Providence - Feb 26. 12

My dear Deane,

Many & cordial  
thanks for your pleasant re-  
membrance of my semi-nat-  
ional Birthday. It was re-  
called also in unexpected  
fashion by the wholly unlooked  
for arrival of May this night be-  
fore. Was not that jolly?

She is looking first-rate and  
seems merry and like her  
old self. She and Mr Bailey  
made a flying visit to Louisa  
yesterday morn and found things  
[apart from nature!] horrid  
down here. The alterations in  
the Station have involved many  
distressing changes & they left  
the whole place except the house  
itself, most shabby. Some trees  
have been cut down, and the  
whole yard dug up, grass erad-  
icated - and the place defiled by  
the Station Colours. Margaret is

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all for nothing - but I fear it will  
be hard to find a new place  
for anything like what we now pay.  
Moreover, we would have to go a  
long way from the Platin. But  
really, our place is getting un-  
tenable if not unhealthy.

Paul, as usual, re-  
minded me in pleasant  
fashion, I am miserable; there  
is no denying that, rheumatism  
having a grip clutched upon me  
- as well as other ailments, but  
at 69 such things may be expected.

I was called up the other  
day by an old and hat-milken  
body, though her son, a well-  
known medical man. At her request  
Dr. J. & I called the other day  
at her house & rec'd from Mr.  
Corray 100, a large number of  
expensive bound books - which  
Dr. J. thinks may be worth at  
least \$2000. There is not a blank  
in any of them & they are all  
standard. Later, Dr. J. will send

a note to Barbara & another to Helen about  
them, they are presented - that of it is  
some real love of your old friend, in words which  
the authorities and Paul is receiving. At least  
little we are not Paul of this, but is very nice  
to come just at this time - Paul  
J. & I, after the visit, enjoyed a pile  
of joy and with congratulations, out of the  
middle of it we found that there were, that  
we already own, still you the books are  
under J. & I cannot without effort repeat  
this story, please call it and tell Paul,  
with kind regards to Mrs. Dean  
Ever yours faithfully  
W. W. Bailey



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