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My dear?,

To think of your brave mother flying over the sea. I am sorry it was on such a mission. Though I really do not see any great cause for grief now that the dearest and best are out of this uncertain world. Having studied Russian children's books recently published, all under government supervision, I know whereof I speak. *But give her my understanding love.*

And all the children in Holland! How many canals have they fallen into and what has Kersti done which was the worst? Elizabeth no doubt is an angel and frequently mistaken for a tulip. While Randall I can see going around and around clinging to the arms of a windmill. Now don't tell me I put that idea into his head.

Olga has plenty of supervision on her hands. And what about Bridget? As for yourself I know you see the humorous in everything. And I'd give a dollar to hear your report when you return.

When do you return? And where? I might be going northward in August you know. Did you fly over? Where is the father of the setup? And is he relieved or not? Will there be a book? And when?

No news except that I have no business to be writing to you, since I have a deadline the end of the month, but it's about a hundred and I'm soaking wet from top to toe and I really haven't a thought in my head or on my typewriter.

The Guild went to Philadelphia yesterday as the guests of the Free Library there. They had forty guests, writers, illustrators, librarians, editors, etc to meet us. And hope as a result to form a Guild there. Gave us a luncheon, corsages or buttoniere's for everyone. Dr. Rosenbach spoke to us about his collection of early children's books which was on display.

Eloise lost her ticket getting on the train, so we took up a collection when a suitcase fell on her head, but didn't kill her. Must be tough!

I know you won't believe it but coming back, Eloise was in the aisle talking to Alberta Graham when the conductor came along collecting tickets, and she had bought a ticket for New York instead of Washington! So Mrs. G. bought Eloise a ticket to Washington! The man sitting beside Mrs. Graham was quite disgusted. But when the conductor asked for his ticket --- well. In a minute or two he turned to Mrs. Graham and said, "I know you won't believe me. but I've lost my ticket." "Well," snapped out Berta. "You 'd better find it. I'm not going to buy you a ticket to Washington!"

P.S. He found it -- on the floor. CHARTER MEMBERS

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While I was writing this Mrs. Graham called, and she says to give you her love. And to tell you she'll buy you a ticket to Washington anytime! I can't go that far, but I/ know we'd all jump at a collection.

We had a wonderful time. And as I said to Berta. It is a good thing you weren't there. That I'd have been carried out on a stretcher if you had been. I keep having hysterics over it even now.

While as for Janice Holland she says with a vague look -- Rosenbach collection? By the time we got that far all I did was lean against the counter.

Am working on a biography of Maury? Did I tell you? He was a scientist, the originator of the science of oceanography. Working entirely from letters it is some job. But it won't be long now.

The little girl I brought to your studio one time is staying with us this summer. She still remembers that day with you as a high point in her existence.

Sequoia more than reaped his sheaves before he finished. But he did worry me for a time. One doesn't like one's favorite children unappreciated. He made the US Booklist, which the State Dept and Cong. Library sends to Europe, for the benefit of the European libraries. Which considering the fact that it was a report of one of our worst treatments of a minority group was honest on our part to say the least.

What wonderful experiences you are having. How can you come back to calm and quiet again. Though I suppose there is no quiet and calm. I hope you are well. We all miss you terrific.

Still, we couldn't have stood you on the Phil trip. Sorry! What is it, asked someone when we got over the train, 17 of us. Don't know said someone else. Must be old home day at some university!"

Best to you, and my enduring love for your precious mother,

Catherine

If you see your friend in Kampen see Mr. Lamb, the schoolmaster. Several weeks this winter have never been acknowledged so may not have been missed

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