

January 24th 1902

~~116, Park Street~~

My dear Louise,

I have just received your sad letter & am grieved beyond words to hear that dear cousin Charley has been & is such a sufferer. God grant that the new M D may be able to give him permanent relief! If I had known they were in New York, I would have been tempted to run over to see them on Wednesday last. May & I went on Tuesday to the Cassatt-Stewart wedding, & came back Wednesday – as far as Balt in the “special.” It was a beautiful wedding – everything was well managed & well done. I saw Hank Riggs there who told me his mother was better, as Alice Riggs had kept me posted here. As you say operations are always appalling, & her age & size were somewhat against her – but all seems to be going well, & we must hope that when she recovers her strength, she will feel better than she has done for a long time. Of course I would not expect Mary until all anxiety for the dear father is relieved. I am truly sorry to hear that she is laid up with a cold. We have had & are having perfect weather – mild & bright & beautiful. A wonderful autumn & winter –so far. I hope you will send me even just a postal – from time to time to tell me how the dear father is - & how all things are going. Ethel Kennedy is with us. She & May seem to have a nice time together. It is so nice for May to have a young person with her. She joins me in love to you all & in my deep anxiety about the dear father. He has always been so lovely to her, as he is to everyone. Give Mary my love & hoping to hear bright & good news from you – always – dear Louise – affectionately yours

H L Johnston

Of course I understand Mary cannot be here on the 30th. I am having a dinner of Feb. 6th, & one on Feb 6 ~~where~~. She is counted in for both & I hope sincerely she may be able to be here?

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