

Tuesday night [29 October 1901]

My dear Mary

I have been out all day & am very tired, but I must write to tell you of my safe arrival at 6 o'clock last evening & to tell you how awfully I miss you & feel lost without you and all your kindness. Mrs. John Morris & Louise were on the limited & tried her best to get me to see her & get me on that train. They were at Sioux City testifying in their wretched divorce case & Mrs. M. looks as if a load was taken off her. That dense fog or mist continuing with us all the way & seeming to be everywhere. The black fog left us at Greensburg but the other continued with us all the way. I think of going to Charlestown on Wednesday. I feel as if we ought to get home to try to get things started & in order. The Davis' are back & both look well. Mrs. D seems still stiff from her rheumatism & Mary looks lovely, such a fascinating hat! I am to dine with them tomorrow. Mrs. Lehr returned with them. Having staid [sic] abroad & expects to pass the winter in Egypt, Algiers, Spain, etc. Mrs. Lehr expects to go out again next July, & to bring Alice's oldest daughter to pass a winter in America. Mrs. Riggs is in Princeton, expected back tomorrow, so Laury told me when I called. How are they dear ones at [J?] Hill? This lovely weather will continue I hope to see your mother safely home. I do miss you all so much & wish a kind fate had settled us nearer each other. Louise Dawson was at Mrs. Lehr's & has also just returned from Europe. Sydney Price is back also. Maggie is indignant that I did not go there. She had a note waiting my arrival, but I go there for my lunch & dinner & spend the evening. The Davis' liked Mrs. McRea so much. I hope you explained our late visit to Aunt Annie? Your lunch was excellent.. Mme Elise spent most of her time in the [arms?] of ____ Murphy!! But could not close somehow - Thinking too much of the dear friends I had just left. My love to all beginning with cousin Charlie & Sarah & Louise & Mary -- last but not least by any means, I hope you can read my scribble? I am really too tired to write on, yet I feel I have a great deal more to say.

Lovingly & longingly
H L Johnston

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