

Darling Son,

It was a great delight to get your note and John's, telling about the situation. Of course, I'm sorry that John must count his cop-pers so exactly and go without things, but I do it myself so much of the time, that I believe it is not bad for him to learn, now, how to take care ahead of the carfare and washing money and cash for stamps and bananas, and to realize that this is about all that he can buy. My disposition of my salary is as follows;-I receive my salary on the first of the month. I buy two checks from Miss Goldmark, one for fifty dollars which I send immediately to Lake Forest; and one for forty dollars which I send to John. He is at exactly the same expense as yours of last year;-board \$7.00 with washing etc. outside. But he has carfares which you had not.

My own share of the salary is thirty-five dollars, and I must admit that I have not done as well as John, because I had to pay my accident insurance amounting to fifteen dollars, and send some money to Margaret which I had had care of since last summer and she needed now. However, Miss Wald has all my expenses stop when I am away;-and as I am away a great deal, I make larger economies than in any other year. So I shall come out all right. But I cannot hold out any hope to John of greater affluence coming soon.

I told Uncle Bert about Aunt Jessie;-and he thought it would be all wrong not to accept in the spirit in which the offer is made. He says she has earned the right to make life easier for both you and me and he has not the least fear that your independence of character will be sapped. He agreed with you that it is for me to decide;-and he urged me to decide to accept. But even so;-there is no certainty of her recovery; and should she recover and carry out her generous plan, there is always the possibility of illness or other demand of an imperative character upon the college money. So I do not think that I can make any other distribution of my sal

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 nor do I think you should share with John. So, when you get a chance, encourage him to continue his manly practice of keeping out of debt by going without things!

Also, do not for a moment consider giving up your room next year! I do not think it best for you to have a roommate; - or for John to leave Jamaica Plain. It is very valuable for him to have the restraint of the intimacy of the Dole's household; - and to feel that he must give an intimate account of himself to them. He is too young for the College Yard. He can have three years of that after he is through with Jamaica Plain, and he will still be quite young enough for that. Besides, it would be defeating Aunt Jessie's idea of arranging your room once for all and having you stay in it!

I trust that she may make another of her miraculous recoveries, and I have hopes that she may do so. I am writing her notes, these days the hypothesis that she likes them as much as she says that she does; - also that she can leave them alone if she prefers, and need not answer them.

We are having a most interesting time blocking out a large program of transformation of the Lower East Side. I will write you more about it when we have less personal things to cover.

Your loving mother
 F. Keckey