

Washington

St. Val.

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Dearest daughter,

I am in my room, sitting at my desk in bay window, with sun pouring in. such a heavenly day, I want to be out in it.

We are gathering up all the shovels we can for the prison special, wh. starts tomorrow evening. I have telephone calls for New Haven (Miss Hooker from whom I hope for 500), Philadelphia (Gifford Pinchot) and other places. Am trying Mr. Cochran in Baltimore. He promised me

a contrib. last June, + hasn't made it yet.

L. Belle wishes that her Balty will give 800. for the cottage. I wrote her 1500. is the price - had already written her; but she reported of course, her B's offer.

Lunched w. Dr Shaw yesterday at Shoreham. She is well and has the most [untellerable?] amount of strength. The day before she had been in committee meetings + conferences all day from 9.30 to dinner time. Attended a public dinner listened to all the speakers, + made her own at 11.30 p.m. and was at her office next morning at her usual hour!

All our prisoners are released today. We had 20 in - some came out (3) yesterday. [Tinkham?] had told them [all] that they were to be released yester. so the poor things waited expectantly all day long (L. had called me up in the a.m. + said they were all too ill to keep) + then nothing happened - only the 3 were released. I suppose he performed this lie in order to make sure that the 3 would leave their companions. I feel like exploding whenever I think of that man. He just can't tell the truth ever.

I've been arguing + persuading Miss Riegel. She thinks she won't go on the prison S. after all - + she must. She

thought, I imagine, that Miss [Anige?] had designs on her job. I re-assured her + she went off to Washington, promising to call up this afternoon + tell us. Mrs. [Hasemeyer?] is going. Isn't that remarkable? She is so pleased that she is a real jail bird. Her family of course had a fit + telegraphed her every minute + hooked her out the next day - on the pretext of sister's serious [health?] - a mean trick, but it worked.

Good bye dearest,

Your loving

Mother.

Mr Cochran will give 150. Doesn't approve of burning [illegible], but we skimmed lightly over that + centered on the message of [Monday?] to the country as per prison special.