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Hearing this eve. at 7.30.

Lyme, Connecticut
Telegrams via Saybrook
Telephone Lyme 122-2

Oct. 22

Dearest daughter,

This morning has been too lovely- white first over everything- Too cold at last for the blue petunias, but the sweet alyssum & the white chrysanthemums didn't seem to mind. However I've picked all the latter now as I think tonight might finish them- so the daisy room & living room are very bowery.

I took Miss Lewis w. me to Essex & home via Had. Ferry &

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stopped in en route to see Miss M. H. & C. L. The drive after that was beyond words- just sheer beauty- golden trees & golden ground & seen over and through and in all.

Then I lunched on Boxwood w. Mrs. Ely & Harriet, then came home & rested interrupted by laundress, carpenter & telephone-

I think I must not put off getting my cook- too much winter comfort & peace depend upon it. So am going to New York Sun aft. & Phila. first thing Monday morn. Will arrive about 10 or 11- Don't be any where in the offing however. I do not wish to interrupt your busy week- Of course I want to see you as soon as poss., but will go to

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you- Annie [illegible] I suppose will arrive at 1719 at about 9 or 10- & will you call up Mrs. Houston, 1919 Bainbridge, and ask her to have a cook meet me at her place at 11 o'clock on Monday- Unless Annie has told you she has found one- & I'm sure she hasn't.

I'm not closing up here, not for the winter. As if I get the right woman I'd come back after installing her & Annie at 1719- I have a Penal meeting

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an important one (to decide on the legislative work, wh. we couldn't do last time) and will go to that- I forgot the hour- maybe 12- will call Mrs. Schell when I get home & ask her

I teleph. E.B. last night. She sounds well & happy- but says (don't tell, let it come from them) that the Dr. had wed R. to "remember that for 6 hrs. just sitting & standing would be as

much exertion as if he were walking." I'm glad we were honorable & didn't peep to Dr. C. but I wonder if we were wise- They go to Boston- but her letter wh. I enclose tells that

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I wrote last night asking her (just tucked it in a postscript) whether she had rec'd a letter I wrote her Oct. 13 enclosing a cheque (the 2500) Now comes their letter. I am sorry now that I asked, but as I have rec'd 2 letters written since I wrote on the 13 & without mentioning the Chq. I thought it had miscarried as did one from Lulu to me for 800. last December- that one never turned up, as far as I know- Anyway E.B. did get hers.

I am charmed ~~at~~ with the idea of your pink coat & black hat-

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wise daughter. You will look lovely in them and delight your mother's eyes- as you always do any way-

Shall I bring you 11 vol. Queen Vic.? Am lending the 1st to Mrs. Lewis- for the winter I suppose, unless you wish it sent to Phila-

Your letters are always lovely & most interesting. You couldn't write a dull one if you tried. Howard surprises me each time that he speaks of being spared after that dive- I should have thought he would have felt disappointed. How lovely his letters are with always the [heros?] of his Bible work- Margaret is about to leave a baby he

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tells me- I hope Douglas has learned the joys of fatherhood by now- I said this to Howard & hope he won't repeat it to Douglas but I'm sure he will!

I have ordered mail delivered at 1719 after midday on Monday- & ordered the teleph. turned on- will write [Hanson?] now to be on hand when we arrive.

Ever your loving
Mother-

Lease of N.E.H.

Just came back, signed by John, enveloped addressed by Anita, without a word. I wrote a "nice" note when I sent it- maybe fashionable people haven't time to be polite