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THE VALLEY CLUB OF MONTECITO
SANTA BARBARA

My dearest Two—

We had hoped that at least this year we might be with you on this fourteenth of April— We & you know how our lives really started on that anniversary days & how fortunate we are in our companionship, pride & oneness. You & Robert have made a splendid record of your team work, the many services widely rendered to your country, & your breadth of understanding & interest are making you as useful now as

you were when you carried the official load.

You have seen this Cymbidium put forth its buds on the little south terrace of the cottage, & it goes to you at its best, to force you to think of us, even against your better feelings!

We have had a happy winter, as happy as one can have in these days of cloud & distress, & we are grateful to you for having found our perch & given us the straws with which we have built our winter nest.

We both know what it has meant in the sense of security

a firm anchorage to have the other within a moments call with the certainty of instant help & comfort. I shall miss you more than you will me, as I rely on you & trust you as much as though we were of one blood. We are, of one mind & heart & soul in all the things that make life, & that is the deepest & strongest bond of all.

Thank you my dears & bless you now & always.

Yours

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