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Dearest Love,

Last night we had rain again and to-day it has been close & cloudy - just the weather for neuralgia, which has been with me all day.

This afternoon Laura & I got the church key and went and played the organ for some time. I wanted also to see the little library for the congregation which there is at the church. But such a library! No wonder it is not used. Out of perhaps 150 or 200 volumes, there are about

10 or 15 that any one  
apart from a hard-headed  
(or hard-hearted) theologian  
would care to look into.

There was once quite a  
nice little public library  
in the village, but for  
years it has not been  
used and many of the  
books have been scattered  
or lost. If I can get time  
before leaving I mean to  
see what can be done  
towards reorganising it.

There are many friends in  
town who would I am sure  
give me books for it, and  
possibly some one here  
could be got to look after it.

No letter from Van Cortlandt

get. Howard wrote to him  
for a power of attorney  
to settle up affairs, but  
~~not~~ answer came. Yesterday  
I telegraphed saying that  
I was anxious to get away  
but could not on account  
of his tardiness. He replied  
that he would send the  
papers on Monday. If he  
does so we should get them  
on Tuesday.

I am confidently expecting  
you up to-morrow or next  
day as I need your assistance  
about many final arrangements.  
Babette is not here and  
Laura is not afraid of  
Chicken pox. Of course some  
one might call for infor-  
mation about the house while

you were up here, but  
 you could leave word  
 that you had gone up  
 to Sta - to put the house  
 in order and would be  
 back in a couple of days.

I am trying to frighten my  
 tenants at the French Church  
 and am at least getting a  
 little work out of some of  
 them. There seems to be  
 nothing like threatening them  
 with Mackay (the lawyer).

Your loving B.

I know nothing of the  
 envelope with \$250 on it.  
 Perhaps it is a windfall.

glad to hear of William's good  
 fortune and very sorry to learn  
 of Mr Ferris's illness.