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Dear Pearl -

We have been in a state of the most utter confusion here - had what really amounts to a tragedy. Pauline Woodard fell in the office, breaking her left hip and wrist just over a month ago and will be hospitalized for at least another two months. You can imagine what this did to the operation of the library, although that is secondary to the terrible experience for her. Because of her infirmity, the healing process is much slower and is very painful - we just hope that she will be able to return to the library.

This has meant that I have been forced into becoming cataloger and bookkeeper, both jobs about which I know very little. We are managing to keep pretty well abreast of things, but are falling behind on any special jobs! I'd like to get one thing accomplished, to ship records of the SEAALL to you and to transfer the bank account. If you think you might be coming down here quite soon, we'd certainly like to see you, but if not, is it all right if I send everything to you?

If you see Dorothy, tell her about Pauline's accident. Pauline is (after a month at Vanderbilt Hospital following the operation to pin the hip bone) at Park View Hospital, 25th Avenue North - drop her a card, I know she'd like to hear from you. It was her paralyzed wrist and leg which were injured in the fall; she, with her usual cheerfulness, said that since it happened, it was lucky she didn't damage her good hand and leg!

Yours,

Mary