

Seeman School

El Monte, Cal.

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Dear Nannie -

That beautiful Springtime in Wilmington - there it is and here am I and it looks as if we're not going to meet. Again I missed the train. Instead of leaving on March 28th as planned I was persuaded unfortunately to stay at the school until Easter. But on Easter I was neither here nor there but in the L.A. County General Hospital, having been taken there April 7th with scarlet fever. I didn't write you about it because I felt more sick about having my plans interfered with than from the fever. It was a mild case and I was under the belief that after my three weeks in bed (without touching toe to the floor) I could walk right out and step on a train to Wilmington. But such was not to be. Back at the school since four days I am too weak to do anything at all except walk to and from meals and I am beginning to realize that convalescence may be quite long and so New York is out of the question this season. I have resigned myself from the school and am just waiting until I can lift a suitcase to go off on a pleasant lazy vacation. Where? Well Richard Bennett will be returning from New York to Seattle early June and wants me to join him in a cabin in the mountains for the Summer. It is a perfect spot for painting, from what I've heard tell and from the photos I've seen of the

place, so I am quite tempted. But nothing certain as you know; I've rung too many false alarms about going to Puget Sound. In the meanwhile I will have about a month to get myself into condition for mountains, and am trying to think which would be the nicest friends to sponge on in this vicinity. In case I am not acceptable to any of them I may go to the beach to get rid of my pale emaciated appearance.

Even in the hospital I had no escape from the sub-normals. I was in a ward of all small boys, half of them from this school. And still the epidemic continues. I have been the only adult to contract the fever here, so with measles last year and scarlet fever this, I am beginning to wonder if I am not in my second childhood.

Bennett is publicizing our school Act in New York but as yet no booking for a show, tho there has been great interest by people who have seen the works.

I'll let you know my moves when. My main objective at present is to avoid the complications during convalescence which are often the worst part of this illness.

Hoping it all goes well with you

Love

Tom