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My dearest Franklin

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to get your charming letter from Kings-
ton today. I have followed you so
every step of the way, & you must
have had a wonderful trip. I did
not think you could have it as
smooth as we had it in 1904,
but you have. It gave me pleasure
that you "wished I had been there".
To tell you the truth I was wild
to go & C^d easily have done so,
but I did not like suggesting
it, as I felt it was

pleasanter for you & Hall
to go "unhindered" -
I do wish Eleanor had gone
as it turned out so smooth
but I think she w^d hardly
have felt comfortable to have
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& she had to work awfully
hard & think every hard
before she got away, & she
seemed to remember every
thing, even tho' at one
day's notice she moved
a whole day earlier than

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planned. She & the babies all
look well & are perfectly settled.
Baby feeling his teeth still &
Nurse says he is cross. He is
really not as friendly as usual.
This morning your Uncle Fred
came up here from 36th Street,
to see Anna & James before going
down town. He held them both
on his lap & they were very
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they were mine" - He cer-
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Last Friday he & Aunt Lill
& Uncle Warren & W^r. & W^r.
Vorton dined here. W^r. Vorton
is a very charming person
& M^r. Vorton amusing. You
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As I may pick it up, especially as Laura will probably go to Phil. with her, she is coming here for Saturday night. If Laura goes, E. will go to bed, soon after L. leaves the train. She won't hear of my going to New Orleans! I think you & she will have enough to talk about to keep it up till you get to Silver City

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Saturday for the day as it
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class, & in the evening
Eleanor & The Stewards will
dine here, en famille.
This takes you much love
darling, ever your
devoted Mummy -

April 24, 1912
27 East 65th Street

My dearest Franklin,

I was perfectly delighted to get your charming letter from Kingston today. I have followed you so every step of the way, and you must have had a wonderful trip. I did not think you could have it as smooth as we had it in 1904, but you have. It gave me pleasure that you "wished I had been there." To tell you the truth I was wild to go and could easily have done so, but I did not like suggesting it, as I felt it was pleasanter for you and Hall to go "unhampered". I do wish Eleanor had gone as it turned out so smooth but I think she would hardly have felt comfortable to have me move the family down, and she had to work awfully hard and think very hard before she got away, and she seemed to remember everything, even tho' at one day's notice she moved a whole day earlier than planned. She and the babes all look well and are perfectly settled. Baby feeling his teeth still and nurse says he is cross. He is really not as friendly as usual. This morning your Uncle Fred came up here from 36th Street, to see Anna and James before going down town. He held them both on his lap and they were very friendly and he said "Oh, I wish they were mine". He certainly is a wonderful nature. Last Friday he and Aunt Tilly and Uncle Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Norton dined here. Mr. Norton is a very charming person and Mrs. Norton amusing, you would like them both.

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Mummy