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Dearest Esther

I directed the envelope to you without thinking but I am sure Pete will not mind.

Aunnie is much interested to have the news that she & Col. Stcott have had any difference it is the first she has heard of it. So you can safely contradict it. Over here there has been a report circulated in some newspapers that she was not coming back to England at all after she returns to ^{India} ~~England~~ this time.

I am so very glad you & Piet are really coming over for Convention we ought to have a good one this year, I will do my best to get you nice rooms near, I only wish we could put you up but every corner is full

Aunnie is certainly better than she was last year & in better spirits.

I shall much enjoy being with you

& Piet at Laren. I am so very glad she is better, but I know that malaria is a difficult thing to get rid of when once it gets hold so she must be careful for some time.

I did not see Mr. Stark when he was here but the others liked him very much.

George joins me in love, Annie is out. Love to dear old Piet.

Ever y. affec^{tn}

Laura.

Isabel had the news of Mr. Oakley's death about three weeks ago. Col. Scott sent her a telegram announcing the fact & last mail brought letters. He was found dead in his bed having taken an over dose of Chloral.

It is uncertain whether it was suicide, but the evidence at the inquest goes against that.

As you and Piet know, Mr. Oakley's death is more of a relief than anything else.