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Dear Brother,

I directed the envelope to you without thinking but Sam and Pete will not mind. Annie is much interested to have the news that she and Col. Scott have had any difference it is the first she has heard of it. Do you think safely contradicted it. Over here there has been a report circulated in some newspapers she was not coming back to England at all after the return to England this time.

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

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

I shall much enjoy being with you.
I Piet at length. I am as very sick she is better, but I know that malaria is a difficult thing to get rid of when once it gets hold as 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. How to hear old Piet.

Ever your affectionate,
Laura.

Isabel had the news of Mr. Oakley's death about three weeks ago. Col. Scott sent him a telegram announcing the fact at last mail brought letters. He was found dead in his bed having taken an overdose 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 a relief than anything else.