My dear Friend.

I am so glad you did not resist the kind impulse that prompted you to write me. Your letter was a great pleasure to me. And if I could have gotten around to it, moved earlier how proved to you my appreciation. I do not know if you have heard that Kate became a Brother

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She is young - not yet twenty two, to have had so much horror and suffering - Dorothy - her baby is quite delicate. Katy is not able to nurse her, and the food as yet does not properly nourish her - You see I have had a summer I care - & have not been able to go to the Fair. Yet all my plans had been made to spend the entire summer in Chicago - & cherish the hope that I may be able to go before it closes. Brain has a most interesting daughter Kathryn Ray Gilmer nearly three years old - "Mama" have been thrust upon me twice a Mother-in-Law - twice a Grandmother. Can you realize it? The coming and going of the birth-days confirm the fact -

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on the 8th of Aug. about six weeks after the death of her husband. Her confinement was a dreadful one Breech presentation, delivery with instruments the poor child almost lost her life. She has been very ill and is very slowly regaining her strength. I brought her to Greensboro about ten days ago. The change is doing her great good. She is very sad

Greensboro is very much improved, you would scarcely know the city. I have spent most of the summer in Danville. I went in after to my mother, & hope some time when I am in Western N.Y. I can see you. I have often thought of running in upon you. But always so many things to do, & so much company

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my time has occu-
pied. I have not
bleached my hair -
"Nature has rivaled
art," in that respect.
And now I use
glasses to read and
write - I know I
will enjoy reading
the Indigo book - and
thank you for it -
Mr Keogh is looking
after Kathryns house
hold and business

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While we are over here – I will return to Danville with her. Mrs Ball is ill – They have sold this place – and are now moving into the Ecoff house. Mr Ball is dead I am almost a stranger here myself. so I hardly know home news. I wish you would write me often. I love to hear from you –

With love for the Judge Addie and yourself.

Your friend always

Harriette A James Keagh

Queenstown N C
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