

Clearwater Harbor

Sunday Jan 7th 1934

(By the Deane Calendar)

My dear Mr Deane

Your letter intended
for a word of "Good Bye" I
read as a greeting upon
my arrival here -

Imagine me swinging
in a hammock under a
group of live oaks - looking
up through the spaces between
green leaves and Spanish
Moss to a sky clear blue and
absolutely cloudless. Holding
my hat with one hand over
my eyes to screen them from
the glint of the rays which

fall upon me as I sway back
& forth - too bright and too hot for
my unaccustomed sense - Thermometer
in the shade 80° - Group of noisy
girls bathing in the surf - flocks
of noisy black birds in the trees

At first I had to get over
a feeling of disappointment that
tropical scenery was not "perpetual
spring" nor "perpetual summer"
- far from either - but I am
learning the like is - to take it
"straight" - as the old Ga. woman
said she preferred her whiskey
"as God Almighty made it"

Excuse a short letter this
time as I have not recovered
from the fatigue of my
journey.

Kind regards to
Mrs Deane - Cordially Beth



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