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Dearest Patsy-

I am so thrilled at the good news which Henry telephoned today that I can hardly write anything coherent right now.

But I did or I do want you to have a note of congratulation and to tell you how glad I am that it is all over and that Mother and baby are doing well.

That she will be named after me is something dearer to me than I can put into words - it gives me more heartfull happiness than I can tell you. Now there's nothing that can keep me away from Chattanooga and I'll get there as soon as I can after the first of January.

Also I want to say here and now how  
full I am of thanks that my prayers were  
answered and that you came through the  
ordeal so easily and so quickly. Now I can  
sit and think of that dear baby as being  
here for us all to love and cherish instead  
of worrying about anything.

I forget the name of the Hospital and  
I also forgot to ask how much the baby  
might. So I'd appreciate an answer to  
these two questions.

It is just grand to think of you having  
a girl child - you'll love her to death  
they are so different from boys that you'll  
get a big thrill every time you pick her up.

Now my dear I can sleep soundly  
happy in the thought that you and little  
Laura are all right.

My love and how much you'll never know  
Mother

Daddy sends his love and best wishes - He's  
just as pleased as I am. Two people  
have called up this evening and he has told  
both the good news.

Grace Pike just called and she sends  
her love too - So you see how we all feel  
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