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I hope you did not suffer
 any inconvenience from
 the heat of the summer.
 I regret I did not know
 of your birthday in time
 to send you a card but
 my wishes at the hotel
 are no less sincere. It is
 lovely to live so comfortable
 a care free life among your
 fellow men in your home
 home. *Amesburytown*
John St. Smith

Dear Mrs Cooper,
 I have just heard
 from Alice N. Williams
 who told me you had
 a birthday a few days
 ago. I do hope it was a
 very pleasant day for
 you and that you may
 have a very happy and

healthful year.
 I do celebrated my 16th
 'ha! ha!' birthday on Aug 1.
 and friends were unusually
 kind in remembering me
 with cards a few gifts.
 all so unexpected.
 It did much
 to cheer me
 because I



have found it difficult adjusting to a community so different from d.c. and having brother far from well. I appreciate letters from my old friends who do keep me posted about all.

We have had a very hot summer accompanied with the worse drought in years which has made it difficult for everyone. I had hoped to take a trip this year but I did not feel Jno. was well enough to leave him too long or to go any distance.

He seemed some better the past couple of wks. so I felt the need of a little change and rest so came with a friend to Plymouth for a little change. It is a quaint historic town always interesting to me, on the sea and the air is very invigorating and I am sure the change will be helpful. It does one good to get away from routine for even a short period.