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This letter arrived and I must have opened it. Been interrupted
and then thought I had read it. It is the one mother referred to
in that urgent letter (England) and I never found it. True
the PM (Feb 21).
I thought I had never received it. and told her so.

Don't return any of
these letters.

HOLYOKE, MASS.

Feb 6th

1860

My dear Ellison:

Mother says I am to write to you today. I told her that there was
a possibility of a change in your plans that you might have to go next
Fall. I explain that I had not told her before because I did not want to cause her
any worry if it was unnecessary. The reason I told her now was that she asked
me if I had any plans of going away which included your going with me
I had talked of a trip to Europe - a walking trip through England and
Scotland. Of course if you had to leave next fall that would be out of the
question - my health I am glad to say is much better. but I feel the need
of dropping everything for a while be necessary. and I have made out
arrangement - with Mrs. Patten which will leave me free from responsibility
while I am gone. I do not quite see how I can take the summer
trip especially as I am thinking by this long summer trip. I am anxious to
know what the prospect of your going this year is because it will make
a big difference in my plans. I do not think it would be a bad plan
to write to Misses Bond explaining that it is necessary for to have
some idea as to what you are to do so as to make plans

for the future. If I cannot have your Company I should probably
make arrangements to start earlier than I should if you were going with
me. If there is a possibility of my having the chance to have a holiday
vacation with you I want to take it as it will probably be my last
Chance - my indignation is very much better but I don't recover and
I think a change of air, sleep and dropping of work will be just
the medicine I need and all of friend accounts think the same. Well
enough about myself and ailments. How are you? and how does the work go
on? I know you will be glad to hear that Mother and Fannie and Fannie are
all in better health. Aunt Fannie has quite a number of pupils and seems
to do very well. I made a mistake that cost me over \$80 - I forgot to pay a bill
in connection with the Eliza Smith's estate before I divided up the money
and a few days after I had sent the checks in came this bill which I
supposed I had paid but had not. I took a good many pains and voyages to
make it up but what the use of that, I am not, only I mention it as a matter
of interest. I have got a lot of work and when I get home I stay there.

Your Mother is doing her best to get me back to good health by feeding
me with good home food. I believe how busy you are so you can answer
this with your letter to Mother as she knows the possibility of your
having to go back. This will not compensate you for what your
Mother tells. Even my dear has that God will bless and help you
is the prayer of every faithful individual.

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cp⁴ Letter from Grandpa
Hildreth when Ellison
finished 1 yr. of teaching
at Cedarscroft
Kennett Sq. Pa.

Fannie might be interested -

JOHN HILDRETH,

ATTORNEY AT LAW

No. 105 BIRD STREET
HOLYOKE, MASS.

HOLYOKE, MASS.,

March 15

1140

My dear Ellison:

I was very much troubled when Mother read me your letter last night. because the letter had such a discouraged tone. "one swallow does not make a summer" and one failure does not necessarily mean that a man has made a mistake in his vocation. Successive life is built upon failures, scarcely a man has one success but after many failures; do not give up because you may have made a mistake in your treatment of one class of small boys; boys are hard to manage and understand anyway and it is easy to get them down on you. This experience may have taught you something and your next attempt may have quite a different ending; I cannot bear the idea of your being a private secretary or Bookkeeper. Such a career is not what I had looked forward to for you: be something yourself. make your life tell for God and Mankind. I had rather see a Pastor of a small Church. that have a big salary as a private Secy. Private Secy. are necessary but you were ordained for something better. be your own self: do your own work: fight the battle of life under your own flag: harder work of course but more satisfaction. Pitch in and win out: is the ball of life near the enemy goal

then is the time to buck the hind and hit at hard
many a quarrel is now solved it seems to be lost
now is the time to prove the value of "Isdeals" I
have never prayed that you might be sick but
I have prayed many times that you might be
a power for good ~~and~~ in the World. and I shall
continue to pray for that. Ellsion my boy you
were never intended to be a "drudge". all through
your school life, you have been ahead. there were
the mimic battles now go into the real fight
and win. I know you can if you will only put
into practice those same rules that has brought
victory in the past. you see I am writing all
this to a discouraged boy. and that boy is my
boy; my only son. Oh Ellsion I have dreamed of
a noble life for you. Mine has been such a few
thing; I was handicapped pretty heavily and so I have
obtained the great prizes. but I want to get them in
my boy. I feel I am getting pretty old. this winter has
been quite a tax on my vitality. I am wishing for the
good old Summer time. I do not know what I shall do as
your letter has sent my plans flying. but don't think or
worry about that I shall do something and if we cannot be
together all right, we will do the best we can. I am
afraid I have not said much to help you. but I have tried
to cheer you up: Look up my boy to Him who loves
you and is able to help you: I believe God has a great
work for you to do. find out what it is. then pitch in
I am glad you want to see Lottie it shows you have the
right stuff in you because it requires great courage to tell
those we love that we have failed. Now my dear boy may God
bless you and help you. as the prayer of your loving father
(A.S. be sure and write soon.)

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Dear Elison

you do not realize how welcome your postal, received Friday last, was. We were much concerned about you, not knowing whether you were "off on the mountains, or dead broke", so you could not send us a postal to us. We had had no word the week before and none last week till Friday, and as I say, felt concerned about you! I will not say we worried, for as I said to the Dardano, if he sick I can not keep him as there is no one in working, but I should like a line from him. I shall be glad of a letter to know the reason of its silence, undoubtedly a good one whether pleasant or not. I know you have said letters would be irregular when you took you time off, but can't you send just a postal - its a comfort to get even so long. The report of Laytonville is all right, but returned it and now it is in Hamp.

The past week has been a decreasing
one. Mrs. B. was here Mon. Wed. Thurs
and Sat. going on to Mrs. Linnmore
the other two days. I want to start Fin
work early, so there need not be a rush
in June and through the summer. Mrs. B.
advised waiting for summer styles before
making graduating work, but she had done
some summer work. She has made a black
and white striped cotton dress and a white
one. The former is new, the latter is partly
old. H. J. had it made for Abby Brooks
wedding, 25 yrs. ago. She had only the shirt
left, a handsome embroidered one, and Mr.
B. has made for J. H. a pretty dress.

Monday afternoon I went to the Y. M. C. A.
to the first of a series of lessons by Mr. Lyon
on the principles of Christianity. He has been
carrying on a similar class for men and
now, at their request, is to give the same
matter to women. His talk this time was to
outline his subjects and then give a short
talk on God. Some one told me he said
there was a difference in the classes. After
the men's class was over, the men went
straight out - the women stayed over
half an hour asking questions.

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What a windy night it was, fearfully so. Did quite a bit of damage to shutters, things
The wind blew the dust everywhere
I got some in my left eye and

was more in the night we and I was
helpless for a while and did not get out
until tell I was had time.

Yes, A. M. I went down town for cards.
At 7 P. M. Aunt Helen called - and later
Maurice. She had come down for her
Lesson. Aunt H. came to see me, after
praying in the A. M. to know if I should be
here. I read to them a portion of one of
your letters, but skipped the part which
showed the state of your finances - then I
let them take home other letters. They
left at 4.30 and at 5.30 P. I studied
with a part of beans, for supper at the
church - a s. s. teacher's supper. When we
began to plan this, we were told to prepare
for 60 and Mrs. Lewis's plans was for that
number and her keepers. About 6, I began
to notice how full the chapel was, so counted
and found 70 there. I went down and
asked how many seats there were - 60 -
when I said I could nearly 75 Mrs. S. said

All night I will lay more plates. Sweet
up to count - again - reported 80 and more
coming. They finally seated 90 and had
good for all, but three left, except a
whole hen, which was returned. We had
boiled ham, pot roast, mashed potatoes,
beans, rolls, cake coffee. After it came
a talk by Mr. King, who called on W. W.
Nixon. His talk was short, because he must
go to the Elmwood church to a singing
fastening. Then Mr. K. called on Dr. Bond
to represent the Intermediate, we for Junior,
Estimada Merrill for Primary (remember Harry
the new Emma Bates was there to represent
the departments) Mr. Bullard for Men's class
Foster for his. Mr. Lyon - Mrs. Lyon for
Missionary work. - Sunday all of these
were called - without any notice, as there
were no set speeches I assume for. The
other speakers were Mr. Day, a working boy
boy at Thornton, Chicago. A student - now
living at Marblehead, and Mr. Estley of
Springfield. All was informal and very
enjoyable.

Wed. A. F. went to Boston for her lesson

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coming back with ideas which improved the
pieces she plays at Music Club. I almost forgot
one of these happenings. I guess I told you that
I had written a story for
the "Ronald" Prize Story contest. After being
postponed, the Ronald finally came out on
Tuesday, and F. came home with 2nd
prize - two books, Inches and a Tale of
Two Cities. Naturally she was pleased
and so was we - at much so, that Father
gives her \$5.00 as a reward. We are pleased
that her story was accepted and more
so, that she got 2nd, instead of 1st prize
There is danger of a feeling of superiority
and she has No. 1, but No. 2 helps to keep her
down near the level, while the fact of getting
any prize will encourage her to try again some
time - of course not for a prize story contest
for the Ronald - that comes once a year. We
have sent several copies to England and in
the country. Anne Story wanted F. to send
her a copy of her part in the Thanksgiving
Day celebration, but it was not in shape
to send and apart from the rest last

It meaning so to you not sent. Later she hoped that the business story would be accepted and she would send that. When that failed, she wrote Anna of this content and agreed to send the Herald, if she got a prize, so sent me. One went to Ruth to be read - forwarded to Lottie, then to you. We thought neither Ruth nor Lottie would care to keep it and if you did not care to keep it, you could destroy it when read.

Went to return to Wed. A. J. met early and got home about 9.30 P. M. I believe I was at home sewing that day and thus going to meeting in eve. Wed. there was a very & hearty spirit affair for Aged Peoples Home, at which they raised \$200.00 the paper says.

Friday I went down town after dinner and was so tired, I didn't care to go out to see Marshall D. French, in Merchant of Venice, in eve. We had all intended to have lunch, but all backed down, but J. W. and she nearly gave it up, but finally went

went Mary, J. H. had been to I did in P. M.
They entertained the P. M. Alpha with a play, that
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had a dance in 2800 Vernon Avenue the 7th. Quite
Chicago, Ill.

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Really child was they and J. H. raised a good
deal with her and got him
Bat. was spent at home; Mrs. R. Lee. Foster
& A. I. at home in P. M. J. H. made cake
and apple dumplings - washed underwear -
choreled parts - had to buy shoes - washed
starched and felt she had a full day.
Today Mr. & Mrs. J. L. White was baptized
and they, the Oshanos - two others were
received into the church.

Mr. Bradford Williams, evangelist, has
been in the city a week, working with
the J. M. C. A. Friday had 200 men at
the noon hour at Deane Steam Pump & Co.
He has been persuaded to stay another
week and meetings are planned for both
men and women. He was formerly an itinerant
I think and now gives Bible recitals, which
are quite effective. I haven't heard him but
suppose I shall this week so he comes to
our church on Thurs.

A. J. has a new patient Ruth Brained
and I believe Donald Talen began
the week. I am very glad she has
both of these - she is now about as
brave as she wants to be.

Rob. Linnmore has a wheel chair so can
get out some - can not step at all and
has to be tended all the time.

Did I tell you Shelia Whitmore has her
third girl Gladys Elaine.

Nov. 4. The transcript says B. Williams
is not an evangelist - the usual use
of that term but gives Shakespeare & Bible
recitals bringing to the unchurched or
knowledge of God known from the book.

All well here as usual. I may be
interested in the wheel chair. Noah is
calling as he is a kind and goodly.

Love
Mother

Weyfield there. S. S. came on a late car - we
started preparations for the P.M. Had on hand
with us - more kept coming. A. S. left after
lunch, but I stayed till after 5 P.M. English
came so all the tables were in place, covered
with cloths, on which were pinned little Dutch
figures, and most of the goods were in place.
Then I went down as early, and stayed till
10.30 P.M. Only a few were there in the A.M.
but Dr. King's Daughters came to fix their table,
and a Mr. Cross - representative of the N. B. Co. -
came to arrange a good display of his goods.
Exhibitions there opened at 3 and lasted till 6
That part was not as fully patronized as we
had hoped. One reason was, we had no sign to
advertise it and but for my good thought, would
have had no cocoa to serve (we served cocoa
at our "afternoon tea") that was one of the slips of
the day. Mrs. Wallace promised to send us 240
samples thus, to sell at 5 ct. each - 2 lbs. for
serving - a restaurant sign and advertising, but
up to date we have seen nothing of it. We
could not advertise at all and had nothing to
attract attention to our cocoa. Towards noon
I sent Mr. Rogers to J. R. Smith's to get some
cocoa for us and I found Van Hatten's cost
82 ct. a pound, while Parker's is about 40 ct.
I am surprised at its difference in price and
thought there must be some mistake, but the

Parquet girls say no there is that difference in price
well we took a few on even about 2.50. At
Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society
6-30, lunch was 2000 Vernon Avenue
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I wanted to reveal in the dining
room, where there was plenty of
room, but some of the com. said no - save it
when the women will be in the gym. as it
was served in its small chapel. It was very
social up there, but was crowded. The crowd
was larger than we expected - food gave out,
there was not as much system as usual,
and food was hidden in the rush, that
might have been used - but - it was
social - people were good natured and
we did its best we could - and perhaps the
social part paid for its discomfort. We charged
10 ct. for admission in eve. and go about 1500
dollars that way. At 8 came the Parade
preceeded by a song by Ralph Ely. He was
dressed in a great rig and sang "In a
Bucanneer" in great style - making lots of
fun. Harry Heath then came to the platform
and played on concert "he can't get in up"
to attract attention. Then Ralph as leader
guided his procession. This was headed by
the two Dwight girls in Dutch costume which

They brought home with them from Holland
the sons Robert Bloss and George Buckell
in Dutch costume and its vest more some
dark but more white dresses with apron
and cap. They marched in singing jingle
bells all the way. Now good people stand
one side. Make way for Gezellige. Then on
Then when they reached the platform they
sang the Parade Song then gave their
pieces. Ralph sang Richard Bacon to "Bring
thru' the eye". Ruth Barrows sang Julie Red
"Should and acquaintance" Nigel Diamond
sang Potato Rocks to "Columbia the Gem of
the Ocean". The rest spoke. all did well
and made lots of fun. Perhaps some of
these names are new to you. Harry Heath
is the eldest son in a new family. one of a
family of 6 or 7. a bright young fellow who
is now an S.S. secretary. Ruth Barrows is
one of two daughters of the man at the head of
the American Express. the older one Charlotte
is in Britain. They came to us from Hamp -
Nigel Diamond I only know by name and
think this - one of the Bassett class.
The women who had charge of the tables
all wore caps and aprons. the latter made
of plaid gingham at top. blue below.

A few had more complete costumes and looked very quaint. The Chapel did not look as

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fine as it was **2800 Vermont Avenue** East side when
CHICAGO, ILL. Day booth was turned abundantly with

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trains paper but it was pretty and there was a social element all through which was delightful. So may have said if we do not make much it has paid because it has brought the women together as they have not been "in years" such women as Mrs. Berry who seldom leaves her home, Alice & aunties, Annie Newcomb who do not come to church - Mrs. Magstaff and sister Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Tjennell, Miss Stewart who usually is gone work in the kitchen, Mrs. Burgess, Fannie River Kane (who has sister shipped from us since her baby came) Bessie Rice who has not met with us for a long time Mrs. Lawrence Smith who seems yet a stranger was all the keeping and all was happy. Bills are not all in but so far it looks as if we should clear 200. or from it. Hattie came down to go to it and spent the night with us going home Wed. evening. Helen Bruce

could not come down for the lunch the
German messes. I was not with, but had
them all the same. I sent F. home with
the rest of the family but I stayed till all
was over taking the 10.30 car home.

Wed. Ev. M. D. S. Father and I went down
to clean up. M. - F. did not stay long for
they found little to do and M. was to
take her lesson but Father - I stayed with
others till all was done. By the way Mrs.
White asked if we would like a second
vacuum demonstrated by Leonard - one
he was selling for \$8.50 - if he sold we he
would give us his commission of \$2.50.
So Leonard had a rug near the door
and worked his Amusing. A. F. had
candy near by and showed her Kitten.
Neither got an order but it proved a great
attraction and added to the sociability.

Wed. P.M. we played games a while. M. &
A. F. playing Hearts and Father and I I think
a new way. Billing up for 15.50
always and also "down" 15 to 1 - it
was more fun so. At tea time my
attract gave out but it is about
normal again. In the eve. A. F. &

Mr. B. went to the W. S. A. to the
"Country Fair" and had more fun than
Wadman's American Baptist Home Mission Society
in a long time. 2000 Vernon Avenue
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only a part of it as it was the P.A.H.
The rooms were

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filled us as it shows to a circus, one
was full of animals with a ring master
who showed them off swinging and
cracking his whip. I remember Helen
Blynn was dressed as a rooster and
flapped her wings and crowed. Two or
three were monkeys - sat on its tail
and hopped down and back when
called - there was a giraffe & lots of
young animals (all girls dressed)
One room had a table of flowers - on
the plain of its art gallery we had in our
barn at the Comm. party. There was pink
bonbons - peanuts - corn and all kinds
of things etc. about 8 they had a grand
Parade and show but that they didn't
see. I was sorry not to see it, but was too
tired.

Thus, I was at home all day and it
was a treat to sit still and sleep on

note. I went out to meeting
Friday A. M. I went down to the 2nd
Cong. to a union prayer meeting held as
a preparation for the Jubilee Mission
meetings coming Mar. 6-7. There were
about 47 there Miss Hubbard led and
it was a good meeting. After I did
errands one of them the paying of John
Wilson's bill for gas. In the P. M. I
went to the I. C. C. candy sale. I went to
see G. B. at Mrs. Charles Ely's, where Mrs.
Joseph E. had the paper. In the eve. the girls
boys had their meetings, but I did not go
down.

Sat. A. M. I went to the Library for material
for my paper, - Mary Green of South and
worked there 1 1/2 hrs. In the P. M. Frank
pretended to stay at home, but he called
to see Mrs. Pike & Mr. Ely on business in the
P. M. and in the evening after tea. There is to
be a new school house - Elmwood - the
other is too full. It is to be built a little
beyond Hitchcock, on Northampton St. the
Old Bay estate and the one next to it
having been purchased for this

A. J. says tell E. that George Harris
recently gave a recital in Amherst.
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I will enclose 2000 Vernon Avenue Chicago, Ill. ships which
may interest you.

MRS. JOHN DUYEN, PESSON

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CHURCH ST.

Mr. Mills is
in the hospital

MRS. JOHN HELENETH

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operation for Mastoiditis - he holds his
own so far and we hope he will
pull through.

J. is planning to see if she can have
company on Friday next. She wanted to have
some of her school friends - the lounge it all
hung on, was before Church of So. Wadley,
Pres. of I Club. She found she had an
invitation for both Sat. & Tues., so that
plan was called off. Then she tried
a smaller group (the first included 11 girls)
of boys and girls this time, 6 of them, to come
to her, make cards, stay to tea and go to C. E. Rally
at Elmwood in eve. The lounge this time was
Margaret Lynn - Margaret was at Miriam's, so
she could not get her answer. Leonard could
come & George had a debating team meeting on hand
for Friday, but perhaps can arrange so he - Kate
can come. Bantland is away, but is expected back
by that time so perhaps she can get her
company in that way. She has never attended

much and we shall try for her large group
later if we can put to it.

I saw Miss Jay at the library on Saturday
and asked her about the effect of giving her
a longer time at her next vacation. She plans
in school, beginning next Jan. is, 8 weeks school,
1 week vacation, so this is vacation week.
Her next vacation comes the last of April.
Father wants to go to Atlantic City and last
year we planned to take the trip to Baltimore
and Washington with her. One week is not
enough for this, so I wanted to know the effect
of taking her out for a week. Miss Jay said in
her emphatic way "don't hesitate one moment,
it will do her more good than school. She
is ready now for college - she studies so
hard, she gets very tired and the change will
be good for her. I hope you will take her."
I looked up "Travel" this A. M. and find a
trip starts April 14 (just before Easter) and
leaves Washington Apr. 20. I fear that comes
two weeks before vacation and do not know
as we can manage that, but can tell later
about it. Father certainly wants to go off
for his own sake and for mine too.

I guess that is all the news this time so I must
stop. Postman just here - no letter of yours
again.

By the way Mr. Wallace is with the other one given
Lovingly Mother

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CHICAGO, ILL.

Mar. 6 - 1911

My Dear Edna:

DR. JOHN COVENS, PRESIDENT
 DR. CATHERINE E. WESTGALL, SECRETARY
 DR. A. W. BAKER, TREASURER

9 A. M.

MRS. JOHN CALDWELL
 PRESIDENT FOR MASSACHUSETTS, N.
 225 NORTHAMPTON ST.
 BOSTON.

Monday morning and your letter is only started at this time. I had time for it yesterday, but no inclination to write. I feel too ill to rest myself. No! I am not sick, only indisposed. I am up and about my usual duties, went to church and I believe, but my stomach was upset - too much eating of whipped cream, chocolate cake, bacon and eggs, and fried scallops lately, for me to manage properly and that work again rebelled. so yesterday I slept, did my S.S. writing, read a little and went to bed at 8.30 P.M. Today I feel better again and think, if I am careful, the stomach will again be true after a bit. Its a pity the comes just now, for I have a ticket for a luncheon in Springfield for tomorrow, and do not believe I shall get much out of it. We are having one of the few snow storms of the season today. We had no Friday, which did not last long and perhaps this will be short, as the sun seems to be near and trying to shine through, but it is coming fast at present. The two things are very much

its washing in the laundry. Say you ought
to see Mary (George's May) Wood, with her head
rain - she does look grey, after being so
grey. It looks silly for a woman of her age to
try and make herself look young in that way
and she is very conscious of the change I
understand - did not expect that color.

Fain has gone to school after her medical
vacation - the rest and change have been
good for her and I am glad there will be
another break, after two months of school.

Dobson Rogers has gone to Babel to a
farm he has bought - his mother to follow
on in May, after things are in shape there. I
suppose we had a new quilt yesterday and
we were nearly covered in church.

The letter written the middle of the week
may have contained some of the news ^{as} write
now, but as I have forgotten that one, I will
risk repeating. Monday St. began (at our
suggestion) to plan for a party of girls for Saturday
taking in the salt she is well at recess. That
being, on which the whole party hung, was
blacka blanch of So. Hadley, Pres. of I. K. L. in
one of the best scholars at West Hill, was
included Milled Hanson of So. Had. His friend
Blora is related to the Judge's of Holyoke.
Bluff and Blora and could not get her

were not a party at all. When Margaret found
J. she was not going, so I invited her to
come & spend the night with Kate. We
got a cot down from the attic and put it
by the guest room bed and the girls had
a fine time together. They got home about
4.30 - played trios. Music - and English
History, went to the Rally where Mr. Lyon
spoke and got home about 10 P. M. In the
morning I did not call them till a message
came from Mr. Lyon, that Margaret must
get down in time for her music lesson, then
I went to the room. It was funny to see the
different way they woke. M. woke with a
glance in tossing her arms and legs and
burying her head into her pillow - so deep -
J. woke like a log quiet, heavy, eyes half
open - K. looked as fresh as a daisy, eyes
bright, face in smiles, when it came to
dressing however, Kate was the last one.
They left about 9.30, K. going down town
with Margaret

To go back to Monday. I spent most of the
time Mrs. Lee. Had on my blue paper on
May Day 7 scrolls, to be read this week.
I kept at it, even after I felt I must give

up for the members of my band were as tired and I
slept badly. I worked in and got the list

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sent me copied just 2008 Vermont Avenue
CHICAGO, ILL.
I may have to correct it a little, but I have not

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In the P.M. I went down to Mrs. Lynn's class on
Fundamental Principles, taking F. with me.

There was the day for the opening of the Home
for Aged People and F. W. and I went in the

P.M. F. going first to have a shampoo. She
straight she saw signs of her old trouble,

but Miss McQuillen said her head was in
fine condition and hair coming back fast.

The Home is on Morgan St., situated
on ground, on a slope up from the St.

The grounds around it are all in unim-
proved state and the Home is not entirely

done, but enough so, for the opening. The
wind was so keen, that the next door

was closed and we entered the east,
into a large hall, where we were greeted by

Mrs. Whiting (not Mrs. May) but the mother of
Alice - Lavinia. She directed us to the

Reception and from that to the Living Room,
then up stairs, where every room a light

flight was open. Members of the Home for
Aged People Club were in the different

rooms in the different

to say" this was furnished by D. Davis in
memory of her mother - this was furnished
by Mr. Loomis - this by Mrs. Irving - Home
Club - and so on - there was invited - the
for they hoped others would be tempted to
do likewise. One room was a den for the
men, where they could smoke and very
appropriately the mantle had quite a array
of stoves on it. Mrs. Mill Tarfitt was there
and said she understood why one man
was to enter, and he did not smoke.
Mrs. Whipple had Mrs. Phoebe Wheeler's room
and we were glad to see where she was to
be located. She told J. yesterday she was to
go here this week and she could hardly
wait for the day to come. I do not know where
the money comes from, but she pays \$500.00 to
enter and has her home for life. People at
Holyoke have to pay \$700.00. J. H. suggested
we better get some story there - imagine it -
The rooms are well lighted and the view
everywhere is delightful, whether you look at
the close neighbor Mt. Tom - the Holyoke range,
or the city with Williamson's Hill beyond
Iron beds, bureaus, washstands and comfortable
chairs were in each room, and there were good

closets also. The kitchen and laundry were
convenient and comfortable places for the work to
be done. We went 2400 Vermont Avenue
East, a large bright room, where the
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425 GARRISONVILLE ST.

and maple were served during
the afternoon. The place was so attractive,
that when we left, it was to hurry home
to start Mary out, to get Mary, and go
up for the eve. When exercises were held.

Wed. A. J. went to Boston, getting home
at night. She called on Florence Linton.
Charles was out with Hindlow Price. The
latter has Locomotor Ataxia and is very
feeble - for the two to go out together seemed
like the "blind leading the blind."

Wed. ev. S. & D. went to the Miss Dime
Social at the church. Mrs. Rice - Alderman
sang twice each. Mrs. Taylor was to have
sung, but had such a cold, she could not,
so Mrs. H. took her place. The Father gave
the experience of a tramp. He took down his
Alpine Stock and Bag, showed them
and their uses, then gave an account of
your trip. He talked 1 1/2 hrs. and hardly
touched Scotland, or South England. How
did it meet - people were much interested,
we now said that a much more interesting

talk about Dr. Beechey (and he had
pictures on a screen). He only said John
that was a fine thing. I don't say that
as flattery, but you did "swell" and by
cause he did, even if he decided to. As he
worked for it he said, the trip was like a
Turner picture, all blurred and indistinct
in a mind, because the time was so remote.

Thursday was spent at home till noon,
when I went to meeting. J. W. went for her
lunch, took her supper with her and went to
meeting with A. S. I stayed after it for a
Board Meeting.

Friday was spent at home, part of the time
in preparation for supper, when the girls were here.
Sat. I got my work done early, then went down
town to do errands in the A. M., spending the
P. M. at home.

Your letter came Friday and was very
welcome. If that is all the writing paper you
have - how will you get more than you buy in
books - do you order it, or do you want some
sent you here?

Whose barn is it where you keep your
horse - a rented one? Pity you didn't
win in the race when you were in it, although
written as I believe - your racing, but
it natural to want to win in anything

Father says always give the horse his head &
in a of a time what is his name - do you
consider him a good horse?

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I am glad of the gain of one out at
prayer meeting and hope there
will be a steady gain. Tell us more about
your work - from your letters its mostly
riding or walking among the hills it
seems to me. What is your day's schedule
as a general thing?

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MRS. A. H. BARBER, Treasurer

MRS. JOHN CALDWELL, President for Massachusetts, N.
125 Northampton St.
Boston

I hope you enjoyed F's letter as much
as she did its preparation. She has been
doing a good deal of extra work for the S.S.
class lately and wanted prints so Monday
she bought a box and sent you her
first results - worked on them quite a
while and was much interested. I
suppose you received also my letter
sent a day earlier and A. F.'s postal sent
a day after F's letter.

Mrs. Lawrence and Raymond Snow
have just been married recently.

Did I tell you we made at least
\$200.00 from our sale and shall have more
when we sell more goods later when we

began to plan we needed 200.00 to meet our
mission appointment when we got to the
Coast of Peru when all the mission money
was in the bank needed only \$27.00 and
the bank \$27.00 - a total of about \$50.00
out of that 200.00 so we have a good sum
in our League Treasury which is something we
have not had in a long time.

I believe that is all the news I have
for this time so I will stop and write to
Lottie and send along your letter.

We are thinking and praying for
you, that out of your discouragements may
come great victory and success for the
glory of God.

Truly
Yours,
Mother.

You may be interested to know that at the
Elmwood prayer meeting with Thompson you
asked for some of your letters.

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2088 Vermont Avenue

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Tuesday

Mar. 12-11

Dear Ellen:

Mrs. JOHN SILVER, Treasurer
Mrs. KATHERINE S. WESTFALL, Chairman
Mrs. A. H. BARBER, Treasurer

Father is asleep
in the coach.

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taking A. To place, when she awakes. It is a
dark damp day and there is little temptation
to walk, but sleep seems attractive. Father
did not get his walk yesterday either,
nor his usual day holiday, Judge Shipin
has gone to Florida, so Father takes his
place. He says Saturday is always a busy day
but yesterday was unusually so, and in
addition to this, the Overseers of the Poor brought
down in the A. M. 3 insane people. Of course
Father could not attend to them till the other
work was done, and so that took till
after 12, day had to wait and he got
back in the P. M. He began on the cases, but
each one always takes from 1 to 1 1/2 hrs.
and before he finished, about 4 P. M., one
woman had collapsed, had to be taken
to the Hospital, and Father expects to hear
of her death tomorrow. He was extremely
indignant and if he was the regular Judge,
says the Overseers would receive a sharp

apology, but he does not feel it wise to give
it, though, from what he said, I guess before
the idea of the criminality of their action, for
he says the clerk said they should be more
careful another time. These people have been
at the Poorhouse for a long time, and to
save expense, the three cases were attended
to at once, and the day chosen was the
6th of the busy day. Father had planned
to go to Laurel Park and I was going with
him, but that had to be given up. Perhaps
I told you that some of the cottages had been
erected and used this winter. The children
went up to see them, finding it all right,
but had no time to look but merely
though this of course that way revealed no
trouble. Instead of going up to the Park
I went down to A. F. & visited, at 4 P.M.
and Father came in for part of it. It
was given by her conservatory class of three,
assisted by four others. They were told to
invite one each (store assisting) and the
others could ask those. Maria Peaman,
brought her Father, Grandmother and Sister
Fidel Wanner had three children, and
Malcolm Dickson brought Donald & Abner,
who is to begin lessons with A. F. soon

Residing these days at home the rest of the
audience. The children were very attentive -
The pretty dresses 2800 Vermont Avenue
and ribbon and
they played very nicely - most of

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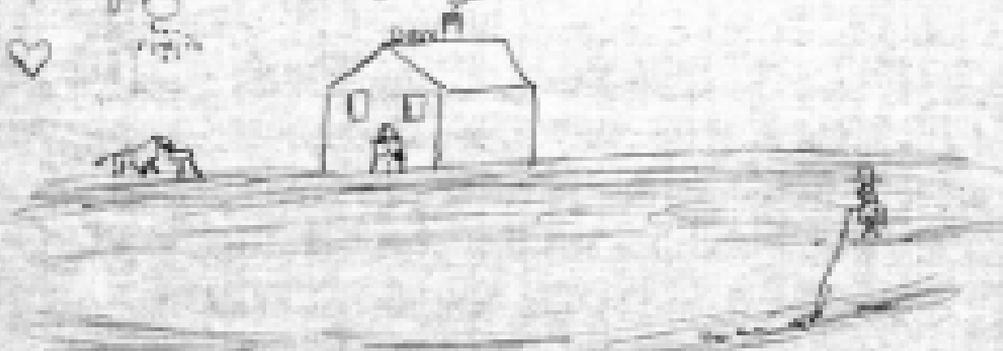
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the without any notes. I could
see a great advance since the year before
I have who are in the conservatory class are
Marion Pearson, Viola Warner (John Puffitt's
sister-in-law child) and Carl Green (Sign
Franklin's boy) those assisting were Dr. Mahon's
Levinson - Faith Burrington, Dr. Dickson's
Malcolm, and James Mahon's little 3y.
old Helen. Helen inherits her father's
musical ability and is doing fine work. In
the middle of the program A. J. told her to
turn to the board - as it she had a
design something like this



Now she said look at the board and tell
me how many compasses you can find,
I had seen the board before the children
came and had seen nothing and wondered
what it meant. This was a review of work

done by some of the children 2 or 3 yrs. ago, by
intention. I say it did not take them long to
give the first, and with a little help, by
telling her that was to run with notes in
its legs - that man was fishing for the
game Mozart (note heart, or horse eating
oats - she confessed she needed an M
before the horse) Hayden (High Day) -
Bach - Gena - name for brook -
Chuck horse shot over the door - and
Handel handle on the door -

Then they told that Handel wrote the
Messiah - after the story of the work
music A. F. told they said Hayden wrote
creation - that material was Bible stories
set to music - Gena was Gena
" " " they said Orpheus and
Eurydice was an opera. A. F. explained
that this work was all in its past, but
the children understood it very well.

After it was over, I stayed to help A. F.
straighten the room - the Father walked
home - A. F. waited for the rented chairs
to be taken away, and I did errands
and came home, getting there before Father
who stopped at the Elly's on business.

For the week - Monday and Tuesday

were the days of the Home's Jubilee Mission (2)
meetings. They were held in Springfield and
were in the series 2400 Vermont Avenue which started in
Calif. and have been working east
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the last one is to be held in April
in N. Y. We had here in N. a branch of
the meetings in the shape of a parlor meeting
held at Mrs. Joseph Metcalfe's home in the
afternoon and a meeting for children
at the Episcopal Parish House whose stories
were told. I did not go to either for Mr.
Lyon had his class at 2.30 and I did not
feel well enough to go to both so chose to
hear Mr. Lyon. I had not entirely
recovered from the illness of the day before
but by three I felt much better.

Fannie went to the Parish House where
Miss Bachelor (a teacher) had charge and
told one story. Emily Colby joined and
Mollie Perry following her. F. says Miss B.
came to her and asked her to tell a story
but she felt she could not so refused but
later said she could have told her if she
had had a little time to think first.

While these meetings were in progress
here meetings were held in 3. drawing
room meetings in three have an open
meeting in a church and at night

Young Peoples Rally Tues. May and I
started on the trolley for S. we had to wait
at Cabot St. and when the car came to me
standing some way as we went to City Hall
to wait for the next going down with
Mrs. Brook Dr. D. Clark, Miss Whittle
and Miss Puggles - others. In S. we separated
each set going to their own denominational
rally. Ours was in State St. Church. When
I told Father at night of the days
doing he said "I should think you had
been to a Funeral - I thought it was a
jubilee" My impression was not a safe
one to judge by - to start with I was
too tired to go. I had lived on by hand
for two days and was not in good shape
then there was such a roaring in my
ears it made me deaf so I could not
hear the speakers. Remember my condition
if I seem irritable. When we reached
the church the vestry looked attractive
with its tables set for luncheon. The
Church however was cold - the janitor
did not know there was to be a
service there - there certainly was no
warmth to the atmosphere. Dr. Reed
Pres. of the Assoc. provided long enough to

introduced by Dr. Sec. (Freig) Miss Ellis
and introduced by Dr. A. M. She announced

that one of our speakers could
not be present as a Miss Whitehead took

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And I think as I believe it was found
later Mrs. Montgomery came and spoke
as well as Miss Ellis. Out of it all I heard
perhaps 25 Mrs. M. being the only one with
any voice and she would let it down to
nothing at times. They say but it was
spiritless to me. Pledges were handed
in and later called in but was not
explained so as I did not understand
what it meant I did not sign for
me. They got pledges for nearly 500.00
but in other places they got 1200.00
and 1400.00 and understood this
was a separate pledge apart from our
regular work. Altogether I feel our
denominational rally was not as full of
enthusiasm as it ought to be and
lacked force. After that came the
luncheon at 75 cts. a plate with seats
for 500 all taken. It was a good luncheon
provided by a caterer served by the
State St. women. We had first course soup and

2nd Oyster parties - 2 shakes - very salad -
4 ham, sausage rolls - 5 ice wash - cake
tea, coffee with I got separated
from all friends & I was at a table
with strangers and ate grape fruit

2 rolls - ice cream. They made money -
Miss Woolley presided after dinner and
introduced the various speakers who spoke
well.

At 3.30 there was a meeting
of the Cong. church - when I got there I was
packed and women were standing - the
place was hot and the odor just as
I left and went to state st. to the
children's meeting. Heard a part and
so got tired and went back to try
and find M. to tell her I was going home
couldn't find her so started and she
came right along in the same car.

Wed. P. M. I went to Shible Club
where we worked for Mrs. Turner, who
is still unable to do much sewing.

Thursday I was at home till about
4 then went down for errands. J. H.'s
time for lesson was 5 but the lesson
club met that day and she went down
to play there so visited her lesson.

J. L. took that time to go with me for a
chair. The straight chair I got and the
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rocker in my room - 2688 Vernon Avenue
CHICAGO, ILL. have been in use
ever since we were married. The cane seats

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MRS. G. H. BARBER, TREASURER
have given out
and have said
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PRESIDENT FOR WASHINGTON, D. C.
427 N. WASHINGTON ST.
WASHDC

don't repair - get new. He found at
Levermore and Martin's firm that would do
though not a real match - chairs are not
finished in an wood now. Then I have
taken ^{to my room} the rocker which was in its parlor
which came from Grandpa's and I
have never liked in its parlor and I
have in its place a mission chair with
green plush seat which looks better.

We had lunch at its Studio
practised a duet which A. J. plays
at the Music Club concert at Mt. Holyoke
then I went to meeting and she
worked while then went home.

Friday Club met at Mrs. Phillips
and I read my paper on Mary Queen of
Scots. Father thinks you might be
interested to read it and says send it
along - please return it -

This finishes up the week -

Now for questions in letters. Gertrude
Marink is not engaged as far as I know,
though Clifford Lynn and she have been
excellent friends since High School days.
Gertrude has been assistant S.S. visitor this
winter. Mrs. Turner is still unfit to do that
work and unless there is a change, she
never will be fit. She was was buoyant in
spirits, but was was easily depressed. Since her illness
has increased, and at times she is the picture
of despair. The Doctor assures her he sees no
reason why she will not be better than for
years, but it will take time. When she came
home last Fall she could not move the fingers
of her right hand - recently she made button
holes, a work demanding much skill from the
same fingers. She she could hardly talk, now
she can talk, with only slight hesitation. She
can walk and feels all can make some
calls again, but her depression would not
naturally let her sit or shut in, so we do
not encourage her to begin work till she is
better. Gertrude is doing the S.S. work this year.
Miss Newcomb was keeping at our
celebration here and seemed very happy and
pretty. Her young man, to whom she is to be
married very soon, was with her all the time.
His name is Wright - he lives in Conroy.

I do not remember learning about the yearbook. I
cannot find the trouble with the Bureau. As it

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rec'd, or is the 2080 Vermont Avenue early part of your
work. I know he was CHICAGO, ILL. a man connected
in his own ideas - had to move - had to manage
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I should think he was something like Mr.
Pay, or (I don't know whether he is French, or how
he spells his name, that's what we call him)
the jumping Methodist at Laurel Park.

I do like the phone. Indeed I do not see
how I could ever have done the League
work - particularly the Geylidge I described
it. I never realized before how many
different people wanted information - how
many interests are in my life. It has
not bothered Father much, but has
been a heap. One Sat., when he planned
to stay at home, he was called down town
to make out some papers, but I think that
is the only time so far. One name is not in
the book yet, when it goes in next time,
perhaps there will be more calls.

Do you have not told me whether you
received Kelpin's study - perhaps there has
not been time yet. I should wish to see her
during vacation. She and Howard Page

went to B. Mad. then to Providence and
home Monday. Helen's recent work was to
draw a plan of a house, giving dimensions.
She felt at first she never could do it, but
she finally got the first floor all planned,
except a little space under the stairs.
She tried to make a lavatory, measured the
fitting in one, and found out how much
space she had left - she marked out that
space in a room, and got her roommate
to see if she could get in, but the girl found
she could just get in, but would have to
back out, as she could not turn so -
had to try again. She comes home for her
vacation in two weeks and graduates the
first of June.

Your letter to Father about the horse he
will try to answer soon. So you he has been too
tired at night to rest himself. He is wondering
if you reached Ulsal last week - What a
long hard journey. hardly worth the effort I
should think, but I presume you will enjoy
a change. So bad the horse's back troubles
is. I should think you needed a pad of
felt, similar to the kind we used on our
horses under the harness - If the trouble will
not continue, I am wondering how you would
manage to dress, if you spoke at a S.S.
convention at Ulsal. If you wore good clothes

on horse-back, on such a journey, it would

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had on the clothes - and they would
small of horse - it is, one of its objections
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always had to
Father's riding
The smell of its barn and - a the
horse smell, by hanging his clothes - do
you find that trouble? Can you carry
any luggage on horseback when you go out
of the valley? A speaker must dress like
a gentleman - can he do it and ride a
horse 30 to 60 miles. is a question in
my mind, which I have not asked
any one.

Wrote to 9. 75 Mo. I must get to work
on my housecleaning. It's a bright clear
day - Looks like spring. By the way, we had
a laugh this A. M. You remember my
inability of old to see birds, when the rest
of you saw them easily: when I called S. A.
at 6.45, she asked me what bird it was
she heard. I said I thought song
sparrow - at least, Father had said he had
heard no several days. (Late A. S. said

the birdless sound like its song up at this
season) I went to my room and looked
further about the bird, imitating its song,
and he said again, just then I looked up
and said quickly, you can see and
see that bird in the tree, with a dark
red breast. He looked - could not see it. I
went to window to point it out & it was
gone. He said it must have been a robin.
I went back to my chest and there was the
bird, back again, larger than before, and
it was a red headed opposite. It
showed only a bit, in such a way, it looked
as if in a branch, but when I moved my
head, it touched the ground and showed
what it was. Father laughed and
said He thought it was wonderful if I
could see a bird at last. I have yet
to see my first robin.

With love and all good
wishes. We are praying for you and your
work that God will bless by in order to
make a success and bring souls to
knowledge of the Lord.

Lovingly

Mother

K. 31

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2880 Vermont Avenue

CHICAGO, ILL.

Mar. 26 - 1911

Dear E. Elton

MRS. JOHN HEVLEN, PRESIDENT
MRS. KATHERINE S. WESTGALL, CORRESP. SECT.
MRS. J. H. BARBER, TREASURER

I am alone for awhile - come on

MRS. JOHN HEVLEN, PRESIDENT FOR MASSACHUSETTS, W.
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and get a piece of its candy for Eury you
one early in the week. He came at noon to
see Father in business and brought his bills
on. The latter handed me a package for
you and it a box of chocolates which we
are taking today. You no let me say we
should say Mr. Eury you wanted Father
to speak to Mr. Dickerson about giving him a
chance to go into the new building. He is
to put up a large tenent at the corner of
Maple - Appleton where Dr. Westcott lived.
Another man - keeper of the Chinese
restaurant is to open a laundry next door
to the 2nd b'g. on High St. He also propose
to open one in Dechaun's block. You is in the
new block on the opposite corner of Maple (the
blouse property) He says if the other man has
a laundry on High - on Maple you gets no
trade as he wants first chance in the new
block - will leave his present stand if I
got his idea. I felt quite proud of both

Joe & myself that I was able to get his
idea as well as I did - I find that he could
talk English enough to find that I could
catch his idea from his broken English.
Father thinks he has a wrong idea of he is
to change stands - people loved him & his place
now - if he moves the other man will be
likely to move into his place and people
will go there from habit and not know
of the change of owners.

We enjoyed your letter with its account
of your trip - which was certainly a hard one
for man and beast. We are hoping for
another early in the week talking more of your
work - its problems the help you received
and how it has affected the situation.
People say "does Uliam like his work". How
to say as little as I can but have to feel
I really do not know - he doesn't talk
much about his real work what he has
to do - his aim & his encouragement or the
reverse and how it goes. Of course we know
it has been hard with discouraging letters
hope new vigor and strength was gained by
your being trip out of the valley and we
shall know what help you got and
how it has been useful to you.

The week has been as full as ever. On Monday A.M. I was busy cleaning the front hall closet. In the P.M. I started early for Dr. Lytle's class going first to

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Dr. Cox. When I went to Dr. Lytle about my ears he asked Dr. Cox to prescribe a tonic. I took it and my hearing did not improve while the ringing and rumbling grew worse. I went to see if there was anything in the tonic and if that would make the ring. Dr. Cox said there was quinine but he thought not enough to affect me but drop it a few days and come again. I dropped it and in a day or so felt so much better. could hear nearly as well as before and had only a little noise but I guess I took a little cold again so shall go to see Dr. tomorrow and hope he can tone me up without quinine.

Tuesday P.M. I cleaned the living room closet and what a lot of things there is to handle. It took all the A.M. & P.M. I went to the bleachers where we served for Mrs. Turner and the Hospital. The last supper of the season was given that night and almost every seat was taken. It was a chipping dish supper and two hostesses met at each table to serve creamed beef. We had baked potatoes, rolls, jelly, pickles, cake, coffee.

Marian came down to D. then took her
at the Studio. Both she and her mother are
pleased with her progress and I am
glad on A. F.'s account. After tea we sold
some of the goods left from our sale taking
in \$10.00 from that. As we took about
\$22.00 for the supper we felt we had done a
good days work.

Wed. A. F. went to D. for her lesson then
to G. to stay over night to hunt up some
papers she needed. She stayed at Bart's
finding them well. As they have no children
they have two dogs and a cat - great pets.
The dogs have had syzema and lost great
patches of their hair. To prevent scratching at
night, they wear nightshirts. At bedtime
Minnie takes one dog, just as a woman would
her baby and puts first one paw, then the
other into its sleeves - Bart takes his and talks
"baby talk" to it all the time he is dressing
his dog - its funny to hear him. A. F. says.
Aunt Ellen lives with them - has their room
the pleasantest one, but is very sulky and
makes them uncomfortable. Its a pity, for
she hunts her than and God - Bart wishes
she could get something out of her religion
that would make her happier - would be
wishing she should spend all her time at the

Church, if it would do her any good. A. J. went to the house. found her father, but did not see her there. She was in school, the other night. She says one thing always

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so, that both Minnie & Aunt L. always say she did the best thing possible for her, when she left home. she looks so much better and happier. she certainly is glad she does not live there. she found out to her sorrow that she has gained 8 lbs. I tell her every one gains flesh if they live here and mention various girls who have outgrown all their clothes. Mary being the latest, A. J. got home Thurs. night.

Wed. Mary and I cleaned the guest room and began on F's and my room. then while she was out I washed and ironed bureau covers. That eve. there was a ^{free} lecture given under the auspices of one of the Women's Clubs at H. H. Co. Hall - a Mrs. Crane of Kalamazoo I was too tired to go and F. M. gave it up because of that. I have heard nothing about it till Mr. Dyer spoke of it today and I judge the audience was a slim one.

Thurs. we cleaned F's room and mine. After dinner I started early to attend the

funeral of Mrs. James Kelly. She went down
to do errands. Home for a while and back
for meeting. After meeting she said Father
spoke and said he was so tired he felt
he could not come out but he had
put off an important engagement because
of his regular engagement at meeting and
was glad he came. That day he went
into Court in the A.M. and left it about
6 P.M. (dismissal at noon for lunch) and
he was very tired. After meeting some one
asked Mr. L. if Mrs. L. was ill he said no
but she was tired up (she helped at the
supper Tues.) He turned to me and asked
if I wasn't tired after going to the funeral I
laughed and said yes and I cleaned house
all the A.M. "What did you come down for
tonight?" Because I wanted to help you
because I love you. Oh he laughed then
Hilbert's will run themselves into the grave
though love you open and so we laughed
but he continued we not to come down
when I was tired.

Fri. I began to work in the attic
but it was too cold so I had to give it up
In the P.M. F.N. went down with me into
the stores. A.S. joined us and we bought the
dress for Class Day a silk muslin white -
ground with small yellow & green flowers on it

We had supper at the Studio and at 7 P. M. were at the church for the Girl's Club concert.

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The girls were 3260 Vernon Avenue associated by one of the old members such as Kate Whitmore, Sarah

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King Margaretly

They were all dressed in old fashioned clothes and looked so pretty. The procession was headed by little Loretta Reese who wore big gawdabits and carried an old fashioned doll. She all sat on the platform and sang choruses and duets. There were two ^{pieces} and one recitation and it was all very interesting. After it they sold ^{pieces} papers. That same evening there was at the High Sch. a speaking contest which I wanted to go to. We planned to go from the church but we should be too late to hear George Whitmore and when she came I looked tired I said lets go home and I was early. Mr. Whiting was that night and will represent our Sch. at Syracuse later in the contest there. That night too was the Amherst Banquet at Hotel Hamilton to which you were invited as you probably know before this.

Sat. P. M. I & I went into the attic and worked getting it nearly all in order in the A. H.

Kate came home for vacation on Friday. She

on Mrs. J. received your letter of thanks for
the candy. Mr. Marshall has been quite ill
lately but is better again.

I send several clippings which may
interest you. perhaps some of you will send to
Lothe. Mr. LeBoyt died a week ago Sat.
I did not know of it till the funeral passed
the house on Mon.

Roll call invitations for April 4 were out today
have you received one? is your name on our
church list still or where?

Mon. A.M. A. J. says Aunt Eliza mourns for
Uncle Robert greatly, and it's better never to
have a husband than to have and lose a
good one. Not a bit of it said T. J. it's
better to have loved and lost than never
to have loved at all. A. J. used this
as an illustration in her S.S. lesson yesterday -
talking of the people who came to Rehoboth
forgetting the glory of Solomon's reign and only
remembering their heavy taxes.

Well must time for postion. Just
just say goodbye and love you

Lovingly

Martha

The Springfield Union prints an interesting article giving the inside facts that led to the Howe gift of \$50,000 to Mt. Holyoke college. The Union says: A fact not generally known in connection with the legacy of over \$50,000 to Mt. Holyoke college from Alfred Howe, which the death of his wife, Mrs. Susan D. Howe, now renders operative, is that the large gift is really a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Howe's daughter. The circumstances are these: Mr. and Mrs. Howe had two daughters, Mary and Martha; one died quite young, but the other daughter, Mr. Martha, a beautiful girl, had reached the age of 19 years when she died of consumption. She inherited from her father and mother an excellent mind and was exceedingly fond of study, and had she lived to go through Mt. Holyoke college, would undoubtedly have achieved high rank as a student. Miss Howe lived in the days of Miss Mary W. Chapman's administration in the college, the able successor to Mary Lyon. Mr. Howe had always taken a great interest in Mt. Holyoke because of the principles for which it stood, and his daughter's death, just as she was about to enter upon her college career, served to deepen his interest in this pioneer college for women. He believed that in no way could he better dispose of his fortune than in leaving it to this Connecticut valley institution of learning, and Mrs. Howe was so enthusiastic as not to dissent in the matter. Mr. Howe, with his innate modesty, seldom referred to the reason why he had thus situated out Mt. Holyoke as the special object of his bounty, but his intimate friends knew that it was because Mt. Holyoke was to have been his daughter's college. Moreover, not only did he make provisions in his will for its needs, but he frequently assisted young women of bright mind and strong character who were finding it a struggle to pay their way through the college. Mr. Howe, and Mrs. Howe as well, were very fond of the society of young people and all the more because they had lost both of their girls. The beautiful and generous manner in which Mr. Howe provided for his wife in his will also ought to be mentioned. He gave her the largest liberty in her expenditures, insuring that she would always have to mind his wish to provide a large memorial fund at Mt. Holyoke. The fact that Mrs. Howe lived so simply and thus leaves a double fortune for religious and educational purposes glows here conscientiously she fulfilled the spirit of his wishes. Probably Mt. Holyoke college has never been the recipient of so large a legacy given under circumstances so pathetic, and yet so pathetic, and yet so beautiful. Undoubtedly one reason why Mr. Howe always showed such an interest in colleges and schools generally was due to the fact that he himself taught school in his young manhood. Brought up on a New Hampshire farm, one of a large family of boys, he tried teaching and then running a store, in which he early showed the remarkable business acumen which enabled him to accumulate so large a fortune in later years. Then, too, his own struggles to gain even a limited education made him sympathetic with other aspiring students in straitened circumstances. Also it was his good fortune to grow up in the town of New Hampton, famous for its school, and as a copyist street-keeper he was brought into very close touch with many of the students. In studying Mr. Howe's life it is interesting to note how economical he was and how successful in business. He practiced the long the strict economy learned on the New Hampshire farm. He was the first to open a general broker's office in this city, and did a constantly increasing business until his retirement in 1882. President of the Second National bank from 1875 to 1880, also president of the Springfield Mutual Assurance company from 1881-8, he built up both corporations. Mr. Howe always had an eye out for real estate investments. He owned the old block in Main street, in which was located the Court Square grocery and for a number of years he managed the Howe property. One of his best investments was the purchase of the 10 years' lease of 20 years' lease of land at the corner of Main and Court streets, which Smith & Morryse and the Gilman block occupy. At the date of his death in 1888, the lease had run for about 10 years; it brought him in a ground rent amounting to about \$200 a year. Mt. Holyoke college now becomes the beneficiary of his astute investments and careful saving and acquires the major part of the fortune whose foundation was laid in the general store in New Hampton, N. H.

Laurel Park

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July 2 - 1911

Dear Ellison:

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MRS. A. H. BROWN, TELLER

Does the date above suggest

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birthday to you & yes the Fannies - you remember we used to have 4 birthdays - July 1st the 2nd - 5th is Mary's - 10th Ellen Taylor's and 17th yours - they came just last month. We are not celebrating the day, haven't even a cake, for there was no chance to make one - no procession at breakfast time either, but afterwards He gave her a pincushion, Father an umbrella - I gave her 6 handkerchiefs and a belt pin - while A.F. told her yesterday to buy herself something under \$10.00. I don't think she expected much, for she paid as well at graduation. I presume I told you we gave her some gold beads, and a gold locket with little diamond in front and her monogram on back - inside the photo of Father taken in the Lone Dove valley and one of us taken by Father at Eastern Point many years ago. A.F. gave her a lace collar and some handkerchiefs - Mo.

Brook the life of Alice Freeman Palmer - Mrs.
Marshall New Wallace book book - Mrs. J. & Mary
Lambert - Aunt H. an enamel pin - M.D.
and H. B. silk hose, and Theresa an auto veil -
For the week. Monday devoted to fixing over
a white shirt for Class Day, which came to the
P. M. Shirt for that Day and Graduation were
bought a long time ago, but could not be
fixed till dresses were done and as its length
suited. When I got ready to do them, I decided
against using either I had; bought a new
one and altered it and made shorter for
her. When she went down for Class Day she
looked very pretty. Her dress was white with
a dainty yellow flower - was trimmed with
yellow silk - had a silk girdle and ends and
was over a yellow slip - around her neck was
her gold beads and on her hair a yellow
jilet (a strip of yellow from ear to ear, with
diamonds at the end) last year I believe the
prevailing color was lavender - this year there
were only one or two of that color, but many
blues and pinks, one green, and 6 or 8 yellows.
I had no part in Class Day, but was noted
the blue blind and of course had her
prophecy, as you will see from the Herald.
Did I tell you about an sect. To fresh matters

I kept plan the location of the seats for live
also invited. I didn't know what E N O J

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R or Balcony near 2800 Vernon Avenue only a vague
idea of what the seats might be situated, and

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I seemed not to know any
more than I. There were three seats together
in Balcony. I took three for Father, Mother &
self - pretty A. S. with Mrs. J. at E because I
did not think M. B. would care to sit so
far front. When all was given away
I found that I had given Mrs. Rand, Lynn, Or.
boy. Mrs. ~~Duchow~~ the best seat we had -
Mrs. Bar - & Mary was in the last row, while
our seat was against the stage wall in the
Balcony. We were all disturbed when we found
it out and readjusted things. Mrs. J. preferred
a back to her front seat, so we sent Mary
front for Class Day. Father & I taking stool
seat for Graduation. For Class Day, Mr. Hill
& I sat in the Balcony together A. S. & M. B.
sitting in rather better seats, which Balcony
was in exchange for our good poorer ones.
We were behind the speaker and I heard
only a little of what was said, but Mr.
Hill could hear. Did I tell you of Father
circulating a petition to cut out the class
flirt, after the "class beauty" had been dropped

It did not ~~go~~, because it was ~~hard~~ on the
table, but later she heard from ~~some~~, that she
was to be ~~the~~ ~~class~~ ~~flirt~~. She felt rather
troubled, but I told her not to mind, those
who knew her, would understand it was
just a joke. After class Day F. asked the girl
who gave the History, how many votes she had
and I believe it was 12, but the girl wouldn't
put her in its report, for she thought it
would be mean to do so.

Now, we came the "class sing" at Mountain
Park. I supposed F. would want to go to that,
but she did not care to go, after she found
it meant they were to go to the show and
between acts, sing show songs. She was glad
she did not go later, when she heard from it
It alludes in 1910, during the exercises, the
class banner was stole from the hall, and
was not returned till some time - Jan.
This year, at the business some of the Alumni
took the 1911 banner from the stage, and
there was a squabble and scrap over it and
it was not seen again by the class. Besides
the squabble, I understood when the class
tried to sing, the Juniors tried to drown them
out so it was a noisy time.

Tues. A. M. I had to go down town

you several strands. In the P. M. I read till 10
bed time. Wed. was the time for last

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lots of sewing boxes. 2000 Verona Avenue Chicago, Ill. His dress - a white
mouille was bought ready-made but the collar
was later off

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and the seal
Lace on A. J. gave part on - Little was made
more put on in the humming & a white girdle
made for it. When it was on and a white
fillet on her hair, she was a sister to the grand
of. When the class came in, the orchestra played
the class officers came first and separated, as
the class marched through the aisle - having
pupil first, school board last. The subject
was Music and the consecutive notes in the
program was a new one. Mr. Bonant so
announced and said he should introduce only
the first speaker - the others being introduced
by the scholars. History of Music came first
and Francis Ballaba Bonnell (his son, daughter)
said Gloria Church would give "Dolls" and so
on. He had Folk Song - Indian Music with
piano illustrations - Science of Music was illustrated
by various tuning forks & other things in a very
interesting and instructive way. Francis Ballaba
also illustrated the Folk Song - Indian Music,
gave a piano solo. James had the most

promised part. She played for three songs, besides the Swan Song illustrating one paper - she for her own paper, she went with it as she next did to the center of the stage and although she held her paper, she did not use it. After awhile, she gradually moved, in a very graceful way, towards the piano, where she laid her paper down and played the Swan Sleigh, stood again to say a few words, she played a boat song - stood and soon played a English Dance (all without notes) there to illustrate her points. She was very proud of her paper was well written - given in an easy manner, with good voice, and her music was far above any done for its age. After Otto Kullbert received his scholarship prize for science work, the Pres. & Clarence Brown came to the front and gave the class yell for the girls & 1911, then Magette went to the piano and played for the class songs.

F. I. left before all was over and when we got home in the best car, she had some ice-cream ready for us, which we appreciated. M. B. S., who came down for tea, stayed all night with us, or what was left when we started for bed about midnight.

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1005 Northampton, Holyoke

Most day earlier - I was up early, let 3 letters
the notes stay till ready to move. J. H. had to
go to dentist to have 2000 Vernon Avenue street filled and
D. J. & M. went off about 11 A. M. I spent the

My pack of
and it was
hot. Mr. Dyar called to talk with me about
church matters. At night I went down
town, but had so many errands, I did not
get to meeting.

Fri. J. went to school for his final
report card. back home, to take the car
ahead of us, to see to baggage and meet us
for the 11.45 train (May 1) When we got to the
Park, we couldnt unpack and settle at once.
for the house was not ready. Instead, we
had to sweep and clean nearly all day,
and it was so hot. Father came at 5
and after tea fixed chimney and began on
bunch, which leaked so much. He has had
two sizes since and it has swollen some.
so is holding some water - if it would only
rain hard and keep fill it, we should be
so glad - Its hot - hot - hot - dry - dusty
and we have had so little rain for such
a long time.

S. S. came Sat. A. M. Further at 6 again.
Today he started S. S., was Sept. - The ship had
29 percent and received S. S.

A good many cottages are gone. Forest Home
next door has three more, who go tonight.

Mildred Kennedy has the P. O. and is here alone.

Estes cottage had a party of 7 girls for July 3rd & 4th.
Rachel Thayer has a party at Bunkah, and
cottages open each day - about they will be full.

I suppose I told you of Holyoke Products
week did I not? I have forgotten. But
nearly every store from John to Appleton and
a little beyond, as well as some of Dwight
gave up a window for an exhibit of things
made in Holyoke. It was marvellous
the variety of things made and the exhibition
was instructive.

Did I thank you for all your good wishes.
Oh yes I am sure I did, for I told you your
letter came with Mrs. Day's.

So glad you have had the change of the trip
to S. S. and hope it did you good. What is the
Chapman who was stricken at the banquet,
is it the Evangelist Chapman?

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I enclose a check payable to you. F. worked for J. C. subscribers, till she got the check as a perseverance reward, besides her premiums. She can not use this till endorsed, which would take time, as Father says; send the check and tell E. I have a Hildreth Parnell's check I will send him and will take out this \$3.00 from it. Don't get discouraged, if he forgets to attend to this at once - he is run off his feet all the time.

I will send copy of the Transcript about Graduation and a copy of the poem Dana Sanders used at Arthur's funeral. It had never been published, but he had Mr. King's print it for him.

I send with this also, two stamps, which came in your last letter. I presume you put them in the envelope

for age keeping and forget them

Well I guess I will stop. - Folks
have groined all day over the heat
I hope for sleep, but see no sign of the
showers we want.

All send love. - If there was me
- saying we wish you was here with
us - I would say so.

Truly

Mother

I for got to say that after the 1911 banner was
taken Mon. night, Clarence & I saw no trees, asked
the boys to chop - 10 etc - the girls wanted to join
and they got a new banner and had it in place
on stage for graduation night. During the
business that night, a boy came up the aisle
and put on the stage the stolen banner. I do
not believe in hussing, but I felt like
clapping when the class kissed, and felt
like saying "ding" waving the new banner.
took its mind out of the sail of its stealer

It has just occurred to me to wonder
what you want done with the Varial
check - shall Father send it to you or

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deposit it here. There was no question
till just now but we thought you
felt money sent hindered you church
from raising you salary and
perhaps you would rather not
have it come. Be sure and
send word right away about
this and that \$50.00 you sent
before.

I have today all the
afternoon to answer
these letters. I had
no idea so many
had accumulated.
and these are now
farther back that I
didn't get to. Not
much has happened
recently. Yesterday
with all the the
short cars. & watering
Rube & Luella's hogst²³
(1/2 mile away) going
to preach in the after-
noon etc. I was kept
busy every minute.

Brotherman and
haven't had that
round-up yet so was
as nice as pie when
I went to see him. I
got him how I couldn't
catch my little horse

and he talked about all
sorts of things and more
said a word of reproof
— didn't even mention
church work. that I
remember. I made out
coming back for a
month more; the dog is
worse. He hasn't
written about the question
of a job either.
Lots of love will
write tomorrow or the
next day @ Elvion.

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8. 4. 5 P. M.

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MRS. A. H. BARBER, Treasurer

MRS. JOHN RIVER, President
129 North Dearborn St.
Chicago

Dear Elvira

Father says its a hot night and the letter short and he is writing a little to press it out.

We are just home from church - as a family we went via various ways tonight

F. H. went to B. E. meeting at 6, where she had

Father " " Enders & Boyd at 7, " " "

A. F. & D. " " Church " " " we listened

F. H. was called up yesterday and asked to lead - it was a missionary subject - it had been voted that no subjects be given out, but each one bring their own. Margaret Lynn, Chairman of miss. com. was fearful of results, so asked F. to lead and she spent the time preparing, while Father got his talk ready.

Yesterday F. was working on her paper for graduation. I guess I told you she has the last page of the lot, on Music - hers being Music as a Education. She worked at the library time and at home and

has a paper ready to submit to Mrs. Fry
tomorrow. A. S. says when she wrote her, she
had to write twice or three times, before she
got over the idea of her subject, which
her teacher wanted. F. H. will probably
have to rewrite after she criticises, but it
starts very well.

The week has been busy as is usual.
Mrs. D. being here every day, working on
the Class Day dress, which is done and put
away. It is a dainty white, with satin slips,
and yellow rosebuds with leaves over it.
Under it is a yellow slip. The dress is
piped with yellow satin, trimmed with lace
and has a yellow "quills and cash"
and is very pretty on. Her white dress is
bought and is to be shortened for her this
week, too, when she gets her shoes. I shall
feel easy about her. Besides this Class Day
dress, Mrs. D. made her a shirt waist and
altered a dress for me also. She comes again
for three days, for work for A. S. and us.
Monday nothing important was done. It
was a hot day for our sewing.

Tuesday F. W. and I went down town in P. M. In crowds and at night also we to
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C. E. Rally at 2863 Western Avenue So. Wadley Falls,
Chicago, Ill.
where Prof. Evans spoke.

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Prof. Fisher
went to Palmer
to the S. S. Convention. I was appointed
delegate, but did not go. They had a good
convention, but could not transact
business, because the constitution says the
annual meeting is to be held the 2nd Wed. (I
think) in June. To catch the speakers they
wanted, they put the meeting in May, so they
are to call another meeting in June, for
business. That Wed. I went down town
with S. S. for errands.

Thurs. Mrs. Parkhalow left early to go to
D. Level, where the boys were to sing on the
green. It rained a good deal of the P. M.
and she went only as far as So. Wadley.
I haven't heard where they sang or not.
Fri. we went to Mr. Thompson's reception
and the paper gives quite an account of
it. There is general sorrow over his going
within the church & city. He is a man
of sweet conversation and people love him.

Oct. 2. H. J. H. went up to see the baby, but
I have never seen her. Mrs. S. and Margaret,
with Mrs. Somers (Mrs. Moses) went. — Mr.
Whelan asks that P. M., to stay till Mr. S.
gets things partly settled in London &c., his
new home. Mr. S. stay here till Sept. 1st.

Oct. 3. H. J. H. I put on the meeting on
the records, so they can sleep this tonight
Evan Bates & Mrs. S. start in two weeks
for England, for the ^{great fair not going} coronation, to go to
Dumfries & southern England, Hamburg, ~~but would be all night~~ ^{not} Denmark,
Norway and Russia — be gone about 3 months
& back.

Eliza King is to take a party across to Italy
in June, so pleased. Her father, almost
80 yrs. old, is in the hospital — had a serious
operation recently — doing well.

Mrs. Schofield is at Mrs. Taylor's. She says
Harriet is in Washington in the Army & Navy
Department — Joe is also there, in some work,
John & Maria. Edgar starts soon on a
tour with an open company. Tom includes
Great Britain, So Africa, Australia & Great
Britain getting back there in 1912

Pearl goes to Lowell to school in Fall

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and take to 2440 Vermont Avenue Wheaton, Ill.

so she will have only Shirley and Ernest

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Hilda Davis is still in the hospital, unable
yet to sit up & her mother is at Mrs. T's.

Hilda graduates June 1 and comes home
soon -

Miss Bates said today she had heard
something fine of J. H. Miss Fay had told
her she had a fine mind and told
her to keep her eyes on J., ^{of MacDonnell} and should
hear great things from her later.

Well my eyes ache, so I must stop
your last letter was very welcome and
so was the one Lottie sent - a cabin
we, it gave us so much better idea of
your work than we had before. I am
very glad of the more encouraged note
in your letter and hope the changes
which are promised may be fully

Sunday 5 P.M.

Dear Alison:

I am wondering if the time for our regular letters is going to be a thing of the past. The custom kept up now for seven years - ever since you went to college - no, perhaps that must be changed - perhaps I didn't write very much during the time you spent Sundays at home and came over on Wed.,) is going to be given up. I hope not, but certainly we have little from you now - a day and lately you have heard little from me. Last Sunday, as Father wanted to answer the letter you sent him, I let him write for me. Did you get that letter? A.S. undertook to mail it with a lot of others - they would not all go into the box at once, and she had to put them in in sections, doing it as the car was coming. After we got in the car she wondered if that letter, which was a thin one, went in, or slipped to the ground. That is why I ask if

you got it. The letter called for a prompt
reply - perhaps you did not realize it -
perhaps you do not know enough yourself
to tell ^{the} anything. I suggested he make
more definite his desire for a speedy reply,
but he thought he had said enough he
you would understand he wanted it, and
perhaps your reply is waiting the reply
of the Board. I do not want to see to be
intruding, but please at least bring on your
brother Father now I know what to do till
you tell us. Matters look the way here. If
you stay in America till next year, as first
planned, Father will probably take a long
vacation next summer and possibly a
short one in March - if you leave this year,
the long vacation may come before summer,
so we can be here all summer, so as soon
as you can tell us anything, please do it.

Father gains, but does not gain as fast
as he desires. He looks better and rounder,
but he lacks energy and life. He keeps hoping
things will be easier, but they do not seem

to get there. Next month the Judge will be off
leaving perhaps the last of this month, so Father
will stay for the chance to sit on the Bench.

The past week has been busy. Monday
was a very cold day. A. F. and her S. S. closed had
a sale planned for Mon. eve. and Tues. P. M.
at her studio - a sale of novelties. Admission
was 10 ct. and tea and wafers were served
for that. I sat down in the eve. to help.
She had four housekeeping novelties in her
small room and served tea in the other -
Maud Dvorak. Bessie Smith. ^{Miss M. E. Evans} ~~Miss M. E. Evans~~
came to help A. F. He stayed till after 9.00
and had just 3 customers. Tues. A. F. went to
Boston for his lesson, coming back at 6.00
Mrs. Dvorak and Burreington and Effie Allen
were to take charge in the P. M., but Effie
could not, so I went again. He stayed till
5.30 and again had 3 customers. But for
one thing it would have been a waste of time
for me. But I did some talking and made
with it three jobs, which I sell for 50ct
each which goes for missions. The girls
have sold all their novelties since and then

money goes for missions also.

When A. J. came home here, she went to her studio to dress. I met her there and we went to Mt. Kadyoke to a concert by the Springfield Lyceum, a complimentary ticket from Mr. Hammond. It was very good - there were 42 men, among them, George Roberts and Chas. Merrick and they played well. One thing was very interesting, a treatment of a single person in an orchestra. Beethoven's Strauss Wagner and various composers would close the. It was a musical job and great fun to see how the styles were imitated.

Wed. I went to the Bl. Club where we worked on towels for the hospital. The Kings Daughters were expected to bring tea and waffles but they failed to appear, so Mrs. Taylor and I did the work. Thurs. I did little except sewing at home, where I was all day, but at night I went to meeting.

Friday A. M. I went to have my hair treated at Miss M^{rs} Sullivan, where I go every week for curls. At night we all went to the High School to hear Judge W. Lindsey lecture. This was the last of the course and a big crowd

was expected so the plan was adopted. Season
ticket holders entered by the Kingsline door. Those
invited to sit on stage (father among them) were
to go to Margaret St. door. Evening tickets would
be sold at the Pine St. door, after 7.45 P.M.

We went down at the 6.50 P.M. car - by 7.45
the hall looked quite full, but there was a
big crowd waiting at Pine St. who rushed
in and filled every seat, steps and all being
used. About 8 P.M. the Rockland Iris began to
play and kept on till 8.15, when Mr. Chaunt
came out and announced that Mr. Lindsey
had not arrived. He had sent a letter saying
he would be there at 3 - then a telegram came
saying he would arrive at 4.30 - ^{later}
one said 6.30 - an auto was at the station
waiting to rush him up. We waited till about
8.45 and then we were told he could not
get there at all, - if we would separate to the
three doors, we would receive a ticket, to be
used if Lindsey came later - if not, the money
would be refunded. Such a good natured
crowd as it was I never saw. It was hot
if you ever if we did have to go home in a
snow storm.

Sat. P.M. Art F. and I went down
to Ellis to see the pictures. He has 10 P of

ten and as a whole they pleased me more
the same year. There is one which is available
a white swan on a dark background is so painted
that is hard to believe it is not a real bird
hanging there. The deep shadows make the bird
stand out in a wonderful way. Another fine
one is of a man in an easy chair with little girl in
his lap and his wife near at the piano singing
just a song at twilight. He sits before the fire
fire which does not show but the light
from it shows on him and in the room and
you almost feel the heat of it. A Beverly
garden is another attractive one - the spot
was as low there and I hope to take it down
next Sat.

Well since I began this I have been to
church - now it is bedtime as here is
goodnight kiss and love from

Mother
Mon. 24. Did I tell you of the attempt of the J. H.
S. A. to get 729 new members in 7 days. There
was a team of 9 men with leaders like
Gallup, Dick Olson, McLean, Savoy, Walker
Clarence & how - for business men, kind, young men
high school boys etc - Each team aimed to get

a man each every day that is 81 for a team
A great banner was stretched across the street
on the Y. N. C. A. were electric globes of different
colors which were lighted each night when
the teams brought in their 81 men. There
was tall kneeling and great interest in the
lights which with two or perhaps three
exceptions was lighted every night. Last
time, the record was finished and the
building was crowded to know the result.

It was that 1907 or say I have just
found the transcript that shows better than
I can tell what was done - I will send it
While that was going on the women
were working for the fund for the Home
for Aged People and finished Sat. with
success.

Now the Y. N. C. A. are to start out
for money to pay for the Franklin which
they recently purchased for their work, and
so it goes - with it all comes the
demands of our "Budget" and the various

Missionary work as there are plenty of calls.

Well I must get to my sewing -
Fantine has gone to Boston - A. L. is
practising for the Music Club concert
in March when she is to play - I guess
I have told you most of the news now.

The paper says that ^{Charles} Bennett at
Harvard has just received a \$500.00
scholarship and has the distinction of
being the only Freshman to get 5 A's in
his Freshman year. It looks as if we
should have reason to be proud of him.
He is an Acolyte of the Church of the Mass
- Boston.

He is going to be a
priest in the ch. shortly

Mother

Thank you
dear little
for your
letter

and you would
send of course
that when right,
for ten books on
letter then -
on Nov. 1, 1880

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voice all the time. After her evening
meal she went again to the Dr. who said
she had Diphtheria sore throat (quite
appropriate after her Diphtheria trip) and
told her ^{not} to go out Tues. She spent
Tues. & Wed. in bed with throat wrapped
in hot lead. Thurs. she was dressed
but stayed in my room. Fri. she came
down and after dinner went to see the
Dr. again. The throat has been so sore
it was torture to try to swallow - in
some way it seems a little better
and she hopes to teach tomorrow
again.

I have had a busy week. To start
with, although A. F. was able to visit
on herself a good deal, there was
thing which I had to do, besides taking
up the meals to her - the "house-
cleaning" time. Mon. I had no wash-
ing, so Mary, Fannie - I did the
washing. Tues. " " " cleaned
the bath room in the A. M. Wed.
Thurs. I washed and ironed the
curtains - living - dining rooms and
I aired, brushed and put away shoes

pairs of blankets.

Thus, I started off at 9.25, met Mrs. Brook in the car, and went to a Board Meeting at Mrs. Smith's, to plan for the Annual Meeting of the Home Mission Soc. I left there at 1.15, took train at 1.30, to meet F.H. at 2 at City Hall - got for dinner at College Ice - went into store with her hunting for a coat. Then home for supper and back for prayer meeting. I had met that day with Mrs. Hill, but I did not try to go to it.

Friday was no hard day. At 7.30 a hand vacuum cleaner came here - Mrs. Wilson came at 8.40 and we all worked hard till after 4 P.M. I rented the cleaner for the day, using it instead of taking rugs out and beating them. We cleaned living & dining rooms, and front and back halls and were tired enough when night came - at last I was put F.H. dressed and washed with Kate and Miss Lepate up to Elmwood -

Sat. P. M. T. N. - I went to St. Paul
Parish House to an entertainment which
had been given Friday eve. The paper
said as the hall was not large they
would repeat it Sat. to accommodate those
who would be unable to get in in the
eve. so we decided to go early. We were
there at 2.30 and could sit almost
anywhere except front row. The affair
started at 3 - Mrs. Heywood was to
play the clout and twice later - Mr.
Karriman was to sing four times but
never appeared. The entertainment was
a series of tableaux at first they were
mostly child and represented children
later they were representation of old
paintings. There was a large pane
in front a red mosquito netting
the setting and posing were fine
and the pictures beautiful. The
three I liked best were Le Brun's
Mother & Child - Mrs. Morrill with
a little girl in her lap. The
"Love Letter" - H. S. Macdonald Paul

Blursberg and another girl the
two girls dressed as parents Paul as
a soldier — Queen Louise was
Lavinia Whiting and she was very
lovely. Mr. Kobell furnished the
piano music between each picture
and played well. One trouble with
the whole thing was that it took so
long to arrange the pictures and it
was so tiresome waiting. They had
to wait one or two pictures besides
the music and we stayed till 5.15
then rushed out and home.

I found the enclosed letter (dated
Mar. 6) in the desk and send it
as it seemed interesting to me.

Did I tell you that Mrs. Toole
who was at Mrs. To's and had a
son ill in the Hospital had taken
him home. The night they arrived
on the next one the house took
fire and the son had to walk
to the next house quite a piece.

way while the ladder was on
windmill had to be carried out. I believe
no serious result came to the people
but the roof was badly burst and
the water damage was considerable.
Since then her next son has gone
home from Dartmouth with a broken
arm - base ball -

The Allison house is sold again to
Mr. Thomas Gibson an Irishman who
Father knows well - one who once was
up for Slaysor was suggested -
He's talked of buying it of Father - if
he had he would have got it cheaper

Unless there is no more news. The
A. J. says the circle of those wanting to
know our plans is widening. He spoke
to Sarah Brown of the possibility of our
not going to B. This year but she
might not and Sarah wanted the
repeal of the cottage. Since then
she has written that she does not
know whether they will take it or not
it depends some on the price, but
she - her family her sister and her family
are waiting to know our plans and we are

Sunday 5.10.94

My Dear Elsie:

As no letter came last week, of course I have none to answer, but can send the usual one. It is a record of work for me and all. Father is in court every day, as the judge has gone South. Besides that, he has had a rushing time. One day he didn't have time to eat even his regular noon lunch of twice baked bread - and often while he waits at his desk. Well, just before he comes ^{home} to tea, Rev. Mr. Smiley phoned to know if he could come here in the eve. to sign some papers, and Father said no, he was too tired to see any one. The night when he had slipped his ^{collar} (how) he did not get home till about 7.15 and you can imagine he was tired out.

Today's freedom from business and a long walk make a different man of him and he seems in fair shape again. He thinks he is

going to take that trip to Washington, but as far
has not found time to write for information on
tickets, as I do not feel sure of going yet.

A. F. went to Quincy Ind. getting back
Wed. night. She went to play for Sarah Thomas
song, had also solos, at Pa. Club meeting,
to which Sarah's sister, Mrs. Surrall, belongs -
a club of 350 women. They expected to go
there a year ago, but Sarah was ill and had
to give it up. They stayed over night at the
Surralls and had a pleasant time, but owing
to a failure in the mails, A. F. did not get
her lesson from Mr. Platt as she expected
next day. She got home late at night and
has been half sick ever since - cold in head
and throat, voice almost gone and feeling
worn. She has not given up and goes to bed
yet, but I hope she need not, as she is
taking Dr. Harkness' medicine.

J. H. is much better than she was a
month ago and I hope her weeks vacation
will make her still stronger.

For the week. Monday when Mrs. Wilson

came to wash, she said it would be her last time, as she was going to Easthampton to live. Her husband is a Barber. He has done little work all winter, as he has not been well, now he expects steady work. While the washing went on, I cleaned desk drawers, then hung around, while Mr. Taylor tuned the piano.

Tues. I cleaned the living room closet. Then wrote Baby D and report and got program ready for next day.

Wed. we washed the parlor curtains in the A.M. In the P.M. I saw the Annual Meeting of the League, with reports of Officers and Committees. The reports were so good that I told the women I hoped they would not go away with "swelled heads" over it. As the reports were read, it looked at first as if the women had raised \$1426.56, but after matters were all sifted over, this seems the right report.

Raised for dinner by women	721.65
" " " " " "	25.00
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" " " " " "	12.40
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during the week, on Wed. Thurs. & Fri.
I was too tired Wed. after the League
meeting to go down again and do not
know how many were there. The attendance
Thurs. was large. Mr. Rand led, for
Mr. Lyon was out of town. The choir sang
Hymns & Prayers and so made an
impressive service. Friday there were about
40 there.

Lat. A. M. I had errands to do down
town. In the P. M. Janie and Kate
Whitmore called on Mrs. Laporte to see
her new grand piano. They found there
Mrs. Neiser, Katherine and Helen and had
a pleasant time there. She took over an
Easter egg which she colored with others.

Today the S. S. sat in the gallery at
least the Intermediates & juniors did and a
few Primaries. 5 were baptized all from the
two departments three from Home, Elmer
Gallen, Killa Jensen, Philip Stenlund.

blanca & Philip are about 11 yrs and Hills
nearly 12 yrs. old. This is the last Sunday
for our present choir - after this we lose Mr.
Parran & Miss Decker I hear and Mrs.
Karriman is to land the singing.

This P. M. Father & J. H. had a walk to
Crystal Spring then across lots to the road which
led them to the Easthampton road and so on
home - quite a walk for J. who had walked
both ways to church in the A. M.

Mrs. La Boudre has gone home taking
her son who could be moved though she
gave much. He was greatly loved by all the
family and they miss her. Mr. Barablow is
still there. He had his hand quite a time
lately. Perhaps I told you he was trying to
straighten his crooked fingers. He must have
rubbed it with oil - broken it the girl dirt
in and they feared blood poison as he
soon began to ache away so he had to
go to the Dr. for it. Later he had a tooth
which had needed attention a long time
it finally got so bad he had to have

some work at the Ice House and go to
Dr. Reed and have it filled. Leonard has no
circumstances - will not allow proper work
to be done but Dr. filled it - then it began
to ache kept him. Mrs. J. awoke all night
and he went and had the filling taken
out - yesterday Dr. Dixon took him to Dr. Reed
gave ether - took the tooth out. Mrs. J. says
she did not have so hard a time when
the appendix was so removed as this work

Mon. 2 P.M. All about as usual here
today. A. J.'s throat was very bad
in the night and she was going to
see Dr. W. on her way down this P.M.
to ask if there would be danger in
having her pupils come to her - if so
she would come home - she has
not come yet so I suppose he
did not think it necessary to stop
Acorns.
Lovingly Mother

This is an old letter. It cannot be sent
it to you once, but maybe not. Please
do not send letters back
unless you get to us ^{in the next 4 weeks}
all wiped up if you do.

Dear E.

Last Sunday as Father wrote I decided
to delay my letter a few days, then I got
into the mesh of the week and forgot
to write. This week I will write and if
Father wants to add a little all right,
it will not interfere, and one does not
take the place of the other. I have just had
a bit of talk with Father. He says I will
what he thinks of stopping at Inverness,
the new part of Wales, or at Glasgow,
instead of going to Liverpool again. Let
him know what you think and you choose
to gain which would you prefer a slow
on a fast boat - a longer or shorter
time on the water? III How does the
idea of coming home via Montreal
strike you? Father will begin to look
up vessels and the trip - if you can keep
by looking up places, or make any
suggestion as to where you would like to go

he would be glad - it would help him in making a schedule. It is hard to plan a trip when you are so separated, and it takes so long for letters to go back & forth, but on account of the Peace Day, there will be a big demand for tickets, so plans must be made early, and Father hopes they can be carried out.

9 P.M. I didn't get far on this. Mother came - she wouldn't take her hat off she was only going to stay awhile - couldn't stay to supper - no indeed - but she kept on staying till after 7 P.M. when I insisted on getting supper and she finally took the 8.50 car home. This is the first time she has eaten here since her Father died and I am glad the ice is broken for her, and hope she will come again. She told me piece of news the engagement between Delos Pomeroy and Mildred Bohmer is off - Delos is at Worcester, Mildred at Alden N. H. - so we knew nothing of the break. J. says Delos broke it at his Father's

command. He did not do as well at
his studies as he ought. His father
thought the girl interfered with his applying
himself, and told him he must cut it out.
Mildred was all broken up over it, so
J. arranged for her to go to school at
Tilden and then told Mr. D. and managed
him, so Mildred went off. This is the story.

By the way, Joe Colbywood had a girl
at a lecture recently. May Alderman —

There are two weeks to tell you about
since I wrote, I believe, Feb. 14 Father
went to Boston to a Banquet, given to the
Legislature by the State Com. coming home
on the 15th. Festivities were not very
numerous. The only one I had was yours.
Many thanks — and I sent only me, a
note to F. H. with .25 in it. He has an
allowance this year and that helped her
He had a few and so did A. F. —
you there are struck in the face of a
picture over the machine.
That was the day Jessie Taylor (Billie's
sister) was burned and I went to the

General on Belle's and the present account,
for I hardly knew Jessie. Then I did
errands, carried bundles home and went
down to a little entertainment by the Girls
Club, which was very good.

Tuesday F.L. and I went to Hay and
had dinner at the Green - a good dinner,
the remains of a turkey bought for Marions
birthday. On the way back, we called on
Mrs. Funk, who has recently had a cataract
removed from one eye. That eve. the
Music Club gave their artists concert.
Mabel Lagedoff, whom I did not like,
and Mr. Warrington who was fine
Thurs. the S.S. Convention of the 4th
District - interdenominational - was held at our
church. I went down early and was
called in to play for singing. At noon the
women served a dairy lunch and at
night they gave a turkey banquet. My
part was to keep Mrs. Brook with the
tickets. We cleared over \$55.00.
We were saddened just before tea by
the news of Mrs. Warrington's death.

She was at church on Sunday - took cold and died Wed.

Thursday, Club met at Mrs. Holman's, where I played for Mrs. Rice songs, and Mrs. Sackett read Mrs. E. Eliza's paper. After it I went to Miss M. Miller to have my hair treated, intending to go to meeting. Instead I went home and worked on a cash which I must use next day.

Friday was Junia Day at High School. In the A. M. the class had exercises to commemorate Washington's Birthday. The one J. H. was in, as Georgia, had Columbus who read the Declaration of Independence. She called on the 13 states to speak.

The girls were in white with red, white or blue sashes, with their names in gilt or red letters on it, and made a pretty tableau. - Then the boys gave scenes from Valley Forge and the last was a scene in a ball room, where they danced the minuet. It was all quite pretty, but some of the teachers felt it did not

pay for the poor lessons for a week.
That P. M. I went to Anniversary and at
night to a lecture by Mr. Miller given
under the auspices of the Junior class.
Mr. Miller is an interesting speaker and his
views of the Polar expedition were fine.
Sat. F. M. A. F. - I went to Mrs.
Burrington's funeral, Sat. F. M. and I
went to B. to Bible exhibition, getting home
at 7.40.

Sunday was as usual - church - S. S.
then I went out again at night.
The only items of interest for Monday are
the death of Goodness Dought - Masfield,
two old ladies who were friends and died
within 24 hours of each other - and - the
fact that I pulled the cover off the parlor
settee. During the week a new cover has
been put on that and the little easy
chair.

The 22nd was a quiet day - Father was
home after dinner and he worked on the
chair.

Tues. I went to missionary meeting at

Mrs. Smith's, where Mrs. Randall had the
program.

Thurs. A. F. - I went to the Mill for cloth
for suit + coat - in the A. M. After dinner
A. F. went to Boston - Milford - Gloucester
and comes back tomorrow. I went to Club
at Mrs. Mills, where Mrs. Jones had a good
paper and Misses Lee - Lynch played.
Then I went to have hair treated and to
meeting.

Friday the Home Club entertained the
other Clubs at the 1st Cong Church.
Mrs. Finley read a paper on the Evolution
of the American Home and Mrs. Livermore
and Miss Ellis sang.

Sat. I worked nearly all day on the chair
though I went down town for errands.

Father says he understands there is a
good chance to sail from Philadelphia
Can you find out anything about this

and report to him

Now that's all the news as I will go
to bed - I believe they cleared over ⁺100.00
by the Mc. Kider lecture.

Goodnight with love from
Mother.

How does Lottie like the idea of your
being away all summer?

The Y. W. C. A. have started a
campaign to raise ⁺55000.00 in
10 days to purchase & equip the
Franklin for a Home.

A ^{get} letter came to you recently
from the rector at Auburn. In it
was a card asking you to sign &
return it if you were Episcopalian
I wrote wth it that you were away -
was Baptist - I sent the card so
they might know you had received it

Mon. A. M. Have just picked up
your last stage letters and wonder
if any one here has said anything
about your new job. Why did you
take it up does it mean more
money, or more experience & will it
help you in your life work directly,
or only indirectly? Will it help
more than teaching. Personally I am
glad you have it if it will not
interfere with your regular work of
preparation for China. I smile
sometimes when I think of you keeping
accounts for some one else when I
look back to the accounts you
used to render to me. I never
considered your bookkeeping just
class and so I am glad if you
must have method and system
that will meet criticism from an

outside. Naturally you have a
good deal of system and method
and this will bring it out ^{as you wish} that side.

I am very glad the prospect of
staying in U.S.A. till 1911. I
suppose that means marriage in 1911
also doesn't it. We see little of you
now but it is a comfort to feel you
are within reasonable reach not
across the water. I am glad you
will have another summer with Father
and think the proposed trip will
do both of you good.

Port checks sent were deposited
by Father. It looks good to see
them come - looks as if you were
preparing for your new life -

When does school begin in the Fall
" must you be back there for I
suppose you expect to go back.

Mon. P. M.

Dear Ellen:

There was no time for letters yesterday, for it was the Chinese S. S. Day. It was also a Holyoke Musical Day. The American Guild of Organists had their service in the 2nd Cong. Church at 4.30 - the Mt. Holyoke, Springfield, and Holyoke choirs uniting. On Mon. 6. the service was held at the Holyoke - yesterday here - next week at Springfield. The at 7. P.M. the Tenth of June was given in our church, and at the 1st Cong. the 46 Ps. by Bach. It was unfortunate that so much came on the same day and naturally the united choirs and the new organ drew the crowds to the 2nd Cong. church. Aunt Jan and Fannie went there and F. N. enjoyed it, but F. D. S. was too tired. I stayed at home to

prepare for the Chinese. When Mrs. Smith found so much was going on, she offered to postpone her affair, but it had been put off twice already, so we would not have it postponed again. They got here at 6.30 and besides 18 boys there was Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Marshall, Isabel, Mrs. J. Helen & Leonard and their lady boarder (Mrs. Fook) besides 5 of us. Jan. Mary for the first time, preferred to stay rather than go out. They were more social & before - more perhaps understand English now and Father's talk was more familiar, so they all seemed to have a good time. He put in the small tables and served sandwiches, sponge cake, coffee and candy. Mrs. Smith told me she didn't think they cared for candy and little for cake. This A.M. she said she was greatly surprised to see them eat my cake - two and three pieces each. They must have liked it.

The excitement of the week was at the Y. M. S. A. in connection with

their campaign. They tried to raise \$55,000⁰⁰
in 10 days, and each night registered the
amount raised on a clock electrically
lighted. Friday night closed the campaign
and they had not won, but had reached
\$37,830.00. Mr. Skinner, who offered to
give the last \$10,000.00, agreed to extend
the time and they hope to finally
reach the needed \$55,000.00 and so
secure the Skinner gift. It was a big
undertaking, coming as it did after the
campaign for the aged Peoples Home, and
the doubling of the Y. W. C. Y. membership.

For the home dinners. I think I
spent Monday at home and I am
sure I made a pie for the church -
a mince pie - Tuesday the Baptist
ministers of the Assoc. had their meeting
at our church. I spent the day (partly)
there, keeping about the dinner. Mr.
Lyon asked us not to give an elaborate
spread - (a turkey dinner) as at some
other time. Mrs. Senior had charge and
what she gave was a vegetable soup.

fried bread, French fried potatoes,
and beans - real long, baked " string
appet salad made of lettuce, orange, grapes,
lemon, with whipped cream and nut - top
apple & nice pie, cheese - coffee - Every
thing was fine and it pleased the men.
After that the 13 keepers sat down to dinner
in the kitchen, in better style than is
usual at such times. That day
A. J. went to Boston for her lesson, getting
back at night.

Wed. I did not go to Thimble Lake,
but went instead to S. to a meeting at
Mrs. Sweet's. The State St. people were
considering the idea of uniting all their
mission work, having one instead of two
societies. Mrs. Sweet wanted Mrs. Lynn and
me to meet the committee, and tell how
the plan worked here. Mrs. L. could not
go because of a severe cold, so I went
and told all I could about the
working of our League. I came back by
train, hoping to meet Father, but he
came earlier. Instead I met Mrs.
Holman who had been to the exhibit

She has suffered fearfully from headaches
for a long time - so much that she says
she feared for her mind. She was
carefully examined by a physician to
learn the cause - was told there was
none, it must be her eyes. The oculist
told her her glasses were wrong, they
were special lenses and had been put
in for the wrong eyes, and kind side
lenses. She had been looking with
one eye and he wonders she has any
sight left.

Thurs. the year Round Club met at
the Hamilton with Mrs. Reed. They
have no home, only the Dix rooms,
so she engaged a room at the Hotel
and served candy only. From there I
went to Miss M. Quinn's to have a
treatment for Janie's hair, then to
supper in A. J.'s room, and to meeting.

Friday the Friday Club entertained
the clubs of the city at the 1st Cong.
and a Japanese from Smith gave a

talk on Japanese women. I did not go
Dance too tired to go out a second time
I to A. H. A. F. walked to Mrs.
Crafts, then to Miss Samble's on St. Jerome
Ave. I rode to the bus - then walked
we and both had a filling of our
suits. Then we walked to High St.,
where I did various errands, getting
home at 12.15 - too tired, as I said, to
go out again.

Sat. I stayed in all day. After dinner
A. F. went to the new Music Hall at
Mt. Holyoke to try the piano - called on
Gard Patisserie, had lunch at the Tea Room
saw part of a basket ball game.

J. H. had a full day. She made cake,
washed underwear - cleaned out her
bureau drawers - moved back to her
own room from the spare - washed and
ironed a lot of lawn ribbons and a
pair of white gloves - did her mending,
studied - walked to Baldwin's for
tea to Mrs. James Norton's for A. F.
and was ready for bed at night

Even. we had an odd experience. The
y. M. C. S. engaged Mr. Skinner for the
men's meeting. His price was so big
they wanted to make it easier, so it
was planned that Mr. Kolyola would have
him at 5 P. M., one S.S. at noon, the
1st Cong. in the A. M., each one paying
something. The meeting was duly advertised
and was to take all of an S.S. time
in the A. M. Father was studying his
lesson as usual, when A. J. asked why
he did it - there was no need, some
lesson would be taught. he laughingly
replied it wouldnt hurt him to study it,
suppose the man should be ill, where
would we be. he would have two
lines out so. Just before I went into
church Mr. Sk^r laughlin told me he
was afraid they were going to be
disappointed. Mr. Burgess, y. M. C. S. Secy
had not heard from ~~Mr. Sk~~ Mr. Jones
who was to entertain him had not seen
him - he & Harry Ely were going to
the 1st Cong. to see if he was there

We started S.S. in an indefinite way,
but by 12.30 recited to our own souls
as no man had been heard from.
Father was prepared you see and the
rest of us "got along somehow"

7.15 P.M.

Your letter came. I do not
know what to say and do not
want to say anything, till I talk
it over with Father. He has not
come to supper. I imagine he may
be in S. attending a committee meeting
in the interest of that Baptist Home
which has been agitated so many years.
It has been postponed twice and was
to come off some time. Perhaps this
is the time for it. I am sorry. I
wanted to write at once - it is so
unusual for him to be out an evening
and its unfortunate it comes tonight. One
of us will write soon -

Loveingly
Mother

Friday P. M.

Dear Ellison

Your letter came this A. M. and
it upsets all my plans as recorded
on my calendar - am I wrong, or are
you? You say "Lottie will probably
come to H. June 18" - my calendar
says Mt. H. commencement (and Smith
also) ~~comes~~ begins Sat. 11 - ends. Wed. 15
with commencement ex. (and! Smith has
Dianetics on Fri. 10) Lottie's letter of Feb. 1
says "commencement time June 11" - now
where are we - who is wrong?
Mrs. Taylor says commencement here
(which Lois provides again) comes June
15 - I hardly think Lottie's session
comes, after that. Please straighten
this out and let me know when
I am to have company -
Again you say "I may possibly stay

to come up with her then I wrote that
I shall come up earlier (than that is)
Have your plans changed? I thought
you couldn't possibly get away till
July - you wrote us that Dad & Father,
greatly against his desires, wanted to
sail till the 26th of July, because you
could not start earlier - you could not
come home - you were tied. Now you
talk of coming here - going to Bridgwater
for June 29 - possibly to Rockport -
how can you do all these things,
if you could not go with Father till so
late - I do not understand the
situation evidently. I don't need to
tell you I shall be glad to have you
here - how long can you stay -
when shall you come? Do you
know whether Lottie is planning to
bring one or more girls with her
I told her she was welcome to use
you room, as well as the guest, if
we choose for the girls and it need

make no difference in the plans, if
you come at the same time. You
can keep your room. F. can sleep
on the veranda by that time - perhaps
Father's bed will be out and we can
accomodate you, as I told her before.

Yes we did misunderstand - we
thought it was a desk - Morris
chair which were coming - we have seen
neither ^{to all right now we know why they}
^{did not appear}

You show that looks very well
I think - as you will wear me so
little, I should think this might do
this summer - I have at last found
the Bevanette bag and it is fastened
over the bath tub, with water on
it, to see if it gets through - perhaps I
will try it again when it rains.

We will send the autoharp along
when we can pack it.

I believe that answers all the
questions in your letter. Shall hope for
another soon to answer mine.

Does Howard have a church or
quilt wedding? Hazel Lookey Mrs.
R. S. Allgins sister was married on
Thurs. such a round of parties
~~does~~ receptions I should think
would wear a girl out before the
wedding day.

Do you read Lotties letter
returned after Father reads it?
Glad to get it -

Loveingly

Mother
Father has come to supper. He
says what does the letter mean
I thought he couldn't possibly have
Remett till July 6 and have
taken a boat I didn't want for
instead of one I liked better
because he couldn't get away
He asks if you are coming in

June do you go back again
to Kemeth - do you pack here
or there. We are all at sea
because we didn't expect
you you see. Understood now
shall be glad to have you here
but don't see when the time
comes for. Do you first
work at Bedancroft before you
come home?

Sunday 4.20 P.M.

Dear Elham;

Father has gone to work, F. H. is sitting on couch. A. S. is in her room. Mary is out. I am on the veranda by the dining room. It is so cold indoors we need a fire and I came out here to be warmer. Our fire went out during the week and Father hates to start it again, so we get along with grate fires. It isn't real warm out here, but it is fairly comfortable. The Marshalls, with Leonard & Margorie Parfitt, are spending the day at Laurel Park. I am wondering how it is up there.

None of us feel very brilliant today, for we were up to see the comet last night. I have been saying that I was content to wait till the comet got into the west, before I tried to see it. Well, yesterday it struck us that it would be more effective in the dark and so we would see it last night. Father set an alarm for 2.30 - I do not know what hour A. S. took for her alarm. As it rained yesterday, I had little faith in seeing the

cannot at any hour. Bert & F. & F. were
before their alarms, but saw nothing. A. F.
didn't get up again, but F. was up
some or for time and saw no coast -
there were too many clouds at the horizon
and today we all realize we did not sleep
well.

It has been a busy week here. Judge
Chapin has had a hard cold and F. has
has been in boat most of the week. I can
not recall anything special for Mon. or Tues.
only that I helped Mary wash and later
helped get house ready for company, sewed
and wrote letters, then got games ready.
A. F. came back from Boston Mon. night
she had played at Mr. Kall's school and
we stayed at Hotel Bellevue, called on
Carson Stevens.

Wed. we were up before 5 A. M., so F. could
could go to Boston to an important political
committee meeting. I got up with him, but
after I got his breakfast, I went back to bed
for awhile. The day was given to preparation
for eve. when we had the Teacher's Party.
We invited 21, including wives, Mother M.,
Ernie and K. Alstead replied to their

invitation, but she sent a regret letter -
writing, or told the young folks why they
could not come. The last of all women.
They represented some place and some were
very bright, others far fetched. Miss Fay
had a dolls chain, which she kept
offering to demand - it was Williamson's
Miss Allen had been in a bag. And she had to
keep it close, but she would let us see it.
It was a tiny cup - cancer and was Pink
Misses Barrigan & Brown had pictures of
hotels, they were both called Inu. They
had planned it together and kept close to
each other - they were Dublin. Helen
was St. A for St. Helena - demand
was or for Lenox. J. H. had a pillow
she pinned on one side, on the other
a picture of a house, with a over it. For
blushing (her own idea) I had Miss
Laport's photo and was Karanna -
A. J. was puzzlers. She was waiting, but
when asked what she was, she was three
No. 1 she swayed always to the left for
Rock port - No. 2 she half shut her eyes
peered around & said I see tourists for Dublin

No. 3, what are you? "I'm aff alfi"
for Analfi - We spent some time guessing
these things, the papers were passed and
30 of the United States - articles traced on
paper - were given out to guess. Miss Allen
got 6 right, Miss Barrigan about 15 -
After that, they went to cards pinned in
various places, on which was a holiday
menu of courses to guess. We progressed then
to Mrs. L's, where we had ice cream and
cake and played charades. I think they
all had a jolly evening.

Thurs. I wish too thick to see and
instead went down town for errands
in A.M. & P.M. I went to Fairview,
hunting for a washerwoman. All I knew
was the name given me, Mrs. Le Sebore.
From Directory I judged the name might
be Le Sebore by Montreal St. Bally Fortune
advised me to go to Bally's grocery store and
inquire. I got off at the wrong corner, had
quite a walk to reach the store, and was
sent right back to where I got off - found
the house, but not the woman, who was
in N. Her boy said she had work for

Every day and didn't want more, so I
can look, had supper at Beebe's new
restaurant, went to S.S. committee meeting at
7, prayer meeting at 7.30 and finished the
com. meeting, while others went to the
Teachers meeting.

Friday I hand papered, the painted,
the overhauls seller and that old rock, which
we watered once with cord. In the eve.
I went alone, out of the 9 teachers at our
corner, to a S.S. Teachers conference at our
church. Father was completely tired at A.F.
nearly so - J. H. I told to go to bed - Helen
went to Phi Delta house - Emily was in
Springfield. I don't know where Joe - Jennie
was, possibly at the sugar eat at the
house club house. A.F. - J. H. had
expected to go to take tea & spend eve.
with Miss Elias, but she had to postpone
it.

Sat. I worked most all day on chairs
A. F. helping me in P.M. I cleaned the
front. Then varnished the one Mr. Wheeler
made and painted two others.

J. H. - Helen went to spend the P.M.
with Miss Bull, who talked to them
about using a sand map. Her training has
been very helpful to the girls, who seem to
be doing good work with their classes.

After my chains were done, I went downtown
and found a woman who has agreed to
come tomorrow to wash, but I fear I shall
not see her.

Mr. Fidd
woman did not come, so we had to
do the work ourselves. came rather
hard after getting up for the coast.
Mr. Young says it was grand at
3 A.M.

You got the letter I suppose telling
you the desk - chain did not come
I will forward a paper which
came from Rochester - a second
one & see do you want it?

Truly

Mother

5.45 P.M.
Sunday.

Dear Elham

Before I get Father some supper

I will start your letter. I had too
much dinner to want to eat now.

Patel here with potato, asparagus, jelly,
brown bread, strawberry short cake and
candy filled us full. F. H. has just
gone to L. C. in car - a little later George
& Kate crashed down - Leonard, who
was going with Helen for lunch, left
her and rushed into the house after
after the others. They all seem interested
in the L. C., which was started recently.
J. H. took her turn at leading two weeks
ago. They had a membership contest,
to see which side could gain most members.
Friday night a supper was served by the
losers to the winning side. They all went
and I gave no order in regard to time to
come home. F. appeared at 10.15. She
says after supper they played games in the

parlor leaving the dishes till later. The
volunteers slipped off without her seeing
them, for the 9.30 P.M. Dr. Nelson was one
of the nurses, she must stay for dishes,
so Leonard went with F. to the car &
she came home alone. I asked Dr. Nelson
when they came and he said it was
11.30 when they got home. What did
mother think of it? Oh she was mad
and I don't blame her.

9.30 P.M.

Home again from church. Mr. Lyon has
gone to La Américas at Chiriquo
and Prof. Evans has preached for us
giving two excellent sermons. He always
has some practical thoughts and gives
something for us to remember. That
reminds me, that Mr. Rand the other
asked Father if you would be able to
preach here in August - they are planning
for the vacation and would give you
a chance, but Father said you will
not be here.

A. F. is in Boston - next yesterday
A. M. to play at Mr. Platt's puppet O.

recital last ev. she spoke of the program
and 4/5 of the pupils present had been
taken to her by Mrs. Helen S. Brown,
most of them her own pupils. A. F.
was to go to the Ballroom and come
back tomorrow.

For the week, Mon. & Tues. was the
day of the S. - Musical Festival. A. F.
wanted to go Mon. to hear a pianist,
but pupils prevented. Tues. she went
down towards noon, did errands and
started for the Mallory. At Court Square
we met Arthur Noyes, who gave us a
cordial invitation to go to the Cooley &
dine with him but we refused. We
did not know just where Jamie would
get down and did not dare get
tied up in a hotel, so far from the
Square. We had lunch, did another
errand, met F. at the Theatre had
seats in first balcony, alongside of Mrs.
Charles & Mary Blake & Jane Blythe.
It was a Symphony concert with
Kreisel violinist and it was fine
a wonder and as prog was

the interest shown by the orchestra, who stayed on the stage and applauded heartily. After the concert, he met Adams again, went with him for a ride, then home, just escaping the rain. In the eve, we went over to Mrs. S. to call on Mrs. Schopfield & her mother, who came on Mon. in their way home from the wedding. They were over to G. Haddy and we could not wait for their return, so went home to write invitations to the high school teachers, to come here next Wed. for the evening. After all was done, I discovered I had said May 10, when it ought to be 11. Father went over to tell Helen to change hers and then I went, to see if they thought we better change the day and have the Tues. When I got there I found Helen had had hers all changed, and came back & changed mine.

Wed. A.M. I went down town. After dinner, I went to see Mrs. Schopfield who went home about 2.30. He read to us some French, which the family

wrote the day after the wedding. I
copied them and will send them
to you - possibly you may think Lotie
might be interested in them too. You
will see some are omitted, these were
written by ^{Fallen} ~~Anderson~~ (12 y old)
who took them home before Mrs. S.
thought to copy them.

No. 4 "Fallen + Lee" did the decorating
"5" "Billie" are the grocers both Hellen
& "Albert" is the train broker, who
put a box with gift in cellar.

"10" When Dr. came, his wife had
everything laid out as she thought
for him, in the room where the
men were to dress, and as it was
late told him to breathe. a call
came for her - she went to the room
& there was Dr. in underwear, jacket
shoes, vest, coat, silk hat & no
pants & could find any.

"15" Mr. Mellor had a bottle of wine
(not for the wedding) as charges

were to take, he thought it wise to
put that bottle away, so put it up
high on a shelf. Later a waiter asked
so silly Mr. M. mistook something
very good nearly all his wine
was gone and complained to the house.

No. 17 Robert Meller has three girls
on the string - the number which
will win - all three are Marions.

No. 28 Mr. M. had to go to North
by train, with its forgotten door
key.

No. 30 The baggage that got turned &
swatched was Foster Dwing not
the ladies.

They went to Mrs. Dwing home in North
for the night and have taken auto
trips days - the they came to Mrs. Hardy
home in S. called up her, was going
to Pittsfield and on being a
delightful luncheon together.

To go back. Ned. J. M. Mrs. Collings
made a long call. They have rented their
cottage and a family is there now to stay
till Aug. then they go to the mountains
& the Collings take the house for Aug.
the others in Sept. again. He says
George is to be a mechanical engineer,
& Frank is taking up forestry.

Then I closed my bible party
the next to meeting is over.

Friday, club met with Mrs. Rand -
her new home on Fairfield Ave.
The house has been made over inside
and is very pretty. After the club
Mrs. J. & I walked home. That was
the day the girls went to the G. S.
upper -

but we went to a stampery festival
& cake sale in Johnson. Ruth's old store
for the Home for Aged People.

9.00 Mon. A.M.

Washing to done and accounts called
so I will finish this. Mr. Evans says

Chautauque opens July 12 or 13 he
thinks. We agreed to see Mr. Harris had
see what arrangement could be made
about our having the piano for the
summer after Chautauque was over.

I think I have told you all the
news. Oh I had company in S.B.
yesterday. Mrs. Hester of the 1st Baptist
church visited us for quite as she has
just taken the piano down there.
My heart sank when I saw her but
I got through pretty well.

The plan of a Round Robin with
Lotha evidently didn't work as
I do not get any from you. We
sent for Aunt H. & N. D. to spend
yesterday with us as Mr. was in S.
Caring for Sells Par who had had
apparently removed. They couldn't come
for Mr. had returned and N. D. had
a S.B. class.

Must stop and get at my
work. We think of you often and
wonder how they are developing for
next year.
Lovingly Mother