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Please send my love  
to all your family  
I don't like  
to I know  
Walter  
Sunday Feb. 12, 1905.

My dear mamma.

I was so glad to hear from you yesterday but I was awfully sorry that you sent me money because I am not penniless and should let you know if I was. I had still a dollar left and I know that in the concert I the 2.00. I should get 5. or 6.. Now I am going either to send some of this back to you or Mr. H., if you think best. or lay it aside for Commencement for you people. You let me know which you think is best. It makes me feel bad to think of you poor dear mamma going without things and sending

me all that and you mustn't do  
it. You are more successful than  
anybody I ever knew. I tell you I  
shall be proud when I have you all  
out here. I want Marion to come  
again, if she possibly can.

Really my washings haven't done  
any better yet. I haven't washed  
more than three times and I didn't  
wash at all for the first three weeks.  
So see! And also you know that  
I have fun all the time. The opportunities  
are so great and the days so full  
that it is somewhat bewildering.

Our sleigh ride was grand.  
We started at 7.30 and with the  
sunset glow confaded, the new

moon and the stars appeared. We were well covered  
up and I never made me take her fears so that it  
was very warm. (She was sick with grippe). We sang  
and told stories till we arrived at the country church in  
an hour and a half. The good ladies had a most  
delicious supper awaiting us in the parsonage  
of the old colonial church. There was salad and  
lovely rolls and jellies and coffee and cake  
and figs beside the richest and best oysters  
steak <sup>with waffles & pickles</sup> that we have ever had on a ship's side.

There were seventy of us there  
and we made the place ring  
with laughter after the tables were  
cleared. Each house did some-  
thing funny. The most original  
thing was perhaps the representation  
of the visit of Mrs. Bevell to a  
student's room, where she finds  
a girl sick. She examines  
her throat, ties up her head & sticks  
two big crutches (representing  
jacks) into her mouth, orders for  
the nurse, takes the girl to the  
Infirmary and then fumigates  
the room.

All the funny peculiarities  
of Mrs. Bevell were exaggerated

and we had a lot of fun out of it.  
As I said in the postal I think,  
we went to Northampton on Wed.  
AM. and finding Mr. Shelton  
Sick, had a young man take  
our pictures. The basket ball  
pictures came out very well  
considering and mine I think  
are also good. I couldn't decide  
which was best. You see, they  
informed me when I came back  
that I must have this large  
size for the Alamarada.  
I was "pleased" at first because  
I had big feet - but I think

that Mr. Bolles may like them  
better than the "inverter boards"  
I shall have only the one, if possible.  
Wednesday evening brought an  
interesting joint lecture by Mr.  
Josiah Strong and Mr. Tolson  
on "Social Service." Mr. Strong  
was at my breakfast table the  
following A. M. and I enjoyed  
him.

We had class meeting Friday  
and then I went to that "Silver Sea"  
which I mentioned on postcard.

I don't like swell down.

Today Mr. Harry Fiske

(who was at Silver Bay) has made a deep  
impression on the college by his address. This  
is the day of Prayer for colleges. He was grand.  
Ellicott called yesterday and Clara had to entertain  
him  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. instead of me. P P P P. She was  
cross!

I am very glad that John is doing so much better.  
You tell him that he shall get to college yet if only he  
tries.  
Love to Papa. I'm so glad he is home now.

Marion has written two lovely  
letters and a postal but I can't write  
any more now. She'll see this and  
know that I want to write.

Tell Mr B. that I have written  
Elizabeth and will write her soon.  
I will return these clippings for her.  
I appreciated his letter very much,  
and his thought about registration.  
I think that I shall call at some time  
in Spring vacation March - April  
and join them. I don't think  
that he ought to do it for me  
either.

Etta says that there may  
be a vacancy in Meriden next year.  
That would be next best to Danbury

Thanks to both of you &  
well for letter

Very lovingly  
Lottie

Dear Emma and all-

Has Hattie's

engagement been announced in the paper yet? Ought it not to be?

I have just made an informal application (let this be entirely private don't mention it to a soul) for a position in A. H. S. for next year - I don't expect anything but thought that it would do no harm to apply.

I was glad to get your note last Monday A. M. You spoke of black crepe - I think that you had better have that made up for yourself. Do you like the brown? If you don't someone

She can have it and you can have  
different.

I had short letter from Elizabeth  
Thursday saying she had not decided  
to leave. Now Mr. Bolles has sent  
me check for 200 to join Fisk's Agency  
and I don't want him to do it. I know  
that he needs all his money for Haiti.  
What shall I do?

If both Mrs. Moody & Mrs.  
Marshall are busy, I suppose it  
will be impossible for me to get any  
work done and I really have quite a  
lot to do. Let me know if Walter  
finds any body and also definite  
plans. especially date.

Went to walk this morning with Miss  
Foy (whom Marion knows). Then I went to  
Miss Molloy's Bible Class where we had lesson  
on Micah. I didn't go to church - but went  
to Bible Class. This afternoon I have read  
and acted and written very little. I had a  
little speech to make in Y. W. C. A. this evening.  
Last Friday night I had supper with the  
seniors in Porter and had a lovely time.  
I guess that I never have mentioned  
it. Hope that you are all well.

I am feeling just and looking  
forward to home coming in about  
two weeks. How are Tom & Marion &  
George & John etc. etc!

This is a nearly letter as Mr.  
Boller says - but somehow there  
seems very little to say but  
God night with a heart full  
of love to all you home folks  
Lothy.

Sunday Mar. 12, 1905

Everett Willard Lebit  
Box 794.  
Jan. 15, 1908

Dear mamma;

Here is to a happy birthday!

It is the 15th isn't it? I have  
both the 15th or 21st marked but  
always get mixed when I try to  
think which is yours and which  
is Papa's.

Your good letter came to-day.  
And I was so glad to hear. The  
Round Robin came also and since  
Teacher's meeting I have done nothing  
but write for it. So I'll not try to  
repeat as I must begin work.

Try to encourage George as much  
as you can, won't you. I want him  
to try very hard and do his best.  
That will be the chief benefit to  
him I think. I'm glad he likes  
the library. Give much love

to Marion for me. I want to see  
her very much. The little one must  
be lovely. Is his name really Exult?  
Isn't Papa pleased? Do tell Marion  
to be careful if she does come home.

Yes, I had a nice letter from  
Loring acknowledging present and  
asking me to come and see them.

I am going to send this little  
bit of money because I don't  
know what you want especially.

But I want you to use it in  
some pleasure for yourself.

Now must please.

So have a happy birthday and  
the best year yet.

With heaps of love  
to you and Papa  
Lottie.

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE.

South Hoar, Mass.

March. 26, 1882.

Dear Francine, etc.,

It's nearly 2 o'Clock and I have written hardly a word to-day. but it has been a busy Sunday. You ~~are~~ - well - how much have I told you about H.?' My team played wonderfully in the first two games. I have never seen their goal throwing or passing equalled since I've been in college; but by Friday (two of the girls not having slept hardly any - and playing at 5.00 P.M. after a full days work for many) they seemed to be tired to death. We kept the juniors tied on 1st half & in fact were one goal ahead if it had not been for the bluffing of the junior referee. but in the second half. whereas they played with a new strength, my girls seemed to weaken out & they who had been able to <sup>play the</sup> ~~keep~~ from the sophomores, when we had beaten 20-6. won from us 10-5.

The class was perfectly grand about it and some girls say it has excited them more than any other thing that has ever happened - Of course it is probably for the best - but it was rather hard to hear for the first day.

because the Juniors were so jubilant. It  
is their first big victory. I felt bad to see  
my girls feel so bad too. but we didn't have much  
time to think. for initiation came that evening.  
The next morning Faith Weston sent me a bunch  
of violets and I had one or two nice little notes  
and the girls almost fell over themselves trying  
to make us feel happy. On Saturday we started  
at 5.00 for the banquet in Holyoke. We  
of course had a grand time there. I slept over  
this morning & Irene & I had a nice breakfast  
(in our room) which Anita & Rebecca (sister cooks)  
had sent over to us. It has been a beautiful  
day and I have seen out within you a little  
while. The birds are here and the grass is  
beginning to grow. I expect to be home  
by Tuesday eve. Can't tell time yet - probably  
between 6-8. I shall try to get some more  
to lace for dress in Boston.

Miriam's good letter came last night. You  
might let her see this & then send along to  
~~don't tell of it to~~ ~~some~~ ~~letter~~ (via mother's letter)

How Hallie's stockings come?

Don't work too hard.

I'll try to bring father's comb over.

See you soon - so I am & will see  
Christy letter.

Please return to L. R. H.  
Isn't it clever?

## Pais Irish Letter.

Gloucester Mass.  
April 4<sup>th</sup> 1906

Dear Lattie -

It's longing I am  
to see you, bad luck to the fate  
that ever took ye away from me.  
here's your mother and I  
and only three childer at home  
in the big Cabin.

Whwat was I ever thinking wot  
to part widd the rest of me  
childer. and go lonesome  
the rest wot me loife.

Divil take the man or woman  
that says one or two childer  
is nuff.

begorra, a good Bakers dozen

is none too much for me  
as long as I can get praties  
and a bit of pork & a pot  
of mush.

There's Hattie & Ruth down in  
the far country where the wooden  
nutmegs grow - and wather  
wv them has iver sent home  
as much as a sample wv them  
but woodnt a bit ~~and~~ it grated  
over me egg-nog taste foine -  
And here I am my mouth  
wathering fur the luxuries  
phwat the Lords & Ladies  
have, bad luck to them.

There's my Della, & her three girls

out in Bridgewater  
and it's once in a long stretch  
that I kin see them.

and Marion & her two byes -  
oh but they're all roight, ivery  
blissed one of them. and I nearly  
forgot the Husbands w<sup>o</sup> them all,  
foine lads, all three of them  
And y<sup>o</sup>urself, me Lattie,  
whin I begin to think phwat  
to say to yez the tears come  
to my eyes, to think there's  
no words good enough to  
and well have to coin some  
thing phwat'll be suitable  
to show the love + praise  
yez ourd Father wd be giving ye.

List, now, will jist wait  
and one of these foine days  
ye'll be Prisident of some  
foine college, then I'll come  
and see ye and shooke  
my pipe & take a bit of comfort  
and divil a thing to think me  
except me Byes & Bids  
and their good Mither.

Oh, but it'll be foine.

Now, jhuat the divil am I  
finduig so much fault about,  
whin I ought to be countuig  
me blessuigs and not be  
batheruig the loikes of ye  
wid me blarney.

And its me as kuorn better

Whin I've got as fine a family  
as iver was raised in the  
inverard isle.

Oh, well. God forgive me -  
And its a good noight ill  
be wishing ye.

From yer ould Father -

Everett O'Lane -

Kuisale - County Cork  
Ireland.

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P.S.

The nice present ye sent me  
came all roight - and I  
took yer mother and we went  
to Ipswich and saw yer  
Uncle Howard and yer Aunt Grace,  
and yer first Cousin Mabel,  
and yer second Cousin Howard,

and yer sister Della,  
and we had a foine time -  
And such a dinner!  
the loikes of the roast beef  
and praties & squash and  
ivery blisshed thing ye could  
think ev. and sudden, beside!  
Aye, but we had a great time.  
and spent ivery blisshed cent  
of that present for car fares!  
God bless ye.

Good night -

E. O'Lane.

CHARTERED 1881.

Gloucester Co-operative Bank.

Office, Bedford Building, 209 Main St., Room 204.

GLoucester, MASS.

ASA G. ANDREWS,

EVERETT LAMB,

President

Treasurer

May 24<sup>th</sup> 1906

Dear Lottie

I've just got your letter. I ought to have answered you last. I was in hopes to have some money and send \$11. to Mrs Gaylord but I don't get any. I had rather send it my self, you are not to blame, and you must pay all you can to Lucia and don't make any more bills. If I was talking to you I could explain better.

you know I am poor and proud and I had much rather send the money to Mrs G myself. I am very glad that you are soon to be at Home. I had a nice letter from Tell yesterday Marion and Tom and the two boys were over to Tell's Sunday. I wish you could get some one to hire or buy one of the

Cottages I am going to answer a  
postal now in regard to the Cottages  
from Poughkeepsie N.Y. I hope I can  
sell. the folks at home are well  
we are having cold weather here  
& bring some warmer clothes.  
The Thermometer in my office is  
at 66 now. to cool you comfort

61 years old.

With lots of love from  
your Father Edmund Lane

Rockport, Sept. 10. 1908.

Dear Lottie - I wonder if it is  
dreadfully warm. With  
you to-day. It certainly  
seems warm here. It is  
some frost there by the  
clock - Ethel has gone.  
Ruth in front chamber  
studying - Geo. gone for  
a walk - and hopes to get  
some wild grapes, or cran-  
berries - or at least to get  
a bag for that purpose.  
Your good letter came  
yesterday. And one from  
us - today. I will enclose.  
Busy day with Papa.  
Ruth went out for a little  
walk yesterday <sup>AM</sup> and thinks  
she will today.

I think she has plenty of  
work to do - Miss Abber-  
resigned & goes to day to Fall  
River - at an increase of  
\$200, making her salary  
I think \$1000 - I have  
canned a few jars of  
Tomato - and some of  
peas - and having been  
ing <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ few barberries I  
brought home - have baked  
a loaf of cake & some (2)  
squash pies & bread.  
& also roasted meat -  
Carol said she had 3  
out of eight examples  
right & that she was  
in B - division - so  
think she must work  
a little harder - Papa & I  
walked down to the head -  
lands - Labordog etc

and we sent<sup>3</sup> Billy Love  
by the P.O. he enquired  
for you - said he was work-  
ing at Long Island & when  
he said - I did not en-  
quire for his wife -

Ruth says (Dorothy Dring)  
The Marshall girl had her  
baby. Left for all of  
the talk - just think  
graduated - in June.

~~I wonder~~ Didnt tell his  
mother even - was married  
last March - so the story  
goes - I am glad your  
trunk came so quickly  
to see your money reached  
you before you needed it  
bad - Have you heard  
from Lucy - so sorry we  
couldnt have made it  
pleasant for them - but -

I will try to write in a  
word or two - Geo is almost  
home sick for B.K. or  
Ella - I hardly know which  
Perhaps Geo. had better  
be getting ready to step  
in to Gertrude's place -  
I don't believe her  
head will last any  
too long - Suppose it  
would be wise to go to  
work with his father -  
There are boys who would  
be glad to - or glad of  
such a position - it  
might be a great blessing  
to the family - if Geo. should  
we can think about it a  
bit - anyway - need not  
mention it in your letter

that - goes the rounds  
just now - by by -

Don't work too hard -

We remained only one  
letter to Eliza,

Northampton st.

mother,

C. B. wrote a short  
note, but guess I sent  
on to you - He said  
"They have gone, they  
have gone" - 9/9.

you can send to C. B.  
if you think best  
When you write sometime  
Bard teased me to go up  
to Glen - after you left F.W.  
& I went to F.W. & I  
tested think I shall see

CHARTERED 1887.

# Gloucester Co-operative Bank,

Office, Banked Building, 107 Main Street, Room 201

GLoucester, MASS.

ASA G. ANDREWS,

EVERETT LANE,

President.

Treasurer.

Oct 22 - 1908

Dear Lottie

I received two letters from you and will now try and answer

I should be glad to have you at home and at the Bank but the pay is only

\$6.00 <sup>per week</sup> I have never paid more than

that so you see you would be losing money but it is worth something to be at home. Eva Nickerson

Herrick. had a girl baby born

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1908 she is getting along

nicely Ralph says. You know I am not sure of being elected another

year, but I shall know near enough after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of March 1909

they won't have an old man for ever.

Still I think I may hold my position

for some time yet.

You would be all right for the week but there's things to learn and it would not be all fun. Eva made up the distribution of profits for me, and I paid her \$25.00 it sounds simple but there's lots of work to it and my work has increased so that I don't do any of the Book keeping. we have not yet touched up the Bank Commissioners report for the year ending October 30<sup>th</sup> it's a pile of work with thousands of figures. I have got to hire some one to do this Gertrude could not do it. I don't think of my giving up work, that won't occur until I am dead.

You remember that passage in the Bible, "children obey your parents." If you are going to teach Chiasmus do it here and then send them to

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CHARTERED 1887.

## Gloucester Co-operative Bank,

Office, Bedford Building, 125 Main Street, Room 101

GLouceSTER, MASS.

CHA S. ANDREWS,

President,

EVERETT LANE,

Treasurer.

China and let them teach.

I think with all the hard work that I have had for my family that I deserve to have my children with me in my last years. next march 21<sup>st</sup> I shall be 64 years old. if I live. We shall be very glad to have you at home with us and we can arrange it all right. I am writing at the desk where Geo Bradford made lots of his money. we moved in to the rooms of the Standard Deposit & Trust Co at the corner of main and Duncan streets. got in here Oct 1<sup>st</sup> we have a splendid big Vault big as a bed room. Its a nice Office. we sold the Office fixtures and safes

at auction I bought a Sofa  
and sold it and made \$8,90 on  
it the folks at home are all  
well. At most ten P.M. and  
I must pull for the Shore

I think I have answered all  
questions. with lots of love  
and kindest wishes

Yours Feather  
Edwith Lane

05.6

Rackport Mass  
Thurs Nov 19<sup>th</sup>  
1908

Dear Mother

I received your kind letter and should have answered before but have been very busy. I am now in the sitting room at No 15 High St. Present Mother reading the Bar Harbor record. Carol John & George each reading a Book. Ruth is in the bath Kitchen Studying. I have been down to the Water office and paid my water bill \$25.50

Right over across the  
the street which I  
visited some time

and still have more to pay.  
and I collected \$20.00 from the  
town, for rent. Festina Allen  
is dead and buried so I shall  
not get any more rent from  
the town. I am going to have  
a store in Rockport the  
Blatchford store. W. B. Spurr  
is going to pay half of the rent  
and expense, he will put in  
his goods and I my goods.  
I am going to try and get  
rid of the fardliners and  
china ware a few clocks  
jewelry and pictures &c  
I am going to hire a girl  
for \$3.00 per week to tend store.  
Mason is clearing up the  
goods at the Blatchford store,

I can't make any more there  
and I think your first will  
and that Stone.

Eva Nickerson is making up  
my Bank report for the Bank  
Commissioners. Gertrude  
is working at the Bank at  
half pay. I like our new  
Office, Electric lights and hot  
and every thing handy and  
clean. Next month I shall  
pay off the 2<sup>nd</sup> Series we  
you have assets of over  
\$416,000,00 we have paid  
6 per cent interest for nearly  
twenty two years. April first will  
commence the 23<sup>rd</sup> year.

But I suppose I have written  
all of this stuff before.  
~~It~~ will be nice to have you  
at home with us and I  
shall be very glad to have you

at home again. I wish you  
were going to be at home  
with us at Thanksgiving  
but Christmas will soon be  
here and then you will be  
at home and I expect  
Marion will be here  
Mother has had a barrel  
of Apples headed up and  
tagged for Thomas & Hall  
Bridgewater and I have been  
down to the Express office and  
paid the charges to

no you are not to be an  
old maid Lottie dont think  
of that the year or so will  
soon slip by. I hope you are  
enjoying your work and  
are happy all the time  
with lots of love from Mother  
or home

# Gloucester Cooperative Bank

OFFICE TRUST CO. BUILDING, 191-1-3 MAIN ST.

GLOUCESTER, MASS.

AAR. G. ANDERSON, President Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 1909 EVERETT LANG, Treasurer

Dear Lottie Private

Your letter received about the Tea Spoons the Sterling Silver ones are \$4.50 and \$5.60 each 1/2 doz, the silver plated ones good \$1.25 for 1/2 doz. Reg & postage would be about 16¢ I think on 1/2 doz. Silver ware costs more than it did a few years ago but the pieces are for good weight. nice Tea Spoons Sterling Silver yesterday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> I signed the bill of sale of my stock & furniture and I got 4 notes of \$500, 2 of \$200, and with the accrued interest the amount was \$3073.<sup>00</sup> now I owe Albert Walkerkins two notes of \$500, each and \$203.14 have

not figured up the interest but  
it will be enough.

we are all well. Mother has  
been up to the Bank this afternoon.  
I have not taken the safe of fixtures  
out of the Walpole Store yet  
but I think I shall ship them  
to Rockport. George Wetherbee  
could have paid me if he had  
tried. I worked up the business  
in the Walpole Store from \$600,  
the first year 1878 to \$1500,  
in 1884 when that George here  
have it. I gave him a fifteen  
hundred dollar business and  
he has given me not even the  
cost of the goods. I have got  
my check from the Boston  
Post \$100 for nonsense

lots of love from Mother  
Elliott Lane

You can sell the spoons at any price  
if you wish. I have given you the cost of

Old Ridge, New Jersey,

March 22, 1900

Dear Ed,

These birthdays come around so fast that I can hardly keep track. I am so glad that Marion is at home, and Ruth will be there so soon that it will be about the same! I looked all over Massachusetts to find something you would like, but I couldn't seem to find anything even in that big store - that employs from 6000 to 7000 people - and as I am going to send a check - and hope that you'll buy something that you want.

May the birthday be the happiest for many years, and may there be many many more still happier. The wind is blowing a gale, but it is

warrior and wild. The postal came  
from mother to-day and I was glad to hear.  
Beth sent a letter to her too, and as I heard  
from her.

Here is a picture of the girls' basket-  
ball team and one of the boys' team.  
When the family has seen it, - please  
send it to Beth, and then back to  
me.

Much love to the dearest father in

the world.

Lothe.

A Happy Birthday

to Mary of the

Bob