

students the ones whom you possibly think are not taking interest in the work? I imagine many of the most burndum themes come from your staidist and promptest students.

I don't suppose any of the local news would interest you. You know we have prohibition & good suppage here now. Eulina says she heard Nellie McElroy from Alberta speak on ~~suppage~~ and thought she was fine. Practically all Canada has prohibition of one sort or another at least no saloons or hotel bars any more. They vote the prohibition here by two thirds majority. ~~Supper~~ the men however couldn't vote they didn't want the women to get a chance to vote on it and get all the credit.

Love from
Willie

Dear Mary:-
I don't know how much you know about the news.

Cheroot Alta.
Dec 7, 1916.

Enclosed please find \$3.00 which is a delay of birthday present. I'm sorry I was unable to send it on time but better late than never. If you haven't any plans for the ~~now~~ I suggest using it to help take a trip after Christmas time. I'm sorry I don't feel able to send more. I suppose not renting the house at Berlin makes money pretty scarce with you.

I am making the amount \$3.00 to remind you that you are that many years old as is the immortal birthday custom. Also it is the size of my pocket book I wish I could make it thirty seven hundred.

I hope you don't feel disappointed with me because I write you so rarely. Of course I mean the letters & mamma expects in due measure to include all the family at home.

There seems to always be something else to say to mamma as I generally attach the letters to her though you are always & evidently in my thoughts. I suppose I ought to write personally to you occasionally as we are in such different lines of work that our ~~conversations~~ are likely not to refer us together much in ~~writing~~. You don't have any interest in farming and while I see the value of a certain amount of study in Eng. Lit. still it is a subject that forces me to extinction, and I should think it ~~would~~ ^{would} you.

I hope you are able to get your degree this

year but I would much prefer to see you not get it than to hear you run any danger of breaking down. In any you could not have taken a longer time at it with more of a real interest. It would wonderfully refresh your ideas and improve your production. As we can not out work of A*, partly with his eye to the gainstator, if your thesis is better than extremely mediocre you can partly yourself it is only because ^{as you have} you have a very brilliant mind. ~~As~~ ^{As} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~best~~ ^{best} work is likely to be forced in a hurry. Lots of ~~thinking~~ ^{thinking} with a certain amount of recreation and entire change of thought with a medium amount of actual writing will give you the best results. Take it from me. Don't you get your best things often from your most irregular

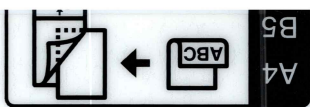


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