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Dear Willie :- Well, here I am in
Mary's pleasant room, and different
ones - faculty and students - have been
coming in and out and talking. Now
Mary is at her type writer, which leaves
me free for my letters.

I have been here a week (tomorrow)
and am having a fine visit, going
to classes, and getting brushed up on
literature, history and other subjects.
I expect to stay until the spring
vacation begins - March 28, and then

✓ Mary & I will go back to Oberlin,
Mary for the ten days vacation, and
I to stay - for a while anyhow.
You can imagine this is quite a
change from my visit to Evelina.
We are right in the big dormitory
and have no responsibility about
meals or anything. There is a big
dining room built since you visit
here, for the students have about
tripled ^{in number}. You may be sure I am
having a fine time with all these
young girls and the fine faculty.
But still I miss our darling baby.
She was just three months old when
I left Chicago, and I had so much
care of her right along, she grew heavier
every day.

3/ Eveline is not awfully strong, and
the care and nursing of the
baby has been very taxing.

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She is a most devoted mother - al-
most too anxious - and I did every
thing I could to relieve her. I was
four months in Chicago. I have
not had such a good visit with
Eveline since her College days. It
was really a perfect visit. From
beginning to end there was nothing but
the sweetest harmony between Eveline
Henry & myself. This is a good deal
to say when we lived in a little four
room (+ bath) suite, and had sickness
& a baby, and the most of the house
work to do. Henry has a fine disposition,
quiet, kindly, cheery, and never shirks

4/ any thing. He is very reliable in every way, and very devoted to Evelina and she to him, although neither one is demonstrative in public. And they both are perfectly delighted I have little Mary Evelina. You never saw a lovelier child, already so responsive with her smiles & little cute sounds, trying to express herself. We think she looks more like her father's family than like ours. Her coloring is like theirs. They have red hair - a light red, quite pretty in shade. But one never can tell how a child will look later. I don't know how the general public would regard her looks - but she is beautiful to us, and even at this age she shows a sweet disposition. She will lie awake for an hour, just looking around at the strange world

5/ she has come to live in, and then if we go and speak to her, she'll smile back, and her whole little body is one motion of joy, and she makes those cute little sounds that I call conversations, but does n't cry to be taken up. When she does cry we know there is a good reason. Henry + Evelina tried several times to get a snapshot of the baby with me, but at last we went to a photographer the day before I left Chicago, so I have n't seen the pictures yet.

I wonder if you remembered that Feb. 28, ^{the} was Aunt Mary's 75th birthday anniversary and sent her a card or a letter? Many friends + relatives did. She appreciates every little thing so much - even a card. And

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Did you ever acknowledge an Imperial
cake she sent you not a great while
ago? I don't mean the one she sent
from Oberlin the winter she was there.
Willie, I hate to scold you, but
really you do deserve it. If the
time ever comes when you feel "left
out", it will be your own fault
entirely. All the advances can't be
made from one side indefinitely - ones
feelings cool if not responded to. All
your friends and relatives feel the same
about it. It keeps me always trying
to "put the best foot forward," and when
you do write a letter and give a few
facts, I make the most of those for
some months until I hear something
again. Many ordered The Review

✓ of Reviews for you for Christmas,
and had it MRS. W. H. BELDEN
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OBERLIN, OHIO sent to Mount
Royal College. She wondered if you
would care for that or for anything
else from her, and she had no other
address. If you wish the address
changed, send a postal card right
away to the publishers. Also, if you
like her gift, write at least a postal
card to that effect to her. It is
worth a little effort to keep the love
of your friends and relatives. Life is
short, and it does no good to put
flowers on their graves.

I wonder what you do with
your spare time? For you must
have some. And have you congenial

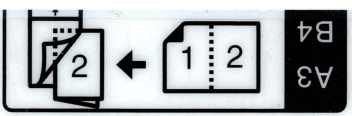
8/ friends? Will any changes be made
on the farm at Lehinook? Do
you have to go up there to see about
things often? When is your spring
vacation? The spring vacation here
begins I think Mar. 28, & lasts ten days.
I will be here till then when Mary & I
will go to Oberlin, she returning there
& I remaining at home. Our summer
plans are still somewhat in the air,
but we have not pinned up California.
It is not easy to arrange everything.
Would it be convenient & agreeable for
you if we stopped in Calgary either
going or coming? We could stay at
the Y.W. and maybe you'd go with us
to Banff & Lake Louise, or somewhere.
Love from Mary & your affectionate Mother
Edna S. Belden

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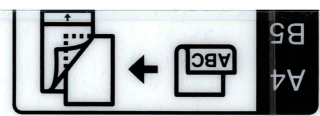


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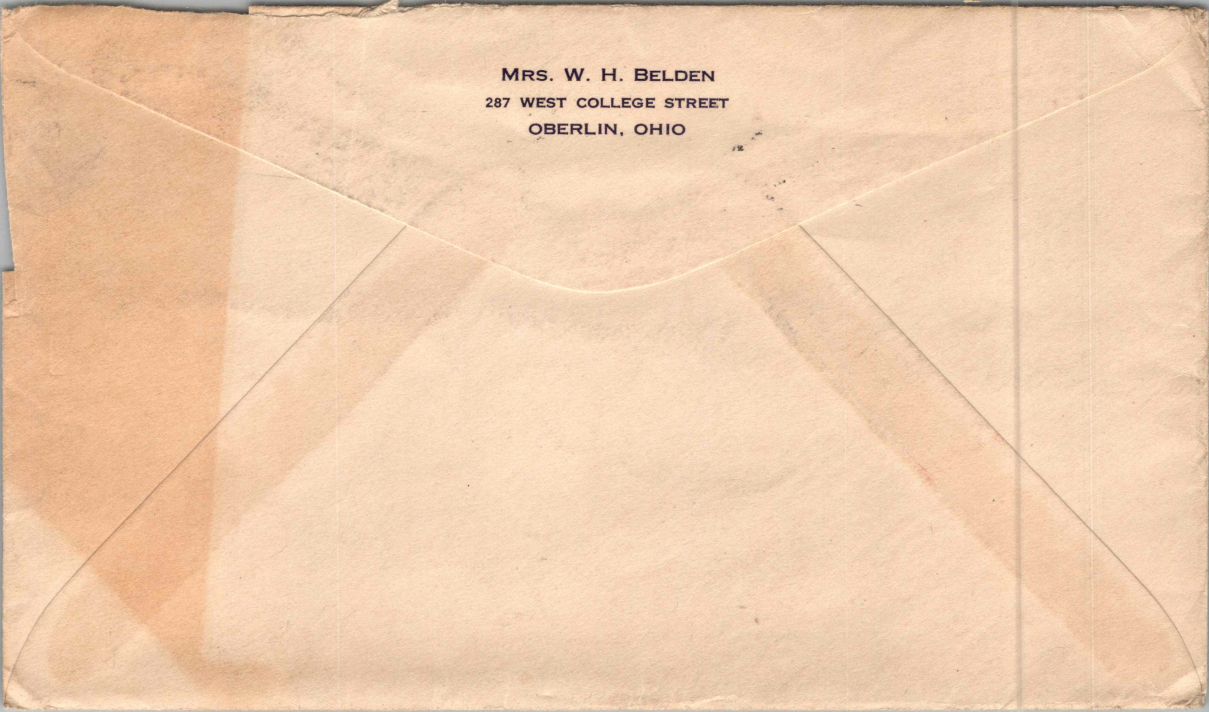
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