

Bristol  
July 22<sup>d</sup>

My dearest Mrs Alden:

As I turned the  
page of my Daily Strength  
this morning - I saw  
written on the leaf of  
the 23<sup>d</sup> "Mrs Alden's  
birthday" and planned  
in my heart a long  
love letter to you today  
in consequence, but  
many interruptions  
have come and it is  
now after ten and

The summer is even more busy  
than the winter for you. and the  
heat has been something frightful  
lately. Have you friends with you as  
you had last year & would: and I  
hope the S. M. U. Conventions were as  
enjoyable as you expected.

I am running round in the same  
circle with fewer trips abroad than  
usual, Grandma is very feeble and

her eyes are failing fast. Mother is  
better now the summer is here and  
they rejoice in the heat. Grandma  
thought Friday a delightful day because  
"it was not a bit chilly".

Mr Maul preached for us today & was  
as delightful as usual. but we were  
all saddened to hear announced  
from the pulpit the death of Mrs Tan Wagner  
Mr Riggs only daughter - poor man  
he will be crushed by this loss I fear

I go away for a day or two  
in the morning, but that  
only means that my  
last letter must be con-  
densed a little and  
carries just as much  
sorrow for trials and  
long sympathy - and  
prayerful hopefulness,  
and personal admiration  
with it as if it was ~~some~~  
long, and its only condi-  
tion is, that you are not  
to answer it.

I suppose that if possible

Mr Richardson is about  
as usual. his son Frank  
is with her this summer  
being out of a position.  
Mr Chidsey was our delegate  
to the C. E. Convention at  
Cleveland and has  
just given us a splendid  
report of its doings. I  
do not often attend  
the meetings now so  
it was quite a treat.  
I cannot possibly think  
of Seldon as in trousers  
and think it must

seem to be as positively set in a  
certain line of duty as yours are  
but I do wish I might share any  
strength - with - you - for I know you  
need that more than anything else  
May our dear Father have in store  
for you unexpected blessings in  
the coming year dear friend -  
In all join in sending you our  
heartfelt love and good wishes and  
much love for all of your home circle,  
Has dear Mr Alden dared to preach yet?  
I trust the summer is bringing  
him increased strength,  
I would like to send the proper  
number of boxes as the children do,  
but you and I need a separate  
sheet of paper now days to get on a  
box for every year. Lovingly yours  
Clara L. Brown

have been rather hard  
on you to give up your  
baby - Has he that same  
splendid serene brow?  
I do not want to think  
of him as changed in  
the least since I nearly  
squeezed the heart out  
of him on the Plainville  
platform - dear little boy.  
How I wish I might  
see and talk with you.  
I have had many  
wild schemes of going  
to Clifton, but my feet