

Preston
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My dearest Mrs Baldwin - and
Dear big girls - and little girls -
big boys and little boys -

I think I owe you all
letters, so will write to the
entire dear family, about
whom I seem to know no
little just now, for it seems
very long since I have
heard about you - and I
hope the beautiful spring
weather is finding you all
well and strong - I see

I dont think it pays to write so many
letters to people I dont know, for I dont
leave my friends out very often.

The 20th of January we had an evangelist
here, Mr Jackson & all the churches united
in union services twice a day for three weeks,
with many morning neighborhood prayer-
meetings. Some one said it was the realization
of Mr Phelps' hopes, when he said - what
a changed place Bristol would be, if people
only talked about their Religion on the streets,
that was just what they did - and the
result has been a great gathering into the
churches, on the first Sunday in March
thirty nine united with our church -
Hilda has probably written you as she and
Allie Ward and Mabel Peck was among them,
and more are coming in May - when I
expect to bring my letter from Phelps -

Hilda Peck at the German
Class occasionally - and we
always talk about you - but
as one German is rather
hatting - we do not give or
get much information -
I am sure I do not know
where the Miller has gone
tho' before I knew it - it was
New Year - and I have been
very busy in my two
offices of Regent of the
Katherine Gaylord Chapter
and State Secretary of the
Daughters of the Am. Revolution

The last of February quite
a party of us went to
Washington to the D. C. R.
Congress - Miss Root, ^{Washington}
Mrs Wm Lession - Miss Eda
Lession and her mother
and myself, we were gone
two weeks, In Miss Root's
stayd over for the inaugura-
tion - and saw McKinley
take the oath of office and
the great parade and
all the sights.

I came home however to

I am pretty well again, but not quite strong.
So many old people have died - that it
seems wonderful that dear Grandma is
still spared to us. My Seymour - Kildas
Grandfather - had the same trouble and
he died - the funeral was yesterday - and I
hear that your friend in Hartford - the lady
who lived on Worcester St - has also died recently.
I send you the Church report which I
have had in my desk a long time for
I thought Willie would like to keep it, as
his name is there -

This letter is mostly about myself - but it is
a sample of the kind I want from you -
for I want to know, how you are all
getting on - if you are all in school and
especially how the dear Mother of the family
is after this long weary winter.
We all send much love to you each and all,

Affectionately yours -
Clara Lu Brown

find my dear Grandmother
very ill with a distressing
form of Gripe - which attacked
the liver and she could not
retain any food for days -
It did not seem as if she
could recover - but she is
better now although not
able to get out of bed yet -
Has been sick for five
weeks and some of the time
I have been in bed too with
another attack of chills
So poor Mother had her
hands full, with us both -