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Th. July 12, 1894.
2 1/2 p.m.

My darling,

No letter from you yesterday + none yet today. You must have been working too hard for that lawn party? or maybe you are packing to return to us?

Last evening I went to prayer-meeting, expecting to speak, the lesson being a favorite passage of mine, James i. Dr. Foster called me up for the opening prayer; when I found somewhat to my surprise that I was suffering from some nervousness which made me abbreviate my prayer, + as soon after as I could go outside (it was at the Tabernacle). Then I had a real struggle for quite

Mrs. Davis has today, at my request, washed out + dried the refrigerator. But she got her hands bumped in doing it, which was not by my request.

a while — till ² the meeting was
nearly out — with a nervousness some-
what akin to the "panic" which sent
me off from Bridgeton for you here, once
upon a time that you can easily re-
call. But I am stronger in these
days than I was then, & besides, I found
I am here by Dr. Foster. But I had a
hard time of it for the hour. I con-
vinced myself that it was a tempta-
tion of the devil, as Dr. Foster would
say (did, indeed), & I reassured myself
with prayer, so that, altho' my heart
palpitated violently for a long time, be-
fore the meeting was out I was
mostly myself again. I went straight
to Dr. Foster as soon as he came out of
the meeting & told him my case, re-
minding him of that trip from B-
to this place, which he seemed to re-
member instantly; & I asked him if I

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needed to tell you came home; to which he said No, & gave me some medicine for the night. I asked him if my pulse was disordered, & he said it was perfectly regular — as it had by this time become. I sat down on the piazza awhile with Carrie & Mrs. White — Carrie had no need by my voice when I prayed that I was ill — & then I went home & slept as usual; & am not ²panicky this morning. That I think poor little Willie comes by the homesickness which is trying him too, very naturally.

I was more than usually disappointed at missing that particular meeting; but I did have to stay out altogether, and Marcia are both in the parlor,

which has led ⁴ from little Will to
beg me that he may delay his prac-
tising; & I have consented. He is doing
terribly well, if I keep at him, with his
music. As Dr. Foster remarked to me, I
am tired with the housekeeping cares.
O yes! I know; "now you see how
hard it is!" Yes, I do.

I am glad to see Willie staying
by the girls — the four — showing them
his kittens, Stanley's four & Blackie's
three, & chatting about them. It has
come over me pretty strongly this morn-
ing, that Willie is half as lonely as I
used to be at his age; & I am delighted
to see him getting a little company
out of his sisters & their cronies. He
even is talking with him now about the
kittens.

— Now I must set off for my
salt-mb. I hope your term-party has
rewarded its labours, & that the Bonds have
enjoyed their visit with you. — I will try

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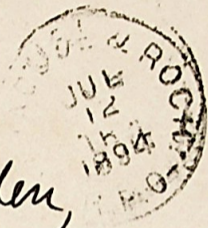
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send you the Faith banknotes when I can find an envelope such as you desire.

I think if the Oxford store keeps the "W. L. Douglas shoe" (such as I saw wearing, price *3.00), it would be to my advantage that you should bring me a pair, with privilege of exchange if they prove to be a wrong size. This can more easily be done at the Oxford store than elsewhere. They cannot be had here, I believe. The shoe is not a sewed one, but is somehow secured with a brass thread or something. I think the size should be 8; width between these two lines at widest point, back of the ball of foot. My usual size is 6½-7. Do not get smaller size than (8) eight. Lovingly, W. H. Belden.



Mrs. William H. Belden,
to Mrs. S. T. Scranton,
Oxford, Warren-co.,
New-Jersey.