

27th December 1899.

My dear Mrs. Belden:—

At a little

before seven o'clock last evening, Howard and I reached our destination without having had any adventures other than that of the car's being late, and being ourselves, very tired and cold.

I feel that we are going to have a very delightful visit here. It is very home like, and our friends insist on our being

perfectly free in every way.

Last night I was in bed over twelve hours. Wasn't that a pretty good beginning? My friend, Julia, and I have made a bargain. She is to see to it that I go to bed early and I am to keep her from eating candy.

I hope Mary and Ellen will have as good a record as mine is sure to be.

I want to thank Willie for mailing my numerous packages. We would have had time after all, and I am sorry that I gave

you so much extra trouble.

Please tell Belden that I am ready to keep my part of the contract, and am waiting for a move on his part.

Evieina, I suppose, entertains her little friends tonight. I know they will all have a delightful time, and I wish I might help get ready for them.

I forgot to say goodby to Miss Williams until after I had started; please remember me to her.

I shall be glad to hear from Mary and Ellen and Ellen and Mary if they feel inclined to write.

I trust that their math. will
turn out all right. It will cer-
tainly be much better if they can
get it out of the way this vaca-
tion, and I do hope they can.

I hope that you too, dear Mrs.
Belden, will be able to get the
rest which you so much need. Do
be good to yourself. I sometimes think
that these mothers need to prac-
tise selfishness a little.

I want to thank you for all your
kindness to us too.

I will write again - probably
next week. Howard, I think, will
not return very early.

With love to all,

Yours sincerely,

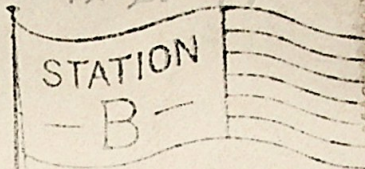
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