

Церово Май 10<sup>и</sup> 1884  
Уст. Румица.

Драга ми Приятелко,

Много съм ви благодарна че не сте мя забравили, но сте ми писали. Аз съм писала че съм забравена, защото аз съм писала на вас и на вашата сестра, но никой от вас ми не отговори.

Разваля се че ви сте добри и ви честития радостта на козоплаското сладко манне ви принася.

Аз много желая да ви видя но както сте толко далеч не мога.

Аз съм сега много добри и не съм вече въ гримизето.

Миняла та година аз съм вършила курсът и тази година съм въ работата на София.

Разваля се че ви не сте забравили Болгарския език.

Now I will begin in English.

I thought you knew I was not in school this year, but it seems that no-body has written to you about the five girls that graduated last year. I will write their names perhaps you remember them.

They are: Mrs. Petruna N. Teakova, Miss Mary E. Angelova, Miss Panka M. Sargardinova, Miss Elenka K. Petkancheva & Stepha S. Elieva.

All are in the Lord's work as Bible-Women, but Mary. She was married last Christmas to Mr. K. Palamidov. He is preaching in Koostenets, Mary's village.

Panka is Bible Woman in Haskiu and she is engaged to a man from that town. Elenka is in Macedonia, Petruna in Bania, near Samokov. - Now I am going to tell you what my work is.

In the beginning of October Miss Stone took me with her to be her companion in her touring. I was with her till Christmas and then as it was cold to go round we stopped

touring. Miss Stone stayed in Philipopolis & I in Pazardjik.

I have had a good work among the women in Pazardjik, especially among Orthodox. Our Women's Meetings on Friday <sup>even</sup>ing, most of the time in their homes.

Often times they would gather in some house and send for me to go to talk to them or read from the Bible. I can hardly tell you how happy I have been, when I have had a good work for the Master, & I don't think this work will be in vain. It is the work of God & he will bless it in His own time.

I am not in Pazardjik now but in a village 6 hours far from Pas. It is about two weeks since I came and I cannot have the same chance for work now because the villagers are most of the time out in the fields working. We had quite an interesting meeting with the women last Sunday. I don't think I will be here very long time because Miss S. is going to tour again, I think.

At Easter I went to Samokov for a little vacation and then I saw the beautiful picture of Mary & Ellen. I would be very glad to have one! Dear sweet children they are, I wonder if they remember me! I will send my picture as soon as I get it that they might see who is Stepha.

I had my picture taken a month ago, but have not with me any, I have send for some.

I wrote to Mrs. Carrie, (I don't know her new address) but she has not answered, and I don't know whether she got the picture I sent to her from Mary & Ellen. She said she did not have it & I bought one for her.

Please when you write to her give my love. I should be glad to write her now but the time is gone and I must get ready my food for tomorrow.

Is Mr. Beldon well? Hope I shall hear from you soon.

With much love to all of you and kisses to Mary, Ellen and little Willie —  
Your loving friend  
Stepha S. Elieva