

Try dear Ellen,-

I'm waiting for Margaret to be ready to go to Olive Nelson's, where we are invited for the afternoon with the girls' society. I wish I didn't have to go, for I have a lot to do.

I have just mailed a letter to a new agency, admitting at the same time \$2.00 for registration. I have had two circulars from them, & the first one I rather liked, but Margaret advised me not to join an agency I didn't know about & I remembered your experience with the Tennessee man. The second communication, however, was accompanied by a letter saying that my name had been given them by Mr. M. M. Kratz, Registrar of La Fayette College as an excellent teacher whom he could recommend & so I think the agency must be all right as Prof. Coffin must have suggested me. The agency

is endorsed by good men in the
educational world. I hope he can
get me something if Mr. Alb. Cay does
not. It is a Chicago Bureau.

I also sent a letter this morning to
Mr. Love & so I presume I shall
join his agency too. I told him I
was your sister & asked him if he
thought he could find me a Chicago
place. Don't you think with all these
things going that I ought to get a
place like I want? We haven't
heard from Margaret's friend and
I'd write myself to the President ex-
cept that Margaret urges me to stay
by not to & I'm afraid not quite
white then since she was the one
that told me about it.

Monday - yesterday we had the
mission class & that always takes all
afternoon. I think it is quite a suc-
cess, though no very deep work has
been done, & may not be. This was

the second meeting³ & while there
were four girls at the first, there
were seven this time & next time
Mrs. Leigh's niece, Miss Dunlap from
Perry is going to talk about Perry

Tuesday - I just received your letter
& was so glad to get it. It's been so
wonderful for how you were awfully out
with me for that letter I wrote you.
I shouldn't be at all surprised if you
were because my letter did not do
what.

Your letter had lots of things in it
that I want to answer & but I don't
have much time to write today, as
I have an awful lot of work to do for
tomorrow.

Don't you think, perhaps, it would be
a rather good idea for you to join Mr.
McCulloch's Agency? now? It would
give him a whole year in which to
find you a place, and, if I were you,
I'd say I'd be willing to change in
the middle of the year. Lots of Pap

do it & I don't know as there is any
thing dishonourable in it. I think it
is something of a recommendation that
he already has for me. I got my re-
ceipt from him yesterday & a letter
asking me whether I would take a
good high-school position in case he
couldn't get me a college place. I say
you I had better tell him I would.
Don't you? He wants me to send my
photograph & I guess I'll have to
have a new one taken, though I
hate to mighty badly. It is so
much better & then I'd rather
wait till I am home & can have
you to go with me. I have only one
left of the large ones that I had
taken last year. I think, tho', it's
probably better send it to him. I
always like to keep one of every kind
of my pictures for myself & look
back upon in after years.

Wednesday after dinner.

That big reception I told you of the
 general faculty are not to be at,
 I find, and so if visit a question of
 my wearing any thing to it, you
 see. You remember you asked me
 whether I would wear the black
 waist. You'd better not bother to find
 out if that waist for me - I don't
 like to have you take your time
 for it. I'm all right as to clothes.
 I just had a letter from Mr. Love,
 which I shall answer right
 away, and then I'll tell him the
 nice things you told me of. He was
 very nice to me: I'll read you the
 letter after I have answered it.
 He's not hopeful about my getting
 a college position for the principal
 reason that there are so few. He
 says he knows I'm perfectly capable
 of it. Nice; want it?

If we don't even know that there is a vacancy at Cincinnati University, it doesn't seem to me that it would be best to write there. Do you think so?

Goodness me, I'd be scared out of my seven senses to be under Dr. Rice. I remember about the "sacred trust" we got having a good meaning there; but it might be another thing when it came to a business proposition. I'm afraid she wouldn't think us competent for chaperons. In one way, I think we are very; but in another, not so much so, as we have done so little traveling & then, too, we don't know her name, which would be really necessary for a chaperon in the great city of Berlin. As to English & French - I suppose there is a good deal of

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question whether I've could get that,
as this case would probably have
most of it herself - and as you say
the picture I have of myself at
her school giving a weak imita-
tion of half forgotten work of hers
is rather unpleasant; I'm afraid
that is out of the question. But this
isn't the only school abroad, tho'
I suppose it is one of the few Amer-
ican schools. Foreign travel is
certainly very necessary. It is a
great recommendation and
ought to be. I wish we could have
a year abroad or even a sum-
mer, though it would be only a
stern sense of duty & my own
that would lead me to go. I'd hate
awfully to get so far away from
home. I'd hate the bother of it &
all, too. But then, I guess I'm

not so likely to be^d doing it in a
hurry. The family could not af-
ford to have us go, even if we got
a way to go by which we could
pay all our expenses.

This is the last hour Wednesday
afternoon & I have come home, hav-
ing excused my Senior Prep Rhetoric
Class because they had not done a
thing on their lesson. Dear, don't
keep what I am going to do with
them. Their grades range from
41 to 83 for the last four weeks.

Margaret's little sister, Clara
Katherine is coming down Friday
to stay till Monday night and
is going to bring with her Carroll
Brown, the daughter of Margaret's
father. You remember her, I
think. He is a trustee of Black-
burn. On Saturday afternoon

we are going to have a little affair
to make things gay for our school
party. We have invitations out to
the girls of the literary society,
twenty one in all - and we have
made twenty-five.

Friday night the Octos (one
of the boys' societies) has an
open meeting to which, of course,
we must go. The other society
has an open meeting last Fri-
day & I wanted the forenoon so
much, but we decided we'd
better go. And after the program
they played & danced and so
we can't come home till late.

When you get your summer
school catalogue write me what
you find out, will you?

Say did you write a character

and are you going to? I haven't.
I don't think we can both do it
for one - that is, I mean I'm
afraid I'll think it's some
how or something. The time
must be nearly up, isn't it? I
think it's an awful bother to get
around to note & still it's nice to
have the letter. Somebody's got
to keep it up, if it's not going to
be dropped.

Next week the Synodical Com-
mittee is coming to visit Black-
burn - where! I wish they were
not.

Well, I must write to my agencies
so good-bye for now.

Love,
Mary.

Carlinville, Illinois.

Mark the seventh auction five.



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