

Cunie has sent me postals too.

Dear Allen,

I have been snooping through your papers for some time for school. But I think it is just as well to deny it you? better than buying more. I like it somewhat.

Before I forget I want to say that the Cicero you received Willie sent paying for it himself. It was 50¢ I think. He sent the order to the book seller thro' Mr Williams, the colored book store man. I am sorry it hasn't the letters in it. But why do you read them? We never did in high school and Willie said he didn't either. I think it would be very nice to dist though. Have you finished the three Cakline orations, Mark Antony and Poet Archias?

You must be destitute of books. I can't seem to remember much of anything you took besides Latin and Greek and Mike. I miss the books

that are gone from here quite often. For instance, tomorrow we have to tell the characteristics of characters from their descriptions in Scarlet Letter, Markin Chuzzlewit, Master of Ballantrae, Pickwick Papers, and the Autocrat of the Breakfast Table. Of course we only have in this case one, but even that would have been a help. I am so glad though that many and you have what you have. I am only sorry that you haven't more. I have so many opportunities to get and read books here which you haven't, we just received a catalogue of book prices from Wanamakers. The books are so cheap it seems as if we ought not to lose the chance of getting some, especially you and Mary. The complete set of George Elliot's works for \$3.75 I think, and others equally cheap.

I am going to need to grandmother a little, mamma is reading now while I write. She says you ought to get at least a letter every Sunday. I am so sorry we can't write often but you know the reason we have been reading Mrs. Pugh. Jewett's life of her father Dr. Luther Halsey Gulick. On his way out to the Hawaiian islands, around the Cape Horn he read every day from Ithaca, Graft and Humeian and she must wonderful amount of philosophy and religion of the deepest kind. He was certainly a wonderful man mentally and spiritually.

I talk to you about common ordinary me after reading part of such a life but perhaps it will interest you more. Well the last few days I have been reading about the house as far as work goes as I have felt rather bad. You know what means I had several

nights I made you get up to get me hot irons. Doc
Hawkins has given me some medicine that I am hoping
will send them away though it hasn't yet.

Can it be possible that you have been gone only
four weeks! It seems at least as many months to me.
Mamma misses your cheerful ways so much. You
know the rest of us are so somber. But after all we
seem to get along rather well considering. Mamma
has been so well. Oh, I am so thankful she is. But I
dread to think of this climate during the summer. And
you and Mary would want to be with her if you are
away teaching next year again. I don't know what
I shall do to get a little "spondulix" as Selden would say,
since you wrote about staying to teach school in one

of these districts mamma and I have
 been wondering how that would do for
 a summer occupation for me. If it
 is fifty or fifty five a month I could
 make as much as by only receiving
 fifteen and expenses at waiting
 table and besides experience. Of
 course I would not mind going if
 you were out there but you will be
 home here and I'd have to get some
 other girl from here to go with me.
 I'd be afraid of those soft men, but
 the only trouble I'm afraid any
 girl I took would not mind them but
 would ^{go} gadding off and leaving me
 alone after all. What do you think
 about it all. Please tell me about
 examinations I would have to take
 and such other red tape as I would
 have to go through to get in. If you
 were only there I would think it a
 perfect lark to go north for the summer
 but otherwise it would be awful, now

please don't think I want you to stay, I don't want you to ever have to teach in North Dakota again. This is only kind of an experiment, your present work, but wouldn't it be unbearable as a permanent thing. We are so interested in all you tell us about your work. But you don't tell as much as we would like to hear. Do you only have the one English class and one Cicero beside the physiology and history in the seventh grade. Do you still call your room mate Miss? How do you get along with her and what do you get for breakfasts without any cooking materials or stove? Are you very cold and do you have to wear a hood tied under your chin? You don't try to do your washing, do you? Now, Ellen, please don't work too hard for you mustn't get sick any at

three. Mrs. Hemming told me to walk slowly, not run up stairs, eat breakfast and go to bed early, all of which I much prefer but hadn't done, original! Perhaps the same advice will do you good in your school room,

Willie leads Christian Endeavor tonight on a temperance subject I would have anticipated that to be, only I was afraid you would read the letters instead of talking out the words and if there is no abbreviation I dislike that's it. Do you attend regularly or wasn't only the night you addressed the society that you went? We were so interested in that. Of course you won't long minded I am sure I would have loved to have heard your talk. Mr. Fay told us about his escape in the boxen troubles. We were very well and quite missed the

society. His father and mother, sister and her family
were all killed. It seems he was only teaching in Chensi
but lived in Jung Chou near Sinsin. I think, he had already
graduated. His father had been converted, before his birth,
while in a mission hospital, and so Mr Fay was brought
up and educated as a Christian. He intends to go back as
soon as he can. He spoke of how bravely the missionaries
about 200 in all, died and how they all said, "I am not
sorry I came to China." The Christians all said they
were not sorry they had become Christians even though
they were about to die. Mr Fay has a beautiful
spirit I think. He is willing to acknowledge the faults of
his country and yet he loves it. Neither of those boys
seem to be a bit spoiled by all the attention they

they receive here as so many of the
 Bulgarians are. But miss
 Barrows said Mr Trauoff was
 one of her very best pupils. Miss
 Palashava was such a help to
 us at the Carnival of Nations and
 so agreeable. She asks always
 about you.

George was up here Friday
 evening. He came in as usual and
 asked for no one but the whole
 family flocked in. He is thinking of
 a place in Dakota. He doesn't want
 to be in a large city but where he
 can get right to the people. He was
 very interested in reports from Carlis-
 ville and Dakota. Oh, by the way
 do you ever hear from your cousin

or wherever it is? Selder has been develop-
ing pictures lately and had that
one of the lake with you and Mary
and Will and George. I took it to school
and Murrell was so impressed. I do
think it is an awfully cute and
artistic picture.

Mamma told you, I think, that I
have been writing a drama. Isn't
that foolish. I really have enjoyed
doing it though very much. I can
see what poor Shakespeare must
have had sitting his little people
up and making them talk, it's some-
thing like playing with toy soldiers,
only we make them talk instead of
fight. I have twenty two pages like
this open and written rather fine. So
you can see it has been quite a

little work. We have had a well and the re-circulation records
of these days of that work to write it - you know that
was in place of a review of the fourth book. The
change of birds, I didn't know Virginia had made such a
fine thing of it till I came back here really dramatic
each speech is and the whole thing as a whole, I
wish you or Mary were here to listen with before I
hand it in. I write it without copying which has been
quite a help in learning time. Monday has begun the
fifth book.

Now that you are gone we have your picture up on the
hall mantle where we saw yours. I'll learn this recipe to
mamma. She'll have Virginia's being. Mrs. G. has from you little make birds

Penpoints darling! I wrote to Mary about Japan & I presume she forwarded the short letter to you along with Evelyn's. It was written after seeing Dr. Pauline Root a week ago today. But as Mary may not have sent you the letter I will tell you what I wrote her. Dr. R. took what Dr. Runyan - I mean Hanna - said about Turkey as final, - but she told me of a beautiful opening in Kobe, Japan, in the Girls' College. It is I should think, very much like the Constantinople Girls College - several teachers, I think about two hundred girls. The work needed is in English, psychology is one of the studies to be taught, & she thought were studies you were fitted for & would enjoy. Two teachers are wanted at the opening of the fall term. You only need engage to stay for three years. Kobe is a beautiful city on the water edge, the land hilly I believe. She will probably write you herself. She took your address & Mary's, & suggested I write to Secty. Barton (our friend, you remember him). I thought best & told her so, not to raise his hopes till you had thought it over & I had heard from you. There is nothing to hinder your writing to him for information if you like. That does not commit you to anything. Japan is not a land of horrors like Turkey. I think this is a beautiful opportunity. Mamma

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