

My dearest Mother and Jennie,  
This is Sabbath evening and  
we have just returned from  
Madison Square Church where  
we heard our usually fine  
music - and a very good sermon  
from Mr Lee, the Assistant pastor.  
We had a fine sermon from  
Dr Parkhurst this morning  
and a delightful lesson by  
Mr. Soltan on the 23<sup>d</sup> psalm  
I am so happy Mother dear to  
think of you in such a happy  
home, and as being so well!  
As the time of Evangelines wedding  
draws near I want you more  
and more - love with us -

Evangeline and I especially  
were very anxious to have  
Mr. Blake perform the ceremony,  
because I liked our ceremony  
so much and Evangeline feels  
so much attached to him, but  
now today - we have one and  
all concluded on account of  
our love and admiration for  
Dr. Parkhurst, to ask him to be  
the only one, and his brother  
Prof. Parkhurst to furnish at  
the organ - with the wedding in  
Madison Square Church, the  
Reception at The Florence. If we  
need more room can have the  
apartment adjoining our own.  
The wedding will probably be  
Tuesday evening April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mother I am constantly thinking  
about it - that you want to give  
Evangeline a present - and am  
looking out for something just  
suitable and choice for you to  
give - I have looked at lots of  
things - but have not found  
just the best thing yet. Evangeline  
wants a nice desk but that  
is entirely beyond your means.  
George asked Evangeline some  
time ago about who was going  
to give the flat silver, which  
I learn means - spoons &c -  
his Aunt wanted to know.  
Evangeline has just asked six  
of her Wellesley College friends  
to be bridesmaids

Of course Gentrell will be  
maid of honor - and probably  
George's brother Will will be  
best man although he is married.  
I think I told you I planned  
a Rose wedding - I will suit  
you campers when the ground  
begins to be made. Oh it seems  
to me you all must be here  
although I am trying to be sat-  
isfied if you can't come for I  
am thinking of Mother because  
she is old and the others of you  
because you are young. Oh how  
thankful I am for the Texas trip  
which is a continual joy now in  
remembrance - I want to write  
more - but am going to send this off  
without waiting to trouble much love made

Thurs day Feb 23<sup>a</sup>  
There seems to be no use to  
try to write - so I am going to  
send this scrap by me. The  
E. & Y. & I have been out all  
day shopping. The reading  
dress is bought. It is dress  
and probably mine. black  
crape de chine - and also  
blue silk like enclosed  
sample. altho' a putter  
shade. Please return sample  
when you write. I wish to  
ascertain Mrs Babcock's

address did I tell you  
I have planned a Rose  
making because that is his  
class flower. G's dress is  
a beautiful rose pink  
Mesolene - whatever that  
is I'll send you a sample  
We are trying to get E. bed  
room furniture & a desk  
all mahogany - We expect  
to begin with Miss Ransley  
next week. Oh how I wish you  
all could be at the making -  
E's was here on Sunday - Mary -



Miss Mary Eugie Belden,  
Carlinville,  
Illinois.

