

Thursday, May 9, 1907.

Dear Mary,

Poor dear Miss Mary, I just can't think of how heavy your heart feels but you know we don't think you have failed but that the faction worked against you. I so often think of Prof Wager's remark that you were 'one of the best students of literature he had ever had,' and we all know how scholarly you are to the tips of your fingers. You see you're of too fine stuff to get on well with all these other coarse grained people. You just ought to teach where you would be appreciated, in a position like Miss Barrows here under such a finely sensitive man as Mr Wager. But it must come out all right for you have and are doing all you know how to. Perhaps there's some providence in it all

that we can't understand yet. Don't think that anyone is disappointed in you for we are not and when Mamma knows it I can just hear her say "This doesn't reflect upon our Polly's ability and anyway I am so glad she is not going back for she ought not to have such a hard place."

I am wondering if it is best to tell her right now or wait till she comes home next Wednesday. Of course she will know then & the only trouble will be that she will insist upon writing or sending advice and this she ought not to do, I am afraid. If she only could have been advising perhaps she could have smoothed things over.

Have you asked Willie's advice about this whole business especially

next years situation? I think he would
 give good ideas & maybe suggest
 whether it would be well to see places
 out there before you come home. Are
 you opposed to the Billingham place
 you suggested for Ellen? I wish there
 was something I could do to help
 you in some way but I can't think
 of any. I almost believe this is worse
 for you than what we have been thro
 here at home. And my dear, almost
 all my worst worries are now brighten-
 ing up after the terrible anxieties of
 the winter when Mamma was so
 discouraged and we all saw nothing
 better ahead, and I am sure yours
 will be so too soon. As good a teacher
 as you who has it born in her to not
 only know things more than most people
 but to show them to others won't be without
 a position now that you have had experience.

It is not as hard in a way as Elber's writing around that first year for she had no experience which would compel the agencies to give her a good place.

Selden has gone up to see Mamma this afternoon instead of Saturday for she is coming home next Wednesday for weeks from the operation. Isn't it grand to have her again! I am so happy for now she can't be as badly off as she has been and furthermore she will be on the road to recovery.

One of us will go up for her & when she gets back Dr H will begin coming again.

Dr Gainsales gives the Seminary address this afternoon. Pres King says he's spoken of as one of the five greatest American preachers living & dead.

I think of you & ask for you & hope you keep up courage.
 Most sympathetically & lovingly
 Patsie.