

We are waiting for Auntie &  
will be so glad to see her  
come again. We are of course  
very anxious to hear about your  
visit and impressions of Ye  
Town. We were awfully lonely  
after you had left, but your  
mother has accomplished  
wonders in three five days. She  
has sent several loads of paper  
from the garage down to the  
Post & you would be surprised  
and truly rejoiced to see how

Aberlin, Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1908

Dearest Polly, I am sitting by  
my desk writing by a gas light  
your dear mother how grand I  
feel & how fine it looks. Your  
mother had this & me in Bath  
room put in for an accommo-  
dation for all hands. Lulu  
has been fitting jokes and we  
feel very grand!

cleaned up his some Sunday when  
There is a fine entrance, & a walk  
all through it, really it is quite  
grand. Ludden has been a great help  
and I think too has taken his share  
in the work. Mr. Ludden soon cleaned  
every thing in beautiful order. The  
curtains only remain to be put up.  
Mittie & Ludden's room in process  
of improvement, clothes being up  
Ludden's just in heaven. Jack has gone out  
& Sunday when I might mention  
to mention disposed of. I think I  
I have found your mother to give  
away certain garments among the  
rest the three black coats which she  
says are nearly in the present style  
I suppose she will tell you about  
the boxes & trunks full of toys, dolls  
& thin mudds. she has so you see  
she, at least, has had a busy time  
to day, having purchased part of a  
Big one of reading card machine



certainly losing my mind, I  
was thin in mind so much,  
Can I forget your working & En,  
making human covers, scarfs &c  
I hope your pretty embroidery got  
safely to your friends in Newk.  
The attention will please her I doubt  
not, I wish your year has commen-  
ced. I think it will be a happy &  
prosperous one to you, dear and all  
be love & full interested in and  
many who are not so blessed as  
we are, so much misery & sorrow &  
and wretchedness in the world and  
what can we do to alleviate it? I forgot  
to say, that Miss Bell read some  
at intervals the other Hardy books the  
chris. simon's. The story was less  
magic & exciting than  
but good I think and interesting,  
another short full and dull novel.  
But, at least you know I am thinking of

all the time and in addition  
the concerned girl begins to  
practising.

I enclose money for my Dental  
bill some for my mended  
spicks. How doll, was it I just  
to careless to slip on them? Luck  
is life. Your mother just stopped  
at my open door, and says  
Tell Mary to be sure send me  
immediately for the patches for her  
mitt because she will not get them  
if she can not attend to it now  
So do this, as your mother advises

Thursday morning  
The Minstrels are  
performing in hall - and are  
improving, singing is very  
pretty, and violin good &  
so is guitar, now they are  
singing their voices blend very  
well. John got Sadder and a Man  
down and he plays quite  
nicely - The club here just finished  
John Brown's body etc. now some  
thing very pretty. With the boys  
to entertain us here many

Evelina says you all had a  
lovely time at Gungahlin, but I  
think you did a good deal of work,  
we felt badly that she did not  
Tel. from Station, so that one of the  
brothers, did not meet me and help  
with the baggage. Write to your  
mother when you can, this is too long  
to write my letter. Miss Bell proved  
quite helpful & nice but your mother  
said she made her nervous. Your  
mother dressed her for the Frobenius  
party. Stuffed black & white. long  
train hat gingham dress white  
apron and she looked very attractive.

Goodbye, dear our love,  
God bless you most abundantly

Grandma

They are going over just now <sup>John Brown's body</sup> again - you can't  
realise how it <sup>hurts</sup> back to me the civil war so  
long ago & yet it seems as if it was yesterday  
& am so devoted even all imperfections

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