

Sunday.

Please
send mamma.

My dear Miss Belden,

This is the letter I have
thought of sending you
for so long a time -

Quite a long time ago
when I first came to Rochester,
I met one of the nicest families
one should ever hope to meet.

They were very kind to me,
and we seemed to start one

was in college, if I really
came knowing ^{so} ~~so~~ ^{well} ~~much~~
English, ^{as well} and was able to
get along as an American girl.

That friend of Mrs B wrote
to Miss Small and forwarded
Miss Small's answer to
Mrs B.

The letter was a surprise
to every one of us. - No direct
accusation was made against
me, but it was clearly
implied that: I was not
a fine girl. And it was
said in a way which gave

of those life long ^{2.} friendships,
based on mutual esteem and
attraction.

Things went beautifully
for a long run of time, when,
one day, my friends received
a letter from Miss Small,
which was an answer to
theirs, though indirectly.

Mrs B. being greatly interested
in me, mentioned my name
to a friend of hers who knows
Miss Small, and expressed
the desire to know how
I was getting along when I

one many possibilities for unpleasant conjectures.

The only direct accusation was that I was an ardent catholic who would not get along in a protestant country.

Signed. V. Small president of Lake Erie college.

Such a letter would be enough to treat a person.

From that letter one might have ^{supposed} I had done bad things.

As I said, my friends were fine, very fine, and did not know what to make of the

letter - It was ⁵ so different
from what they knew of
me, so unexpected!

My answer to them was:

I can give you my word
of honor that I may call
myself a fine girl without
conceit - I confess it took
me a long time to understand
my ~~instruments~~ and get used
to my new life - I felt
(it was just my own view
point at that time, when I
was in college) that I was
of a finer stock ~~than~~

seem to think quite a little of me - So does my principal, who expressed himself to me; and as far as getting along with people, that is a thing which is a great part of my position now. And facts are, that I deal very well with over 150 pupils a day -

I enjoy my pupils very much indeed and I always try to be as fair as I can to them to keep them in good spirit and in good shape.

Two girls, to whom I just gave a failure mark, to my

than the majority of the girls I was living with - only I did not understand people and did not care to - I just lived for books, various interests..

Miss Small never understood me - As for the statement concerning my militant catholicism, it was all wrong - but that did not bother me a bit.

- I would not ask you to express yourself about it, because it is such a piece of foolishness - (The last I know is that, or I am put on the social comity of the 3^d presbyterian church!!) In which church, the ministers

regret, in telling me how they
were going to try harder this month
added: "We are so sorry because
we do like you so - (Hum! This sounds
suspicious thought?) but they added:
they all do - you ought to hear
some of the nice things they say about you,
it would make you feel good."

Well, dear Miss Belden, I
want you to understand that
I do not mean to boast
myself - I only want you
to understand I must have
improved my ways of dealing
with americans; boys and girls -

At that time I said to my
friends - Miss Small does not
know me, only on the surface;
she spoke to me very few times -
the accusations implied are
petty, as far as moral is
concerned - I tried to make
them realize that it was
more of a lack of adjustment
to my life which made me
guilty ~~to~~ Miss Small - I said:
nevertheless, I want you to
receive the loyal testimony
of Miss Belden, if I should
ask Miss Belden to judge me
you would have the fair

up to their first side and disregard
their bad - I may have failed
to live up to it unwillingly,
I may have done it carelessly,
but the amount of things I
have done for people will
surely overbalance a great deal
the wrong I may have done.

Pardon me for talking so
much about myself in this
letter - It looks like a confession,
and it is one.

I would not attempt to
judge Miss Small - Her letter was
mean all right, but as our old
friend Socrates used to say:

judgment of somebody who knew
me a great deal better.

Then I wrote a letter which
you remember receiving at the
time of your illness.

The fact that no answer
came looked suspicious in that
case - As to myself, I thought
I would be as fair as can be
every single day of my life - and
from that day on, I have tried
to put myself in the other
fellow's place and understand
him by all means, do as much
as I could for people, look

The one who does wrong is the one who is but an ignorant.

It is very true Indeed!

A letter like that of Miss Small might break a man if it were published -

I have felt the great injustice done to me and to dismiss it I have worked myself up to a fairer woman.

- how comes my request:

I should feel ever so relieved if you could answer in the way I expected you would a year and a half ago when I first wrote to you about it.

I think that my own self
 has been my best advocate
 by just living and acting
 righteously. But I would appreciate
 your writing to Mr. A. Bills
76 Raines Park
Rochester NY

I know it is a delicate
 mission I am asking of you,
 but your testimony of my
 moral will be impartial.

Please do not mention
Miss Small's letter, I promised
 my friend I would not tell
 you any more about it than
 I could help - you see the

with many apologies
for asking you such a
delicate task I remain
most gratefully yours

Magdeleine Mazurier

63 Calumet St. Rochester.

P.S. I am sorry to tire you
with such a long letter.

This reminds me of the ring
and the book "Miss Small told
her story, next comes yours.

Pardon the looks of this letter, but it is
such a long one that I don't feel like doing it
over.

letter was forwarded to them
indirectly. All you need mention,
to be brief and clear, is that
your letter answers the promise
I made 1 year and a half ago
and which is as follows: "

Be prepared to receive a letter
from Miss Belden telling you
all about myself" - I am
asking her to judge me at all
view points."

The task is delicate I know -
I would prefer if you did not
mention my actual request, please
just leave it as if it were
made a half ago before your
illness

P.S. I hope your letter will
 relieve my mind of an obsession
 which has caused me many
 hours of distress - although I know
 the letter was ambiguous and
 ill founded.

I often wished I had been
 able to get hold of the various
 reports the president and instructors
 of the Lycée (where I spent 16
 years) wrote when I left - They
 were sent to the Commission for
 the obtention of my scholarships.
 They were just as good as I could
 dream to have them - 16 years in
 a place is a fair chance to
 be known -

Miss Small did not object to my money though, for I received a letter about the drive - I could not contribute for all, because I am still refunding money spent on my education, and I'll ~~have~~ have to help a little at home.