

My dear Mother

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Mary  
1890

This is Thursday morn-  
ing; and a sweet Bright-  
morning it is. Evangelina  
Gertrude and I spent  
yesterday in New York with  
Cas. Jubine Cook who came  
down from Oxford with us.

I commenced this at Carrie  
Carrie and dear Wheeler  
came over to N. Y with  
us and we finished our  
errands - which were to  
get new dresses, one <sup>for</sup> each  
Coats and Hats. Had  
a hard time to get the girls  
fitted; for they are neither  
children or women.

Gertrude has brown  
and Evangeline Cadet  
blue. Plain colours are  
the newest and I am  
so glad now that dear  
Mary and Ellen have  
plain blue suits instead  
of shepherd plaids, that  
I wanted for them last  
summer. I am glad  
they have their dresses hats  
to start on. What do they  
need for clothes, and  
what does Evelina need  
I am "dead broke" most  
of the time, but I would like  
to do just the same for my

Gifted daughters as I  
do for my offered ones.  
If they had all the things  
I wished for them they  
would not only be rich in  
mental and physical  
attainments, but in worldly  
goods. I imagine their  
loving mother saying -  
oh we have all we want -  
you need not be thinking  
about such things, we  
are perfectly satisfied  
with what we have, and  
don't even wish for any  
thing - which is a happy  
state of being -

He had a lovely little  
visit with Carrie and her  
sweet children, and kind  
husband. Geo. did not  
get home until late  
last evening and had to  
be off quite early this AM  
again. I wanted to take  
Mary Wheeler home with  
me, and expected to, but  
finally concluded better  
not. I have no girl except  
little Annie Pedros  
and we take only our  
breakfast at home  
the other meals at Las  
Elen Lowrie, which I  
thoroughly enjoy -

Minnie Baden went  
home for two or three  
days recuperation and  
came back during the  
time to tell me that she  
was not able to work -  
which I did not believe  
but had to accept.

I wish people would just  
say out what they mean  
but they won't. Then I heard  
that Maggie Blessing would  
come to me, so at Edmund's  
suggestion, and against  
my wishes I went to see  
her and engaged her and  
she and her Mother seemed  
very much pleased - but  
in a few days she came to

tell me she was going  
to Phillips, but a lady  
she had promised  
before me - so I have no  
suspects of a girl, and  
am not making the  
slightest effort to get one  
for I don't want any poor  
girl. Annie helps get  
breakfast, and Ed and I  
are alone so much we  
might as well take our  
dinners out, and suppers  
too. As Ellen isn't crying  
because Mimi's not away  
Mrs Tangu will always  
help me clean the house  
and she does the washing

Mrs Simpson wrote the  
other day about needing  
a little rest and change  
and proposed writing to  
Ellie about the possibility  
of spending the month  
of May with her. Thinking  
she could enjoy herself  
and help Ellie. She said  
Ellie had promised to be  
candid about whether it was  
convenient or not. I do not  
know what your wishes  
are in the matter but I  
think she ought not to go  
so far away when she has  
to graduate in June. I would  
like to have her come to Oxford.

but I can't know what  
Emma would say -  
but I have some other  
plans for her besides  
going to Clifton for a  
month, but as I had  
her we must wait upon  
God, and listen to the  
word of direction from Thou  
She had been wonderfully  
taken care of this winter  
such a dear kind  
friend in Miss Tuttle  
and so many things to  
help and encourage her  
and she has made fine  
progress in her work  
and received great praise



I was going to send you  
her last and very interesting  
letter - but I sent it to  
Ginnie for her helpful  
advice, and that does  
not mean that I am not  
waiting upon God, and  
listening to the four voices  
of Guidance - H. W. L.

I am very very much inter-  
ested in Mrs. Simpson's  
work, and delight to help  
her all I can. I am so glad  
for her sake and mine that  
we had seven books of H. G.  
at Sunny Side. It was just  
what she needed, and was  
so delightful to me and  
the 33 children. I am  
writing this on the train

left N York - 1<sup>1/2</sup> for Phelps  
burgh to see Mrs's Grouse  
I wrote you a letter the  
other day and didn't  
send it - thinking you  
would not mind I forgot  
it; and I hesitate about  
sending this.

The china (unpainted)  
in the box has my  
Easter present to my dear  
Mary and Ellen, not to  
paint - for me but to sell  
and I hope they will have  
the best success. Aunt  
Ellen said she would  
tell in her letter who the  
china was for.

I think the Chinese in  
the barrel was five  
I am so glad M + E -  
an painting + studying  
I wish Hillis would  
study his music, he  
has such talent and  
could give so much  
happiness to himself  
and other people -  
don't suppose I will  
ever be satisfied until  
he is in Nazareth Hall  
I heard a lady a few  
days ago speak in the  
highest terms of the Hall  
her son has had four  
years there, and graduates  
this June -

Now I hear you all saying  
Well yes - but how are  
we going to get the means  
to send him if we wanted  
who is going to pay for  
his tuition and clothing  
and all other expenses  
and I think it is better  
for Willie to be at home  
he is doing well in school  
and is trying to help all  
he can about the house  
and is going to earn  
money this summer  
Mary has such queer  
impracticable ideas  
There is no use talking  
about impossible and  
Willie is doing very well now

so as I am as I am  
generally taking it out  
in thinking instead  
of writing - and I feel  
like not sending this  
letter either -

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This is Sat. Am.

Since we came home  
Thursday evening -

have been trying on  
the girls dresses and  
nearly all these last  
summer dresses are  
rather small for them  
and if Mr. D. want  
them - I may say they

will be fitted out for  
the whole summer  
with what they had  
last summer. of course  
the clothes are not  
alike - as I always  
try to have E's & G's differ  
out - and as Mr E are  
a little smaller think  
they would do nicely -  
I am very glad to have  
E & G - growing even  
if I do have to get  
them new clothes -  
I hardly knew what I  
had written. Good bye with  
much love to all. Mary.

Used by E. S. B. Sr.  
V. Jr.

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With my  
from  
S. B. Sr.  
V. Jr.  
Mrs William H. Belden  
Clifton Springs  
New York.