

My dear Miss Ann,-

Have you written to Pennsylvania State Normal (if that was the place) & if not, are you going to? If you're not, I think I'd better. My letter home will tell you all the reasons why I think I'd better be stirring for next year. Do you think I might be better able to get the place because I've been in a College? If you apply, give me as a reference! If I do, I'll give you. Tell me as soon as you have time what to write to. I do hope we can both get good places. I want to go somewhere where I can get some culture by seeing something new. I think it would be rather nice to go East again, for a while.

I'm awfully glad you've got the logic. It will give you a chance to learn something new & I don't believe there is any thing so hard about it. What a variety of things you do have; don't you? Dear me, I don't feel as tho' I'm learning any thing new at all lately.

Sunday. This letter from Mary came this morning. I think what she says about your staying at Shudale is quite true & I don't know as I would change except for a very much better place, if you like it well enough where you are. I keep all the time wanting so much to have you get into a college position that I'm afraid I urge you too much to get another place. If you don't want to write to the Pennsylvania place, I wish you'd write me immediately the address so that I can apply. And please tell me Prof. Coffin's address.

initials & address, as I've forgotten them, for I may wish to refer to him. I think I must find a place, such as I explained in my letter to Margaret, if there is any Blackburn thing are likely to be reconstructed so that Margaret & I won't be "in it". Don't you think the Ann. place would be nice? I wonder what they pay & what the work would be. Perhaps you might put in the application for me, if you think there is any great need. I must ask for a raise in your salary next year. I'd give them to understand that you won't come back for the same. I think this Dr. Oak will want to keep you well enough to increase your salary.

How are you getting along with the waist project? I think as Edmund does about all that she wrote in her letter.

Say, isn't it the funniest thing about the Wagers buying the brick house across the street from us? I sent you the letter

didn't I, in which Evelyn gave me that piece of information? I think it's the best piece of news I've heard for a long time. It suggests, too, that they won't be going away from Oberlin in a jiffy, which is the best of all, I believe. I do wonder whether Prof. Vager will teach in summer-school next summer. I shouldn't wonder if he did if they are just getting into their new house. Wouldn't it be lucky to see him & have them living right across the street?

I am kind of surprised at the Dear daddy's saying on his own initiative that she wants us to go to summer-school. I think she really does want us to keep on till we get our T.O.A.'s. I hope we can. I hope there will be some good courses in English that we haven't had. I feel as tho' the time we spent last summer might have been to better advantage. But whatever it was, I think we'd get more under Prof. Vager

than Prof. Chase. I believe Prof. Wagner would give us some special work the same way, probably, tho' I don't know but it would be cheeky to ask for it. I wish they would have Chamber.

Poor Miss Quincywick, I wanted to write to you immediately ~~about~~ after I got your last letter. I've lost the letter now, or rather, it is around with my books some-where, & so I haven't it here. I sympathize with you so much about all your school troubles. I've been trying, too, to be more strict lately & it has resulted to result just the same way in crossness. I told my Beginning Rhetoric class Friday that I had done every bit of scolding that I was going to; - it spoiled our recitation, & if they didn't have their lessons I was just going to give them zero & say nothing about it. That is my baby-class, you know; & I have three very tall boys in it. Then I've had a notion lately that

some of the vophomores were out with me.  
 As to examinations, I wouldn't enter to them.  
 I'd tell them I couldn't work every minute  
 any more than they could & just say I  
 bring the papers just as often as I could  
 but let it go at that. They plague me  
 that way, too, about their papers; but I've  
 given them one or two lessons by not return-  
 ing their papers at all, as not for several  
 weeks. I don't know as you are obliged to  
 return them at all. And don't correct all  
 their math papers & things. I've just given  
 up all the red ink I have been writing  
 that I used to do - haven't done but two  
 sets of papers this year -; I don't think a  
 person ought to kill herself. If they didn't  
 expect so many social duties from me,  
 I could do such things; but a person can't  
 turn a candle at a half-a-dozen ends at  
 once; two is enough, I find. I know the  
 students need their themes corrected; but  
 the college has got to pay more if it wants

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so much work done. If they'd give me 700<sup>00</sup>  
I would hire my washing & ironing & carry-  
ing of coal & sweeping & dusting & dish-  
washing done & then I might have time  
for these other things. And you have so  
much chaperoning & such things to do to  
give you time for all this sort of thing.

Say, Ellen, can you give the outline of  
the action of Therese? If you can, I  
wonder if it would be too much to ask  
you to write it down for me on a postal or  
any thing & send right away. I have that  
Lockwood & Emerson gives, but it's not very  
satisfactory & I can't for the life of me  
tell where the crisis is. The climax  
is put by them at the escape of Fleance.  
What are the tragic forces? I ought  
to talk about it in class on Tuesday but  
if I can't think it all out by that time,  
perhaps I'll wait a day or two to hear of  
if you can tell me. Do you think I can

terribly lazy? I think I am. It just worried me nearly to death that I don't make my train work as I ought to. Please ask for me about it.

I simply must stop. I'm as busy lately that I don't have any time to write to you.

Lots & Lots & Lots of Love,  
"Miss Popper"

Carlinville -

Sunday the twenty-ninth January '05.

I'm didn't see we don't  
and remember my name!



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