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1902

June 29th

Dear Mother

My dear Mother

is - your birthday - again
How the years do fly
I trust you will have a
restful day. a Sabbath
rest. May God bless you
with his richest blessing
and span you many years
for great happiness as well
as usefulness. What a body
weaken or are having but
it looks now if it were
for a ruin, but as it has

been rather threatening for the past
week I hope at least tomorrow
will be pleasant. Katherine is
here and she Wanda & Eloise
have had a grand time playing
with their dolls, beating them
thru school is one of their favorite
things. Uncle Joe Aunt C. & Charles
are in N.Y. for a week also a part
of Aunt C. from Iowa they will
come here Tuesday & stay one
Thanksgiving. Aunt Catherine is busy
going to day making a cloak for
Wanda. I see the pattern is
ready for pie. I believe Willie &
Walter are to be visited. I wonder
what you will have for T. I desire
wish we could all be together.
The vice, I am sure be so in
spirit. I hear that Willie is at
home, what is he doing or being
in prospect. I hope he will begin
his studies in real good earnest
his motto be "This one thing I do"

We went to ^{try} the other loc,
where before St Paul, it
was grand. Mr. Aunt Mary
Caroline & I get home at
10^o A.M. Since I have been
at Harvest home at South
Infermary, tomorrow I suppose
to go to church. I think I
will be here a couple of
weeks & then I will be with
uncle Joe who are going
to Washington D.C. for a
couple of weeks, meanwhile
so the children can go to
Katie & I want to be

This blot is disgraceful
I can't imagine how it
came only just now
Kath, brought me some
flowers & I suppose they
were wet, Please excuse
Please hand the
enclosed letter to your
mother,

Dearest love
to you, Mary
and all
the dear ones
affly,
July

Wyoming, Pa.
Nov. 2nd - 1902 -

My dear sister -

I really was grateful
for your lovely letter writ-
ten "way long ago" last sum-
mer, altho' my long delay
in acknowledging it may ap-
pear to prove my words un-
true. It is amazing the way
the time does slip by, isn't
it? and when, about half
the time, one does not feel
well and the other half
has to contain all that has
been neglected besides its

our work and pleasure, -
some how that makes it go
all the faster. We all enjoy-
ed the summer as it went.
The girls had a good many
visitors, not because they in-
vited any body but because
they just wrote that they
were coming, and come they
did, and we all enjoyed the
visits. The domestic affairs
were chaotic a good deal
of the time, and my state
of mind was murderous!
What is to be done for house-
hold servants is a burning
question, truly. Tom tells me
that Mary, whom he saw

at Bolton some weeks ago -
had no girl all summer.
Is it it dreadful! just now
the two who are here are
only waiting for us to find
some one else to take their
places, and in consequence
are just as hateful as any
body ever was. You are
laughing, very likely, but,
am sure, sympathizing
at the same time. If only
I was real strong, the girls
and I could get along
with out much in the way
of servants, but, as it is, it
seems as if we must have
some of the wretched creatures

I think you will be glad to hear that Tom has made up his mind to settle in Scranton. He has been so fortunate as to be offered two fine rooms in the house of an old friend of ours who lived all her life in Wyoming until about a dozen years ago when she and her family moved to S. Since then her two children are married and gone, and last year her husband died, so she is left alone. She looks upon Tom's coming to her as "a Godsend" she says, so I think his position will be an

unusually agreeable one.
He is to have her parlor -
a fire room, as his office,
and a bed-room up stairs.
The house is exactly in the
neighborhood we had fixed
upon as most desirable for
him, and where others of
his friends had advised him
to go. So it all seems a de-
lightful providence, does it
not? Just now he is at Boul-
ton for his last visit before
opening his office, after which
visits will necessarily be
few and short, I suppose, for
even if he has not a patient
for six months he must be there

I am thankful that he has been led to make his home so near us, so that we can see him often.

Sara is back at college again, working and enjoying life thoroughly. We miss her greatly, but, after all, if she is happy the rest doesn't matter much. The other girls are well - except troublesome cold, but I hope that ailment is only temporary! I enclose a program of an entertainment which Harriet & Ellen gave in Scranton a week ago. The Scranton papers of the next day gave very flattering criticisms of them

both, and I wish I had the extracts to enclose, but they have been mislaid. They expect to give a recital in W. B. before long. Ellen expects to have some ^{violin} pupils in Scranton this winter, and Harriet has a small class in French and ~~teaching~~ ^{teaching} pupils ~~or two~~ in W. B.

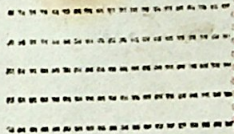
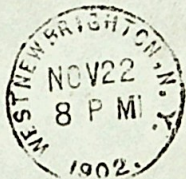
Monday, Nov. 10. - It is too bad to have left my letter so long unfinished, dear sister Jane. I will close hastily now, and send it off, as Lydia is just going to Wyoming. Tom took possession of his new rooms

^{this} morning, and the house
seems lonely now that he is
gone. - We are in the
hands of the plumber
just now, having new
fixings in the bath-room.
Probably you remember
how very much they were
needed! I have wanted
them for so long.

Ellen is to play at a 9th.
Regiment Band Concert in
the Armory at W. B. to-night
and the family are going en
masse to hear the music.

She is just starting now for
a practice. Good bye, dear
sister Jane. I do want so
much to see you - when will you
come? Let us know so we can

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