

My dear Selden.

Though I suppose this year has seemed a long time to you. I think it has flown by very rapidly. and when you are grown to be a man. you will find that the years go by wonderfully fast.


I hope you have had a happy year. but - I hope the year to come will be happier yet, because you

are older than last year.
I am not sure, but I think
you are seven years old.
and so you must be
able to help other people
a good deal, and you
know it makes boys &
girls very happy to know
they are helping others.
That is a way of serving
Jesus, and there are other
ways that your dear
Papa and Mama have
told you of, so I hope
that you will find
that as a Christian

boy, or - home, and or - school and
at - school + you are growing more like
Jesus every day -

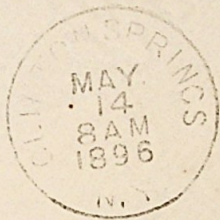
Your loving friend
Abigail T. Spaulding

William Springs.
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*God send a happy birthday, dear,
And bless you through the coming year.*

*In all thy ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:6.*



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