

Thursday June 5th 1902

My own dear Ellie

I have just come
& my soon after lunch and then
I will have a quiet time as there is
no one in the house beside myself
and Ethel & she goes very soon to a
meeting of the Home department
down town. Altho' I am a member
I never go to any of the meetings &
do not study as much as I ought to
she is going to read some verses which
I send. The first home department
which I cut out of The Norwegian
Caroline has gone to see Dr Chamber-
lain of Brazil sail with his daughter
He came home (North) some months
ago to be treated for Cancer in his face
I have been at the Presbyterian Hospital
until now the Dr. says there is nothing
more to do for him, so he is under-
taking this long journey & be with his
family, but more than likely he will

die before he gets there, it seems to us
it would be so much better for his
wife to be with him here. He came
on alone because she felt that she
ought not to leave her school; that
the devotion of these messengers.

His son Peirce married Julia Saw
a very lovely & beautiful girl, but
such a life of isolation as she is
living - Dr. Leggett has visited Dr C,
several times & says he is anxious to
live, but, that really he is a repulsive
looking object. His jaw nearly gone
It is cool & cloudy & dry. We will be
expecting Jerry by Saturday and
Adelaide who is the guest of J. friend
Mrs M. C. Cabot. & Jan says the only op-
portunity we may have of seeing her
is between trains in N.Y. & do feel so
disappointed. I suppose Jan will
spend most of her time in Boston,
Chris. I. are going next week from
here. I believe the meetings began
on the 18 Inst.

I have no doubt Selden would
be quite a help & pleasure for
much Joe. & I know he is quite a
favorite of Clara's but I don't like
to ask her to take an extra one
in the family, for she has not had
any one to help with house work
& I should have to see how she
could try & before I would feel at
liberty to say any thing - There no
doubt he would help in many
ways & he always does nicely when
I have him in charge, as a general
thing I don't believe in relations being
together. I hope the dear Lewis
can have some congenial work
and not too hard. Can't you make
it profitable to go on with your
art-work, it seems to me that would
be a nice way to be together & still
make some money too. Miss Kingham
came in the other day for M. W. o. Photo,
for one of her pictures in

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roused!! What will do it certainly
not staying at home I should think
Helen St C - might influence him
& if he knew that you didnt dis-
approve of her, what would that do
He, sometimes here to bottle our pride
& do what seems best for them we
love, something, must be done, I
do not for an instance doubt that
he is a virtuous boy - that is one
thing to be truly thankful for, I
think there is such a love able boy
apt to incompetent, but then
you know some folk dont de-
velop as young as others, I can't
but think that this dearly loved
boy will still be a blessing to you
& to the world, it must be so,
Only believe; if you can't make a
student of him he may do just
as much good the or much
harm in some other way. We
can't have our own way, always

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I am very sorry, dearest Ann that you don't feel well, but I think your trouble will soon be over & then you may be better than you have been for a long time. I know how miserable you feel, Poor women kind! Even the little improvement since being at the Hospital is a thing to be thankful for, I know how little you feel like engaging yourself to work. Is it not a blessing and comfort to think that our Heavenly Father knows it all and by some means. I think this feeling is so helpful and sometime, in His own way He will relieve & comfort you. After my prayer this morning it came to me. How would it be for Helen to go on a school ship? I don't know any thing much about the life, but I know they are under discipline & I think above all things this is what would need. It might interfere with College.

but it might make a man of
him, I want to ask Geo. about it.
He is so interested in you &
your children, He said he was
anxious to know something of Mr.
Jelens or aspirations when he was
at Oberlin but had no opportunity
of seeing him alone. It will
only "Trust and obey" God, no doubt
he will, because he has promised
to be a present help in time of need.
Oh! why is it so hard to just lie
passive in His arms, I hate to hear
him go to that dirty Farm again
Willie has a good mind, How
quickly he understands & explains
a problem. He has good common
sense. He is bright - but lazy
excuse me, if he could only re-
alize that he is now at an age
when he must take a stand
& exert himself. Why he is not
a scholar, if he could be

heard of Dr Barrows illness, I said
right away, He has been working
so hard, I trust he will recover, for
he must be a very desirable Pres.
I think Luntie will make a
fine waitress & I hope she will have
a pleasant experience than her
sisters had, Carrie had a grand
time at Boston & Wells' & she
says the girls made a fine impression
among their friends & acquaintances, Geo
said he wished he could take the
Tours sometime but probably the
meetings will be too remote.

I am truly, yours
This & crew.
With-dearest love to you and all
the precious ones Mother

Chas. is going with a lot abt 20 boys
I think to spend vacation in Adams
with Miss Gynnestie Teacher
They will be gone abt 9 weeks,

Sorry there is not every thing of
the girls in Annual. I enclosed 1,00
How did Lewis pictures turn
out? Oh how nice it would
seem if we could all have a little
a little more money, Uncle R.
did not give me the \$50 he
has been in the habit of but
I suppose that goes to the stones
in Cemetery & he gives \$50-00
for the Brothers. Would it
trouble you too much to put
down the order of the wording
for instance for Father, & So & Chas,
do we could give it to the
marble man as I supp
he is waiting no sentiment

Asker born in Madison Co
you know June 23 - 1822
died - March 16 - 1888

Geo - Aug 18 - 54 1854
died March 21 '58

Charles - born March 17, 64
died Sep 23 - 18 - 1868,

is it necessary when died - for
insurance Asker

Should it be -

— son of G & J. Searles
or how - I can't get my
nor any one to help of
can't take all responsibility

Please put down in order
I oblige, Every one says yes that
is right but don't give the order
I want every one satisfied, so



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