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to Mary and Ellen. They have my full
permission to send me ~~to~~ ^{for} not writing
them, so
bid them
prepare
for my
coming!
Ellen would
send her love
I shall miss
her. With
much love,
Very sincerely
Mary Emily Belden

Emily
Garden

26 May '07

Woodside
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mrs Belden,

To think that

I have not written you
for so many months, and
that the girls' letters go
unanswered nearly as
long! Please blame me
as a bad correspondent
and not as an ungrateful

and faithless friend. I
often think of the pleasant
times we had with you,
and of the many things
which you did for our
comfort and happiness.

Now it is nearly a
year since we said our
good byes, and I am
almost through my first
year's teaching, to which
I looked forward with

so much curiosity. It has
had many pleasant things
for me and many good
things, and I shall always
think of it as a year in
which I have accomplished
a good deal. The life is
cramped, of course, in such
a school, — that is — as a
general thing, — but there
is plenty of satisfaction,
after all. Besides my

school duties, which have been very light, I have been able to do a good deal of studying and some fun things outside.

Did I tell you of the News-Girls' Club? There are some sixty or eighty little news girls on the streets here, almost entirely of Jewish birth, and the Y. M. C. A. has a club open to them every evening from half

past six to half-past eight. The club is really a splendid thing for the children, and indeed they seem to appreciate it in their childish ways. A Mt. Holyoke girl, Miss Helen Calder, whose sister went to Turkey under the A. B. C. F. M. last summer, is in charge. I have been able to help some with the children, and have enjoyed it immensely. Miss Calder

is a lovely girl, and I have
enjoyed her very much,
too.

The Review gives me very
scrappy news of the girls,
but I always look for their
names. I wonder how they
like finishing the
sophomore year. There are
surely no dreadful
examinations in mathematics,
at any rate.

I hope very much

that I can see you all
before long. I have accepted
an invitation from
Helen Wright on Forest Street
to spend a day or two
with her at Commencement.
My plans for next year
are for study at
Chicago University in
mathematics, and I plan
to begin with the summer
term, so you see it is
a simple matter to

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see Chelin friends on the
way. It is with much
pleasure that I look
forward to seeing you all,
I assure you.

I was very sorry to
hear of Mill's illness in
the fall, and hope that
you have all been quite
well for the rest of the
year. Please remember me
to all the family and
give my especial love