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My dear dear Selden:-

I presume you are at evening service now - perhaps taking up a collection in the gallery. Grandma and Aunt Mary and Aunt Emma Henry have gone to church, and Gertrude and I are left home, and we have been reading and now are both writing.

Do you remember our visit - you and mine - to the Bolton cousins? Two of them have been here this week - Cousin Lelara Henry, and her niece Ruth Henry. Ruth was one of the little red haired girls



who played with you "up at the dam." That lovely little lake in the woods where we had a picnic. Then I wonder if you remember a man by the name of William Kinney who lived with Uncle Edmund <sup>over</sup> some years and took care of the horses and drove them, and helped in many ways? He was here when you were little and visited in Oxford. He came to see us yesterday and was quite surprised to see you so big as you look in the picture of you & me and the camera. By the way, I have

not nearly all kinds of your photos. I mean I have not a sample of each one. I have to show your postal card book to dozens of people - my old friends, and our relatives - and every one thinks you make fine pictures. I wish I had copies of the pictures you took of our house - inside & outside - when I was at Lakeside, to put in my postal card album.

You may ask Evelyn to pay you the money I owe you out of next month's rent, unless



she has to use it in paying house  
bills (furnace etc.) This is in ad-  
dition to the \$12<sup>50</sup> a month I  
wrote her you were to have. I  
hope you can keep Mrs. Allen  
paid up. But Selden, don't  
neglect your lessons to earn money,  
because the family will help  
you out if necessary.

Did you press your overcoat  
sleeves? That coat ought to  
do for this winter all right.  
If it is too narrow across the  
chest, the buttons can be set out.  
And did you set the gray trousers

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Shortened? That gray suit ought to answer for school and common wear, and the good serge suit for best for a long time. You may need another pair of trousers. How about the suit from Whitney's? Was it paid for? Tell me.

~~I don't~~ I hope you have nightgowns and stockings and other needed underclothes. Do you keep them in order, or who does? You can consult Nellie about expenses. Don't forget



to take care of your teeth - brushing  
& so on - and perhaps you will  
need Dr. Husted to look at  
them occasionally.

You know I don't think much  
of your playing football, - cer-  
tainly not without a doctor's  
permission; Did we ever pay  
Dr. Pickford the 50<sup>cts</sup> we  
owed him for you? Consult  
Minnie about football, and re-  
member about the doctor's sanction  
before you play.

I had a letter from you yes-  
terday which I was very glad  
to get for I think you write still

less to me than I to you. But  
you ask again about papa's  
watch, which surprises me  
as I explained it's a letter  
written to Evie, Minnie & you  
why I tho't you had better not  
use it now.

About the rain coat:- You  
know you had one that you could  
have worn but did not want, and  
I gave it away for that reason,  
before leaving Oberlin. You  
had better write and ask Mary  
about the \$10<sup>00</sup>. That, & the  
money I owe you - if Ev. can spare



it for you, - ought to be enough for  
your clothes &c. Don't waste a cent  
Selden, on foolishness, for you  
will be sure later to wish you  
had it to use for something  
really worth while.

When you write tell me what  
became of the wheeled chair,  
and of the hampers. I asked  
before but got no answer.

I don't get as many letters  
written as I used to, because  
I visit so much, taking rides around  
the country, and then resting from  
rides. Then my Mission Study  
Class takes a lot of time for I do so  
much outside reading for it. I am

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getting a lot out of it, if no  
one else is. You know Prof. Peck  
says - "You get out of a study  
just what you put into it."

Remember that Teddy, and put  
your best self into your studies.  
Tell me about every study, what  
do you like best, and do best  
in? Your letters are almost too  
abrupt - I catch your style when  
I reply.

And now good night, darling.  
Write me what you think about,  
& how you spend each day.

Love to Mrs. Allen as well as to  
you & Evelyn & Millie, <sup>Your</sup> <sup>lovingest</sup>  
one, Mamma.



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