

Sunday, April 1, 1906.

Dear Miss Mary,

It is weeks since I have written you. You probably have heard all about our vacation by this time. Jeanne M. leaves Oberlin for Chicago tonight, probably. You know Aunty Stone + her dear little niece Miss Ellen B. Stone was at home Sunday. She came to see us + rest but the Y. W. succeeded in getting her to speak. She is almost the most wonderful woman I know. Oh, I love her! And her niece is charming. Last Sunday this time in the evening we were all eating maple wax, cooled on snow, around our open grate fire.

J. M. + Selden are great friends. Selden is an awfully nice boy. He was so helpful and thoughtful while I was home. Isn't J. M. natural and simple? She is very easy to entertain.

Man, what shall I do this summer? I must do something but dear, no one knows how I abhor getting a plan to do something. If it is already got & I am settled in it I can live thro' it; but the getting! And what about next year? I must decide soon for you see I have only seven weeks more and if I am asked back it will be before I leave. As things are now I think I had

better teach or do something.
 I'd rather be a companion or
 governess with new experiences
 and greater advantages than
 back here. You know you are
 not really learning much
 teaching little children
 unless the outside circum-
 stances are educative. I think
 I have learned almost all I
 ever would from the conditions
 here and after all, tho' I could
 do better work in school, my
 own advancement would
 probably be slight. These
 I am getting too old not to
 have every year count now
 for my own advancement in
 some way, don't you think? Dear,
 it makes me sick how old

I feel & of course act - the feeling is the worst. If I could only take things less seriously I wouldn't feel - nearer Miss P.'s age than J. M.'s. When I was home the girls seemed all in a different sphere from mine because I seemed so much older.

Your various recommendations were fine. I hope you will have a good position & you ought to be way you go at it.

Mr. P. is just going up stairs & I bed I suppose. I must go for Mike & I walked a long distance this beautiful April afternoon. Do you suppose Aunty would know of any place for me in the summer?

Love Pink.

Sunday April 8.

I don't know why the first of this letter didn't go. Today I have a horrid cold and don't feel worth anything. Yesterday I was working a little while on Easter cards but felt too lousy to do much. I haven't a clean waist to wear tomorrow owing to my laziness yesterday.

I hope you will get in at Tacoma but I hate to have you go so far off. If you go I guess I will go & teach out there. Perhaps I could get a place in the public school & we could live together. Willie could come over the few hundred miles between us and take tea with us. Wouldn't it be jolly - especially

'if Mamma would rent the house ^{at O.} and come along.

All your letters from everybody have been grand. Everyone seems anxious to recommend you - "you bright thing" as Jeanne M. would say. She thinks you are wonderful. Mamma gave her two Oberlin posters made by you girls and she was delighted. One was a basket-ball girl in red & gold. The other that flew away Oberlin girl that you had marked to sell for sixty-five cents. She offered to pay for the second one but of course we didn't let her. My how much pleasure your art work gives! I enjoy my posters here on my wall

every minute I am in the room.

Miss DeVore with Mammaa very nice note thanking her for Auntie Stone's visit. Perhaps you have seen it.

I am sure Grandma and Willie would both enjoy Allen's letter about E.M.S. If you sent it to Willie first it might be an expense for him to write to Grandma, ^{so as to enclose it later.}

Miss Kelly, who was in Oberlin high school this year has resigned + gone to Lincoln Ill. (I think) with a thousand dollar salary. She had \$500 in D., you know.

Ruth House's senior at Lake Erie College. Auntie Stone spent the summer with her before she was at our house. She wants to go

back home to Bulgaria as soon
as she can.

I hope you have heard from
Tacoma now. I am wild to
know how it turns out. Would
you want to be dean, though?

I was reading today in
the Advance almanac about
the Congregational Colleges of
the country and was surprised
to find that Oberlin stands
next to Yale in numbers. Yale,
Oberlin, Smith, Wellesley, Dartmouth
are all over a thousand. Did
you know there are 37 Cong.
colleges!

Only six weeks more for me.
Love

Pintie.