

Lee, Mass.

Sept. 26, '99.

My dear Will; -

After leaving you in Olyria last Wednesday afternoon I had a rainy ride to Cleveland where I met Will Taylor. He went with me to the boat where I left my wheel and grip and then we went up into the city. It was raining and dismal but we had a pleasant talk together. He left for Oberlin on the 6 o'clock car. After he had gone

I had supper, then went on board the boat. I had an hour and a half to wait, for the boat did not leave until eight o'clock.

Two newly married couples came on board about an hour before the boat started and their friends made it hot for them. The boat was covered with rice. They pinned up signs over the boat, such as "Willie^{2nd} and Allie just married" etc.

My cabin mate was an interesting young man. He had been pretty wild in his day, but he had become interested

in a young lady and she was tiring him down a little. I talked to him pretty seriously for a while. He wants me to write to him when I reach England and I told him I would. I spent a pleasant night, although the lake was pretty rough. The boat reached Buffalo at 6.30 in the morning, Oberlin time, but 7.30, Buffalo time. I forgot this and in consequence almost lost my train, but I managed to get it and arrived in Springfield at 8.30 in the evening. I stayed

in Springfield until
yesterday afternoon when
I came here to Lee to
visit my Uncle John
Kilbon and my aunt.

This is the story, short
and simple, of my
wanderings thus far
on my long journey. I
begin to realize that I
have undertaken a good
deal; but this does not
make me falter one
mite, rather I am
all the more anxious
to pitch into the worst
of it, and I believe
when the time come I
will do it with a will.

I find that I think a good deal of Oberlin and of the friends I have left there. I shall never forget with what feelings I received the gift from the Local Union. I appreciate the gift, but far more do I appreciate the spirit. I hope and pray that their new leader, whoever he may be, may be one, who through the grace of God, can lead them into larger fields of usefulness as a Union.

My prospects are ex-

ceedingly bright. I expect to sail the 10th of October on the 'Bay State'. Arrangements have not yet been fully completed, but I think this is the boat on which I shall ship as a cattle man. It is a position which my uncle has just about secured for me through a friend of his, and is much more desirable than the one I originally had. I am going to call on this gentleman next week. He lives near Boston.

How are you getting along? You will have to stick pretty close to business this year.

How do Mary and Ellen like their Freshman work? Has Math. commenced to trouble them any yet? I hope they will not try to do too much.

Do the three professors board with you?

I expect to be here until Thursday, then I will go back to 41 Orleans St., Springfield, Mass., my headquarters, and from there I will go down to

Hartford.

You must keep me
well informed about
Oberlin and what goes
on there.

Remember me to your
mother, Mary, Ellen, Cecilia
and Selden.

Your friend,
G. D. W. Kilboe.

P.S.

Tell Ellen that my half penny
has brought me pretty good
luck so far, and I hope it
will continue to do so.

G. H.



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