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*Celebrate in October -  
your letters are  
very interesting*

*Good bye for now -  
your ever loving  
Maudie*

My dear Nellie:-  
I hope you are not feeling neglected. It has been almost impossible to write for we have been going through a regular moving. In preparing both the third and second floor for boys it was necessary to make great changes. Every closet and every room was so full of our own things that the upheaval has been something terrible. To get three girls suited up to go away was a big task - then Aunt Mary and Gertrude were here for a few days, and Miss Mackie (on her way to sail from Boston in October) was here at the same time. Fro dressmaker for 12 days, extra washing & ironing in the

kitchen, alabastering the walls <sup>1903</sup> for the days  
rooms, and other enterprizes added to  
the confusion. You never saw the rooms  
so pretty! I call the 3<sup>d</sup> story Wauveon  
for it is occupied by four boys from there  
Mr. Sohn + three others. They use the blue  
room for a study, + the others for bedrooms.  
We did your wall over, and put in the white  
+ brass bedstead. Grandma's little room is  
occupied by a very nice Academy boy, but  
the three big rooms are empty. Isn't it  
too bad? Still I heard tonight of a lady  
who prepared 13 rooms (perhaps it was an  
unlucky number) and not one is rented.  
So I try not to be greedy + be glad for  
every one who has rented rooms, and thank  
ful I have some. <sup>boys</sup> Our dining room + kitchen  
are still not in order, but every thing else  
in the house is perfect. I have been trying  
also to can fruit + make jelly. I can  
hardly cook little enough for Selden + me  
after being used to our big family. He got  
some flute music for your birthday - the girls in  
Cleveland. He send it down, as usual, for me to