

You may not have formed the habit
of doing quite so well as you know.
I hope you are getting your time
made up rapidly now, & are put-
ting in all the necessary qualities
for success. I'm reminded Prof.
Peck's favorite saying, "You get out
of a thing just what you put
into it." We speak of you many
times a day & miss you particularly
on Sunday at the piano. Did you know
the man who tuned it - Mr. Laughlin
is dead? And also Prof. Peck's old
father, Deacon Peck? - Mary was
at a Y. W. Cabinet party for supper at
the Hillis's last week. Percy had hurt
his eye at football. The weather is
mild, & no flowers frosted yet. We
have soft coal & wood in the cellar
for furnace when needed. Do you see
the daily paper, or anything to keep track
of events? What reading do you have for
Sunday?

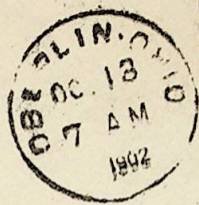
Do you keep up a
systematic reading
of the Little Testament
of Exodus, & where
are you reading now,
Tell me, so we can
keep to each other -
Dear Willie
Good night, Willie
Dear, A good night
I miss you
I am afraid
you have fared poorly for letters
this week. I have been ill all week
& that has given more work to the
rest of the family. It happened very
unfortunately too, when we had so
much planned to do to get ready
for the meeting of the American
Board which begins Tuesday 14.
I don't know yet what guests I
am to have except Miss Stone's neph.
Ew. Grandma & Aunt Mary are
not coming now - Grandma writes
that she may not come this year,
but stay at Uncle Joe's, anyhow
I'm loving
Mamma.

till January when perhaps Uncle Joe's family will
take rooms at Washington for a while, & the children
go to kindergarten! Aunt Mary keeps very busy
at Ayford having no servant girl and a very poor new
man of all work to instruct. - Prof. Chamberlain
of Chicago preached in the First Church this am.
- a fine sermon, the girls said - I was not out, not
feeling able to walk so far. Eelen has been working
all week on a debate & Mary on an oration, both
for Monday eve. & Erelina on a story for her school. She
will send you the school papers, but you must send
or bring them back as she wants to keep them. Don't
neglect it.

Selden is getting to be quite a cook.
He cooked beefsteak & eggs & potatoes very nicely several
times while I was sick. He has gathered walnuts seven

Saturdays out a few miles from here at Mr. Hastings'
farm on Black River. Erelina treated her sisters to
two course tickets for ball games, (altho' we will doubtless
all get some benefit of them), & yesterday they saw
Oberlin beat Wittenburg 40 to 0. The Saturday before it was
Oberlin beat Heidelberg 60 to 0.

I am anxious to
hear how your health is. I don't see why you should
be sick so much if you observe the simple rules of health
you know, - regular hours for everything, proper
food &c. &c. You know it all, your training in the
science of health rules has not been neglected, altho'



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