

287 West College St. Oberlin Ohio
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My dearest Pennytrunks:-

It is Sabbath, just after dinner, and while the others are finishing I will start a letter to you, for later the Bulgarian boys are coming up to see a little about our final arrangements. I am in missionary things for sure, just now, rather concerning a Mr. Stanley from China (whose parents I knew) has just been in to borrow our map of Turkey. I met him for the first last night ^{at} a social in the whole top of Stuges Hall. But I must tell you about yesterday for it was a very full day. I tried to wash with some soap from Selden in the morning & some from Millie in the afternoon on the machine - I tried to do it between calls & the regular routine work - & no Pennytrunks here! - Well, shee see agents - one woman insisted on my taking a bottle of furniture polish which was very nice, only we didn't need it, & money is scarce, but she seemed to feel

so destitute, I took it, remembering my children's canvassing sorrows. Then Edna Grant came to have suggestions for a costume for a week from Sat. Mr. (Erlinea + I) suggested a white Empire gown - hair done like a lady in the picture of Lady Washington's Reception fluffy in front, high knot, curls below it, string of pearls around the knot, & around the neck. I promised to lend her my "Marie Stuart" shawl for her shoulders. By the way - did Miss Spangenburg ever return the things she borrowed the second time? I can't find the Bulg. jacket any where. Another caller was Mrs. (Prof.) Martin for our final consultation about "The Carnival of Nations". I ran up & changed my dress in a jiffy for her. That was about 2 P.M. Then I changed my dress, & went at the kitchen, at 3 Miss Paloshira came for her final directions, but I let Erlinea

attend to her. They dressed "Ellen Mas. Guerte" like a Bulg. baby, & then we planned out some plays, songs and various things for next Friday afternoon. One of the Student volunteers - Mr. Wolfe - came to remind me to come with Ev. & Miss P. at 7 P.M. to Sturges Hall, & to get final directions about the part we were to take. Ev. wore Bulg. costume. We got Miss P. on the way & took her home. The affair was - the Student Volunteers, Mission Study clubs & Missionaries, & they had many in costume, songs from different lands & different ones showed how to play the games of their lands. There was lemonade & wafers served. Everything went off very well. Miss P. did finely with a native song, & some other things. Mr. Eddy, a young Missionary from India, who

is here in the interests of the S. V. M.
was there & spoke & prayed to finish
everything up. He is just fine. He said
the Missionary spirit is not decided
by geography but by consecration,
& he prayed that each person might
find the place where their life would
be most useful, & then put his whole
Soul into it. I think of you & Polly,
We must ask to be lead, & ask with
the obedient spirit, & light, &
joy will come for the service to
which we are called. Dear child!
You are having it hard enough now,
Oh sure, - we did weep over your
letters. How I wish I could put my
arms around you & feel you dear
Pessie! But you have "The Everlasting
Arms", & your best friend is beside
you, "darling". The middle of May
will soon come, & then you might

So right down to Mary + keep her for
 a couple of weeks. Then both take
 a day or so — perhaps with Margaret
 — at the St. Louis fair, + come
 home together. If you can possibly
 live down your homesickness, you
 had better stick it out now, for
 the sake of the experience! + who
 knows what good you may do in
 three months in a place so destitute
 of all the things you are so accus-
 tomed to. You have indeed much to
 give to Cando, + I believe you will
 rise to the occasion. Your sweet
 personality, + your fidelity to duty
 can do much in three months,
 my precious one. It is a great
 opportunity. I believe God sent
 you there, + now you can show
 him that he can trust you with

a hard task. I am writing with
out my glasses, as they are down
stairs & I am up. When
your letter came, I got a raw
egg as soon as possible, as you
told me to do.

Do buy
warm things right away - & don't
run any risks for the sake of
a few dollars. Thank Miss
Smith for her kind message.

I think you will find it pleasant
to be with some one. If possible
have separate beds - it is more
sanitary for both of you. By
this time I hope you have an ap-
petite, - & also your trunk!

With your own things about, it will
not seem so homeless.

I am making - bought stuff for
it last Friday - a Bulg. flag,
bigger than our U.S. flag, & am
going to hang it in our bozau
above a very small Turkish
flag, to show which side of
the Turkish question we are on.

And now I will stop these prayers.
You know we'll not forget you dear,
nor Mary either.

Later: Atanas came just as we
finished reading, and stayed till
five o'clock. Then Evelina set the
supper table, & she & Millie went
together to Endeavor, & Lelden came
home from Mr. Smith's. Now he, ^{Grand}
ma & I have finished supper, & I am
just finishing this mail as I go to evening
church, for I want to hear Mr. Eddy. He

will be tired I think, speaking at vespers
at 4, at Y. M. C. A. at 6, & then at
1st ch. at 7.

It has been raining & freezing as it
rains today, but take it altogether
the weather has been cold since you
left. We all keep well, talk much
about you, & sympathize still more.
Be sure to buy warm hood, gloves,
leggins or whatever is necessary before
you freeze. Of course that room
with portiers was impossible, you
had better keep good watch of your
things, & keep your trunk locked.
Don't try to wash & do too much
work. Go to bed early - I was going
to add - take raw eggs! but per-
haps the hens can't lay where or
while it is so cold. Grandma & Lillian
are sittin' by me - Y. says she sends lots of love.