

My dear Willie,-

Your letter came this noon and I ought not to stop to answer now, as I am rushed getting ready for my last two examinations: probably the letter won't get finished right away.

Yes, I did receive the book about Tacoma and looked at every picture with great interest, but I have been so busy that I didn't sit down to tell you so. Mr. Tacoma takes my eye, particularly, for you know I have never seen any thing like it. It will be a great experience for me, going out there and I am very glad I am going. Thank you for the book. I'd be wild to hear your report after going over the Whitman's grounds.

President Kroeger sent me a catalogue some
little time ago and it contained pictures
of the buildings. I am to live "in the
Residence"; I believe, which seems to be the
best thing on the campus. The buildings
are mostly frame and don't look like school
property at all, but like dwellings. I'll be
awfully glad if you can look up routes,
& as you suggested, for you know so much
better than any of the rest of us, what is
interesting out there.

I had no idea there were so many Ober-
lin people in Seattle. How nice that is! My
hopes rise.

Your earth-quake news was very inter-
esting. I hope there isn't any thing
serious ahead, but I'm not worried at
all. We thought we had an earthquake
here one ~~last~~ ^{night} a few weeks ago. People

were waked up out of their sleep; I guess
every one felt the shock. In the morning
we found that a powder magazine in ~~the~~
post, which is about thirty miles from
here, I guess, had exploded.

As to the matter of your going to college
this fall: I am in favor of it, and
believe it can be done with your earning
your own board and room (at least partly)
as you plan. I don't know where the State
University is: not at Seattle is it? Where
is it? I had been counting on having
you as near as Seattle - and do hope you
will not be much farther off than that. I
will be only too glad to do whatever I can
towards helping you and you can call it
a loan or a gift, whichever you choose -
only so you do not feel it too much of

a burden. How much I can help, I don't know, for I have \$250.⁰⁰ owing to Dr. Bradley, which I must return as soon as possible. Aside from that all I can at all save I want to have go towards family help and perhaps you may be my share of the family, at least part of it. Aunt Jenny, you know, has offered to pay all Ethel's college bills next year, which is a great help.

I am thoroughly in favor of the journey plan: I believe you could make a great success at it. Of course it is a kind of thing that takes time to get into too; but then every thing does. I suppose you would have to go through the grind of the reporter's job before you could get real editorial work; but I believe you could

soon work up in it. I want you to try it.

Well, I mustn't write another minute.

To good-bye for now.

I expect to leave New Haven, next Thursday if I can get off then; be at Aunt's for or three weeks perhaps, and then go home. Aunt is going to help me get my sewing done up so that it will be off my hands and not to be done at home, which I think is lovely of her.

Lots of love and good wishes
for your work and your plans —
Mary.

130 Howe St. New Haven, Connecticut;
June the ninth. '06.

Aunt's address is

250 Cement Ave.,
West New Brighton
Staten Island, New York.

I think Grandpa will
go to Ohio with me.
Love M.

Might thought you
might like to
address my
letters to
my
mother's
address
might be

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I am to get $\$100.00$ a month at
Whitworth, but from all I can find
out I'll have to pay my board & room
rent, which according to the catalogue
is very high - I looked it at Leeds and
can't remember the exact figures. I had
to pay Mr. McCay $\$45.00$ for telling
me of the places you know.

M. B.



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