

Dear Billy Boy.

This letter is going to be late, after all, I'm afraid, and I was anxious to have it, at least, reach you promptly for the 19th. I am sending you a little neck-tie that I got a long time ago so as to be ready on time. I wonder what I could send that you would like. I don't know what kinds of things you care for when you are up there in the woods. Just think, we were out on the Pacific Coast together last year on your birth-

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day - and I didn't do any thing  
for it even then; did I? How  
glad I am we had that year  
so near together. I wish you  
were in Kansas now.

This is Friday and I have  
been in Emporia since quarter  
of one Tuesday night. Kansas  
is all it is cracked up to be  
in wind and prairie. There is  
a continual blowing of the  
hottest air you ever felt, strong  
enough to keep your hair al-  
ways in disorder and too warm  
to give you a bit of breeze. You  
can see the longest distances



and not think you are looking  
 any where. When the college build-  
 ings were pointed out to me,  
 I thought it would be only  
 a step and when I came to  
 walk it, found myself going  
 and going it seemed intermin-  
 ably, and over the hottest  
 half mile I was struck, the  
 sun just beating down upon  
 the treeless sidewalk.

I think I am going to be  
 very happy here, however,  
 In every body seems nice and  
 cordial. Pres. Culbertson in-  
 pressed me the other day



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in faculty meeting as a man  
willingly anxious to make  
things go smoothly at the  
cost of his own preferences.  
He is very enthusiastic and  
in some way makes a very  
good impression upon me -  
I believe we will work to-  
gether nicely. He is so young  
that he is really boyish  
in appearance and manner  
but has plenty of dignity.  
The college is larger and more  
like a college than Whitworth,  
particularly as the proportion  
of college students is very



much greater here than elsewhere  
 and I think that I have really  
 made an advance, perhaps, in  
 coming here. I teach all the  
 English except one preparatory  
 class, about 18 hours I think  
 it is.

How are you getting on? It  
 seems a thousand years since  
 I have heard from you. Have you  
 decided what you are going to  
 do this fall? I want to know  
 what you decide.

Probably you have heard from  
 the various members of the  
 family since they left home,



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though probably they haven't  
had much time to write, as  
they have been visiting, and  
but seldom - and letter writing  
is not his strong point. I  
am glad he has been home-  
sick for days this week  
and a half that he has been  
the only one of the family in  
Oberlin. I have sent him some  
postals and one letter with  
the hope of encouraging him  
a little. He is at Jackson, you  
know. He wasn't at all anxious  
to go there, but Mamma  
thought it would be so much



letter for him than any other  
place.

I had a letter from Welina  
this afternoon from Hunts-  
burg where she is having a  
very quiet time. I wish  
she could get some where  
where she would take some  
rollicking good fun: she says  
herself she just feels the  
need of it. We are all dreadfully  
disappointed that she couldn't  
get into Talcott.

I wonder if you have every  
body's address. Maybe I could  
show them to you. After the 18th.



Elvira's will be Elvira Colyer,  
 Elmira, New York, and I  
 think Maurea will be at  
 Oxford, Washington, or Staten  
 Island. Evelina is going to  
 be at Mrs. Telling's on  
 South Professor Street. I am  
 afraid she is going to be  
 home sick, so write her a  
 little letter; will you?

I'm dying to hear from you.  
 Lots of love to you. Remember  
 me to each of the Hilliers or  
 Hargers you see, please.  
 Maurea.

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