

Elmira College,

Elmira, New York.

My dear Billy Boy,-

I have it even wished
you happy birthday by letter. It
is mean! I hope you had me
in spite my not having any
thing or else a note from me -
are wondering are the time if
you are going to study this fall or
not. If so, why you ~~were~~ are
probably beginning now. I'm really
eager to know.

As you see by the heading of this
page I am at work in Elmira.
I think I am going to like it very
much here - I like it already.
At the very first I thought, "Oh
me - wie I like it as well as Glen
dale!" but I guess I wie -
probably a good deal ~~either~~
The college has some thing over
two hundred girls. There is no
preparatory school in connection

with the college - which is nice.
This is the oldest ~~girls~~ college in the
Country to give degrees comparable
to those granted by the men's
colleges. According to Bro. Macken-
zie's speech in Chaple the other
day it stands at the head of the
list of ~~the girls~~ colleges in the first
grade ~~as~~ on the official books
at Washington. I think that
that list must be made out
according to the age of the in-
stitution but I believe this is a
good college. He says that in
this official report at Washington
there are fourteen girls' colleges of
the first rank.

Well I must get ready for church
now & finish later.

I think I am going to like my
work and life here. I have fourteen
hours work - not half of the
teaching I've been doing and of
course no duties beside teaching

but there are so many more students and consequently so many more themes that I shall have plenty to do. At I have signed registration blanks for sixty freshmen in one of the freshman courses and fifty eight in the other. There may be a few more to come. The sophomore classes are large too. Even my junior English has sixteen - larger than any class I ever had at Glendale. The freshmen are to recite in two divisions, ^{each group in 2 divisions.} like wise the sophomores. But for the first recitation I shall have them all together.

One of the other new teachers is very young, must be a good deal younger than I, I think. She and I ~~were~~ were to be called by the faculty, "the Faculty infants."

President MacKenzie seems to be very much disturbed for fear we will associate too freely with the girls - he has not said anything to me, but he has spoken several times to Miss Storrie - the other one - about it - and lastly he suggested to her that he wanted her and me to be very good friends - to cultivate each other specially. Miss Storrie has the mental and physical culture. Really, nearly everyone in the college faculty has a Ph.D. and I feel awfully ashamed of being only an A.B. But then you try to try to behave as if I knew some things any way I don't mean by giving my opinions through ~~but father~~ by keeping

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them to myself unless I'm asked
for them. I can see a good
many very young things that
Miss Stones does. She is a
person of who does some think-
ing though I think and is really
an able person for her age I
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Yesterday we were invited to
a dinner party for the ladies
of the faculty, including the
wives of faculty members. The
chief attraction was the two faculty
babies. They were very curious,
two little girls just big enough
to run around, one a blonde and
the other a Brunette. The third
new member of the faculty has
just been married - about two
weeks ago. His bride is red-haired
and small and though she is
taller than she looks about

seventeen, and I don't believe she
knows as much as some people.

I have a nice front room with
two good windows, a hard wood
floor, and electric light, which
latter however is not as bright
as it sounds. Breakfast and luncheon
are served for three quarters of an
hour and one can come and go
when one pleases. I believe that
a light lunch is served at nine
in the evening.

I am charmed with Dr. Harris
the head of the English department
and the dean. She is a Prof
Ph.D and she knew Professor
Wagn here. She seems to be
as charmed with him as we are.
She is a middle aged woman
with gray hair. At first I
wasn't specially struck with her
but now I'm thoroughly in love
with her. She glad I am for of

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course she specially connected with
her. Prof. Wagn told me about
her before I came and said
she was a friend of his and
the most charming woman
he knew at Yale.

I have been here since Tuesday
but have not had classes yet.
Oh! Dr. Harris knew Dr. Bedell-
ford (if that's the way you spell
the name of the head of the English
department at Seattle) at New
Haven. She has a sister in
Washington some where in
some College there. Many had
heard of her.

But how far away we
are from each other, aren't
we, wife? I wish we didn't
have to be. Don't you miss May?
Do you know, I think Mamie
is just crazy to go out to see you.
She keeps talking about it.

I wonder how you spent your
birth day. Write to me won't
you when you have time?

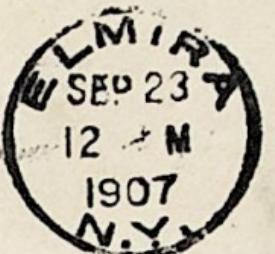
Good bye Billy Boy.

Yours loving sister.

"Sally Grie,"

Ellie Scranton Belden.

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nineteen hundred and seven.



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