

Dear Willie,

Ever since your letter came, I have been meaning to write to you; but this has been an awfully busy time for me with examinations and lots of extra tests to give.

I do hope your money is coming in all right. I don't want you to stop school now till you get through. It is a shame that Harry has acted so, particularly bad that he is Percy's brother. For I sup-



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pore you can't say any thing  
about it to Percy as he would  
feel like taking his brother's  
side. It is a shame, just  
as things seem to be going so  
nicely.

What are you going to  
do when you go West again? Will  
you go into lumber ~~or~~ bus-  
ness? You said you'd probably  
go West this summer. But  
you will be back for Ellie's  
wedding; won't you?

You haven't told me what you  
think about Ellie's marrying



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Will. You like the idea; don't you?  
I think Will is a fine fellow.  
Do you? Ellen told me the other  
day about the house Jane  
Will had sent her. They are  
going to have a nice little  
place, convenient and pretty.  
I am glad they are going  
to build their own house.  
I am crazy to see it.

This Christmas vacation  
was a fine occasion; wasn't  
it? I am more glad than  
I can say that it was possible  
for Ann and Edwin to



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go East; for you really needed  
the education of it after  
being away so long as to  
forget every thing. I think  
she is a great deal broader  
for having seen many places.  
Every body thought you were  
fine when you were there and  
Evelina told me you were  
just perfect to her. She said  
one couldn't be treated better  
than she was by you on the  
way home, and I thought that  
was a great compliment to a



brother.

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Did I tell you how highly  
the Van der Burges spoke of  
you in a letter I received  
from them this fall? You  
certainly make a good im-  
pression in Tacoma. It  
is a good thing you did!  
Miss Brown writes me lovely  
letters: she does think lots  
of me, for all she used to  
squish me so. I like her  
very much in a way and  
shall be gratified with eternity



for her generous champion-  
 ship of my cause at the end;  
 but some how I can not  
 have either the respect or  
 the attachment for her that  
 I had before I knew her so  
 well. She is too much  
 lacking in self control:  
 has too little sweetness. I  
 feel mean to think so when  
 she is so nice to me: she  
 writes me such affectionate  
letters.

Yesterday I had a lovely



letter from a Whitworth girl, one  
of my very few devotees. It  
is a comfort to know that  
there are any. Sometimes I  
can't help wishing that I  
might have had a second girl's  
chance, although I like it  
much better here. There are  
snags every where - some  
help. The students fear be-  
cause I don't teach the same  
way that the last English  
Instructor did, and I've been  
nag down in the dumps over  
that - but I think every thing




is going to mend. If you think  
of any advice, I ought to have,  
would you send it along? I promise  
not to be mad, whatever you  
say. Pres. Culbertson is perfectly  
lovely to work with — such  
a contrast to Pres. Kroeger.

You can talk things over with  
him, which is never possible  
for any body to do with the  
honorable head of <sup>members</sup> Whit-  
worth. The faculty <sup>here</sup>  
are preferable to those at  
Whitworth, too, on the whole,  
and the student body.



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I'm dreadfully tired, some  
way, and my eyes are giving  
considerable trouble, so I  
think I shall try to go to  
bed soon, to begin the week  
well. 

Do you see much of Eldon?  
I wonder how he is getting  
on with his lessons.

We are having almost  
the first real cold weather  
we have had. The wind  
is something fierce. I can't  
say it hurts, so I'll tell you, that  
I'm not very enthusiastic



over Kansas. It is about the  
worst state I've struck yet.  
I wish to goodness, it weren't  
so far away. I've tried  
being way off by myself.

Well, good-bye. I've afraid  
your hoping that I'll get in  
a more optimistic mood  
before I write again.

Give my love to Puit and  
Carl.

Ever your affectionate sister,  
Mary.

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I wonder how the Helliers  
take to the idea of welcome-  
ing two Hargers into their  
family. Did they finally  
become reconciled to Percy's  
marriage to Lizette?

Aunt Jerry said you were  
perfectly lovely to Aunt Mary when  
you were in New York. I am so glad  
you knew how to be - I never do,  
you know. Aunt Mary's life is al-  
most unendurable, I think. How  
can a man treat his wife as  
Uncle Edmund treats Aunt Mary?



I don't think even Mamma's  
life with all her poverty and  
anxiety has been as hard as  
Aunt Mary's is all the time.  
And how true Aunt Mary has  
been to Uncle Edmund all  
these years!



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