

My dear Willie,-

The other day I sent you a registered letter containing forty dollars. I hope you got it in time. I never can remember the number of your house. I'm going to tell you just how I am fixed for money so you will understand. If I were going to back longer than this year you would be entirely welcome to keep this and not pay back but you know I am not and my expenses are go-



to be bigger than my receipts  
if you not awfully care-  
ful. You see I have to  
get my clothes which  
is no small thing when  
I am so hard up and will  
need lots more new ones  
than ordinarily and then  
there's linen and such  
household things that  
come to my share. When  
I was in New York I  
borrowed thirty dollars  
of Grandma and I was  
to pay it back out of this  
first month's salary, I  
was on my way to the

post office to send it when I re-  
membered your request and I  
thought that it was more impor-  
tant for you to have it, but  
since you wished I will have to  
have it on time. The rest of the  
month's salary I was going to  
send to Grandma; parts to pay  
her dress-maker's bill which is  
due now I guess and what was  
left for her to get me linen in  
New York for now the balance  
you gave me and we can get  
these things at half price.



where as by next month or before  
I suppose spring prices will be  
on. I have twenty dollars left  
though and guess I'll send that  
right now for that purpose. It  
was a secret, Grandma's hiding  
me the money. She and Man-  
na did not want any one to  
find out that she had done it for  
~~the~~ some reason. I guess they  
thought it would be very much  
disappointing. This makes eight  
five dollars I have but you

doesn't it? Dear I hate  
to ask you to pay it  
back & if you can't  
never mind, but tell  
me soon if you know  
so that I won't be count-  
ing on it.

I was awfully glad  
for your letter. I hope  
any of you Balders are  
not sick or in danger  
from all these things. It  
is awfully cold here and  
every one is having grippe.  
It was twenty below <sup>zero</sup> this  
week and was thirty below  
near here. That is pretty



cold - almost - like the Sa-  
kotas.

We are going to have  
a very simple wedding  
I guess. Will does not  
like church weddings to  
show and I think I  
would like a little simple  
house wedding too and  
so that's what it will be  
I guess. But I think  
it can be nice just the  
same. I was rather  
surprised that you  
wanted it done up so  
fine for - I remember you  
saying that when abn

of your sister got married you  
knew that of course sisters should  
be such as you do there was one exchange  
kind of wedding.

I'm awfully glad you are  
having your private justice taken. I'm  
as awfully surprised to have one.  
I'm glad of my mother as if  
my sister and you I have no  
pretense to speak of for there were  
as I have lots of the girls. And you  
know lots of times it brings the  
to your remembrance to have a  
photograph when you saw her it



often, not that I ever forget, but I miss  
when we would be thinking about  
another person and just happened  
glance at his photograph it always  
a passing thought that one is glad to  
have.

This morning and last Sunday  
the minister quotes Prof. G. F.  
Wright. And I frequently hear him  
quoted as a scientist when men  
are trying to harmonize science  
and the Bible or talk on kindred  
subjects. How often one hears Ober-  
lin College quoted in the pulpit



any way.

I'm glad your work was going so well. I should hate to have you lose any credits now when time is so precious to you and also I should hate to have people think you would finish a course.

I have just finished my examination reports. I had an awful lot of papers & grades - that is compared to what I have ever known or compared to a good many of the teachers here. And our new semester has begun, began last Tuesday.

Please write to me soon  
again. I'm sure  
we would be glad to  
have a letter from you  
and I should be very  
glad to have you write  
to him. I wish Aveline  
and Selden would too.  
You hope the wedding  
will be at a convenient  
time. It will be some  
time in September, I  
think. Will that be  
convenient?

Please give my love  
to the others when you  
see them. How is Selden  
doing in school? I  
hope you encourage  
him.

Lovingly your sister,

Ellen P. Belden.

Sunday, February the ninth  
nineteen hundred and eight.





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