

We have all read everything you have sent & nobody has asked for the gift. Your trip seems so interesting even Sunday, Aug. 6, 1905. with all its hardships.

My dear Willie (Monday)

You don't know how glad we were to get your letter and how sorry we were that we had not sent any to Duluth. Mamma has written you one, but didn't send it because you seemed to be so uncertain, she said.

You certainly have been having a hard time and I am awfully sorry. You never like to have me say such things but I feel it so much, that if it should be any comfort to you, as it would come to know that the family sympathies

these with you I want you to know
that I do.

It seems as if the hard times
come to you and sometimes I
feel awfully mean that they
come to others instead of me. (I'm
not saying that I haven't had
times, for I have, chiefly owing
to my own selfish disposition.)

If you took that seven dollar
trip, I suppose that you didn't
get a chance to go to George's. Too
bad! I hope the sleeping apart-
ments you have had lately have
been different. Those others must
have been an awful trial.

Things are going about the same
here. There are two more weeks

of summer school. (For me to think
in.) I hoped to do so much better
work than I have been doing.
Prof. Martin is terribly cross some
times but he has been just lovely
to many and me (when he
wasn't squelching), so pleasant,
complimentary, and friendly.
We are very good friends.

Evadina has been and gone
and taken her examinations.
She got home late night on the
eleven o'clock car. I don't think
she is anticipating a particularly
pleasant year, but when
she wanted to stay out, and
I think she has a very good

place to begin in. Miss Work thinks
it will be a very hard school.

Aunt Mary sent us a barrel
last week and we girls feel
quite fixed up.

I wish we didn't have these
money troubles, don't you? It is
on Ma's account that they
worry me so much, and yet
I am just horrid about it.
Mary hates so not to be ^{"receiving} ~~earning~~
a "salary" next year.

Prof. Caskey came to get you
to help him the other day, if

you have two letters here -
from the same person - I know
you will feel badly not to get

them for so long but I don't know
what to do about them. They,
or one, might have been sent
to Duluth I'm awfully sorry
it wasn't. I have a notice
whom they are from - are you
poked I said that?

Mr. Hillis told Eveline that
he read in the Cleveland paper
yesterday that they want an
immense number of people out
west there some where - 30000
I think it was but that seems
an awful number. So Mr.
Hillis thought you would easily

find something, but maybe
you don't know where that some-
thing is. Who would think
it would be so hard in this
world to find work?

We haven't been doing
any thing since you went
away, except study, as we did
before and we have been
doing some reading. This just
suits my pleasure you know,
but I suppose a little more
gaity wouldn't be a bad thing.
However I seem to keep my
youth - at least to outpiders. I

do wish I wasn't so "kiddish";
but I can't seem to help it. The
talking too much about Ed Padden
am I not?

Oh afraid you want me to
stop, so I will.

I think of you often and do
more than think. I'm so sorry
you're home sick and having
a bad time, but it is a pleasure
to know we make enough
difference to care for.

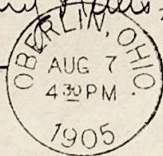
Very lovingly and sympa-
thetically and hopefully,
yours with "Silly Girl",
Edwin Scranton Padden.

Your letter to us girls just came. I was
very much interested in every word. For
some distance you must have taken just
the same route that I did. Churches Ferry
is where every one has to change going to Cando.
It was where I first began to feel home-
sick. I wish you could have stopped
at Cando - they would have shown cordial
to you I know.

You are observing I think. Won't
it make traveling interesting? That old
topee you spent the night with the
"Pardner", certainly didn't get his "drunk"
in North Dakota! I guess maybe he
may have had a little minute re-
frinement. I know you have. I'm
sorry none of my friends had the gracious
ness to say how-do-you-do to you at
Churches Ferry or Devils Lake.

We were a little worried before we
got the first letter, but of course I suppose
we oughtn't have been. Sincerely Helen.

If not-called for in ten days
forward Card to Mr. Harry Hillis,
Monroe, Washington



Mr. Wm. H. Belden,
Glasgow,
Montana.

