

summer. If you are going so far, I would like best to have the summer with my children. I do wish Grandma could be here too, that would make every thing beautiful. Then too, traveling is so expensive - I do not like to be such an expense to my relatives. If there is any money given to me I should like to use it paying up debts instead of on myself - not that I am expecting any money, however.

Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> - The morning mail has just come + I see a letter to Selden from you. I am glad some one remembered his birthday - no one else has so far. I got him a chocolate cake at the bakery, + Mr. Smith took him for ice cream soda, - that was all. He was a little disappointed at no letters. Birthdays are disappointing some times. I think I'll celebrate a day in June for his birthday. I had just paid several bills + was out of money, or I should have bought a racket which he wants. No word yet from "Grape Nuts" which is a little worry on Selden. I must away now to the inevitable dinner getting. Your loving  
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My dear Mary:- I did send a postal to Miss Horford at the same time I telephoned to Prof. Martin, and told Mrs. Wager. Everyone seems very much pleased at your good fortune, + at the same time are disposed to congratulate Whitman. Mr. Metcalf has been there, and says the College is beautifully situated with large grounds, the main building I believe, a gentleman's handsome residence given to start the College. I am very anxious for full particulars of everything.

Your letter about Bristol was exceedingly interesting. To go back a moment - did you send you full face picture to Laoma? It is so much prettier + sweeter, + shows so much better what you are than



the profile. Like as not they'll have it reproduced in the local papers - Westerners are so enterprising - the full face is so much better. - To return to Bristol! - How very kind of Mrs. Moody to let you go thro' the house.

Of course we knew of Mr. Post's death - had papers & letters sent. It would be lovely if you could spend a day with Mrs. Will Ingraham. How are your clothes for this time of year? Did you know Willie's Seattle address?

I am so sorry to hear about Deacon Lewis's trouble. Poor man! he has had a good many trying things in his life. He looks & is like Oliver Goldsmith. He is a generous hearted man, tho' impracticable. He was always a good kind friend.

Of course, use my story suggestions as you wish. Perhaps you can get it published in some other magazine if the "Yale Monthly" goes up. I believe

you could. Don't give it any where without pay. If worse comes to worse you can finish it this summer at home. Can't you have the poor little mother religious either & be consistent? Do give her that comfort with her black baby! It is true to life too, that it is almost universal for mother love to bring with it something akin to a religious feeling, even to the un-religious.

I am much better than when Letter wrote his blue letters to all of you. Fanny does pretty well. I work very little indeed. The weather is lovely - just sweet and showery & a little steamy - every thing coming out, & we all feel like being out too! Tulips are gorgeous in their new bed at the side of the house. Lillies of the valley & other plants are blooming too. I hope the yard will look as pretty when you come. I don't expect to go East this





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