

Scranton Pa

March 28, 1883

Dear Mr. Belden

Yours of 19<sup>th</sup> inst. received. I knew the hand writing and expected to get a good scolding. I knew I deserved it. But you refrained. You were kind. It is not easy for me to write letters. I started one to you in January last but became disgusted with it and did not finish it. Please pardon my seeming neglect of your favor.

We saw a notice of  
your appointment in the  
paper, and we all  
rejoiced at the good  
news. I hope and  
believe that it will  
lead to your getting  
a permanent charge.

I shall continue to  
pray that it may, and  
that you may be suc-  
cessful in winning souls  
to Christ. We shall  
be very glad to have  
you make us a visit  
at any time that you  
can make it conve-  
nient. We are sorry

that you were not able  
to come before enter-  
ing upon your present  
appointment. My wife  
and I go to New Jersey  
on Friday of this week  
to attend the "golden  
wedding" of my father  
and mother. We have  
had two deaths in our  
family during the past  
year a brother-in-law  
and a sister-in-law, con-  
sequently we shall simply  
have a quiet gathering of  
the children at the old

home. Miss Vail left  
us some two weeks ago to  
go south with Mr & Mrs  
Clinton Blair. She was

at Bitter. T. Co. where last  
found from. Scranton  
is growing very rapidly  
and the Second Church  
are getting their share  
of the new comers. We  
have started a building  
fund for a new church  
by weekly subscriptions,  
it is now upwards of  
\$4000.<sup>00</sup> Mr Torrey was  
elected Supr. of the  
Sunday School January  
1<sup>st</sup> I think he will make  
a good one -

I shall accept your  
kind invitation to come  
upon you, the first time  
I get a chance to - With  
kind regards to Mrs Belden  
I am Truly your friend  
J. H. Belden

# Pollock

1. Ellen's grief at her letter
2. My volunteering to arrange.
3. Our attachment to her.

"most of our married life w. us"  
most memorable period  
friends are none too many to fling off

4. You have written angrily; have complained &c; now look at our respective situations.

A. (1) We are not begining life, but are some way out on its course, w. a growing family, on our own way to man in world

(2) We have been disap<sup>d</sup> of our expected course

(3) come home in what seems

disgrace

(4) are ~~in~~ in straitened circum.

(5) without definite prospects

B. (1) You are in your youth & youth's home

(2) What has ~~been~~ <sup>happened</sup> to us in ~~our~~ <sup>our</sup> misfortune

has resorted to you in Ku., exper., popu-  
larity, repute)

(3) The best advantage you've had  
you've had that is. Not a new firm  
idea to have seen the East at age of  
20 - none of yr. sisters have enjoyed such

(4) In our despaired, disgraced, impover-  
ished, discouraging situation, you have

~~(a) in yr. home to separate yourself  
from us for a parcel in behalf of others  
who have thanks made far less of it~~

(a) In our time of need you've made  
joined in others to whom you owed no such  
a loan, to make up our home <sup>of love</sup> where you  
avoid courtesy if not gratitude, into <sup>the work of</sup> <sup>your</sup> <sup>own</sup> <sup>hand</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>best</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>our</sup> <sup>condition</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>best</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>our</sup> <sup>condition</sup>

(b) You've who were made an in-  
timate of our family <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>best</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>our</sup> <sup>condition</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>best</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>our</sup> <sup>condition</sup>  
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(c) later a suppl needly (Pro. 26  
17-18) had been needed a thump (c)  
"No yesterday then it is fact."  
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J. Adinier -  
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