

Waltham January 5th 1923 -

My dear sister Ellie -

Your most welcome letter of Jan 2nd just received and eagerly devoured as usual - I am so glad you could all be together over Christmas, and just as glad that you and Mary could go home to Oberlin for a few days even. I am in such haste to talk to you about so many things I hope you will excuse a scrappy letter. In the first place if it is possible you ought to have a meter for gas and electricity put on your third floor apartment, and then charge something extra for when you use it.

you are not being fair to yourself and to
your daughters. I suppose it is only Mary
now. You can't afford to pay for these
yourself. It would seem to me to be better
than charging more rent. That would sound
perhaps a large rent, when if the heating
was extra it would not seem so much more
to the tenants, but would be better for you.
I may be all wrong - and not the way to
manage in Oberlin. You will know best.
I think you usually have such good tenants
Poor Mr. Dill could never get warm enough!
Isn't it fine that they can be in Albany and
Mrs. Dill have a position, and be both well.
I am so glad you had such good care
at Youngstown and feel so much benefitted
I trust now you will take the very best
care of yourself and get still better. and keep
saying as Lewis says: "Every day, in every
respect, I am getting better and better" say
it truly times in the morning and the same
at night. ^{and so many more things as you think of it.} A friend here lent me her book which
I have read with great interest - and am going to
have one of my own. Which I think I will send to
you to read and see how you like what it contains.
I am glad you visited with Mary all possible
I am glad to hear of the safe arrival of your
from Oxford. I have had such a hard time to

manage to get them sent and I was
so anxious that they should be sent.
prepaid. Now I must ask you some
questions. Did everything come right
Did the mattress - did the feather
bed, have covers on them. Was it
a comfortable - yellow - with facings
on either end of brown material?
I am glad if it was and you like
it. but that was not what I ordered
sent to you - Does the mattress fit
your Opax room bed. I thought it
would as the mattress and bed are
both unusually large. What I ordered
sent to you was an old quilt to be used
as a bed tidy and you can still have
it. if you wish when I can get home

probably next Summer & manage to
get it. Now I have found out that
you have the mattress I wanted
you to have and Escliva has her
right one - with no cover on she
says - I don't know where the covers
are, but will try to find them -
I was very much surprised to get
a card from Selden and Corral in
California. I hope they will find
some lucrative business there if
they want to stay there

I am so glad you like the fancy
bag - I liked it so much, but
you know we do not always have
the same taste. I am interested in
your new clothes. Remember me to

Miss Hoard when she comes. I think I
will like Mary's design of a dress.
and hope you will like all when done
I think you are very fortunate to be
able to get a dress really made. I would
not think I could, then however I do not
live in Ohio.

I am so sorry I did not see Mrs
Lingquist because I admired so much
what I heard of her brave life. Poor woman
she must have suffered terribly and we
can only be glad of her release from
suffering. It seems to me I remember Dr
Leonard but am not sure, so sorry for his
family. I wonder why you electric lights
and gas were so much with only one family to
use them, or was the time during October?
I am so glad to hear such good news of
Evelina and Henry - Louise Dickey was there
and said they seemed so happy and had
such a cozy apartment. I hope your man for
the furnace will prove to be careful & saving.
I am looking forward with greatest
pleasure to seeing Prof Andrews and to hear
him perform on our Memorial Organ in our
reconstructed Church. Mrs Patten says he can
only stay one day as Mrs Andrews is away
and I suppose he is so busy a man -

I think I told you about Mrs
Pattis, so will not repeat.

I just sent you a letter but had
to write again. Sallie Lesher has
just returned from New England
and has been here this afternoon
as well as Evangelina and Edmund.
Evangelina brought Mary Elizabeth
and Sallie here this morning & took
Sallie back with her to lunch and
to the dentist for one o'clock appointment.
I think I will send the wash cloths
to you. I am using one now. Mother
knit and marked my name on it
and cotton. I am going to send you
letter to Carrie, so they will all know
the news, and save your writing more.
Oh I am so thankful I could enjoy the
time I shall not need a nurse. I
much love
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