

Swarthmore January 5<sup>th</sup> 1923 -

My dear sister Ellie -

Your most welcome letter  
of Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> just received and eagerly  
described 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 are at

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 paying more rent. That would sound  
perhaps a large sum. When of 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 is Oberlin. You will know best.  
I think you usually have such good Tenants  
Poor Mr. Dill could never get warm enough!  
It is 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 Louie says: "Every day, in every  
respect; Jane getting better and better" say  
it truly times in the morning and the same  
at night. A friend here sent 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 many all possible  
I am glad to hear of the safe arrival of goods  
from Africd. I have had such a hard time to

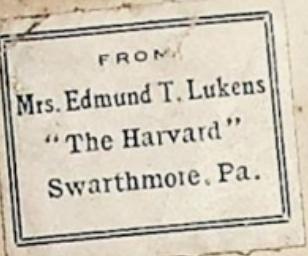
manage to get them sent and I was  
so anxious that they should be sent  
prepared. Now I must ask you some  
questions. Did everything come right?  
Did the mattress - did the feather  
bed, have covers on them. Was it  
a comfortable - yellow with facings  
on either end of brown material?  
I am glad if it was and you like  
it. but that was not what I ordered  
sent to you. Does the mattress fit  
your spare 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. See I have found out that  
you have the mattress I wanted  
you to have and Escliva has her  
right one - with no cover on the  
days - 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 Coral 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 Hurd 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 best and am not sure, so sorry for his family. I wonder why your 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 Slicker 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 Pattie says he can only stay one day as Mrs Andrews is away and I suppose he is as busy as man -

I think I told you about Mrs  
Pattie, so will not repeat.  
I just sent you a letter but had  
written again. Sallie Lester has  
just returned from New England  
and has been here this afternoon  
as well as Evangelie and Edmund.  
Evangelie brought Mary Elizabeth  
and Sallie here this morning & took  
Sallie back with her to Luanne and  
to the dental for one of her appointments.  
I think I will send the wash cloths  
to you. I am using one now. Mother  
knit and marked my name on it  
red cotton. I am going to send your  
letter to Larrie, so they will all know  
the news, and save your writing more.  
Oh I am so thankful I could cry the  
heavens & you all and Larrie again. Just  
now I think I will not need a nurse-in. Luke



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