

looking in there for the  
sample of her hair. I  
think you will find  
it there.

We received Dot Piper's  
wedding announcement,  
did you?

M. E. is in bed and I am  
going now to empty and to  
wash the vases which still  
have flowers in them.

Mat and Mabel go to Boston  
on Saturday. Mabel will be  
there until July 4<sup>th</sup> I think.

I have 10 days to write up

Tuesday 9:30 a.m.  
8 June, 1909.

Dearest Gertrude

Your letter written on  
Sunday came this a.m.  
and I was so glad to get it.

I have looked in my  
desk and in your room  
but don't find your letter.  
I saw a letter from Papa  
(addressed to you I think)  
in Mamma's little ribbon  
work bag where I was

in my diary. I am putting it off  
but I must get at it.

How nice that you saw  
Lucia. I wish I could see her.

As soon as we can we must  
go to town to get some wedding  
presents and when we do, I shall  
take your pin. Surely it won't  
take long to mend it.

Please remember me to the  
Wrights. Hope you will get a lot  
done this week, and that it will all  
be quite satisfactory.

Indeed I have a dear kind  
devoted unselfish husband and  
I am thankful for him every  
minute of my life. I love him  
more every day. I hope you will  
get just as good a one some day.  
We are both very proud of our  
precious little daughter, whom  
we think is a sweet darling baby.

I found the shuttle and can  
send it if Mamma wants it. I sent  
you a package of letters yesterday.

much to have her here  
she is so bright & pretty.  
We are to have a rattling  
full house for Christmas  
I am so completely up  
it. I love friends at the  
house.

Be a good boy, & write  
again. Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year  
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1908 — Acquely.

Merry Christmas  
Wm Henry Bidwell.  
What can a body  
send so far?  
I was so interested  
in your letter to  
Ellen, which has  
come via Tom Hamme.

read to me by M. H. B.  
- for ever - the parts  
that were proper for  
me to hear about.

I am exceedingly  
interested in your  
thought of forestry -  
& shall uphold you  
in an effort to get  
the proper education

in it. Your letters are very  
interesting - Will you be  
pleased on Chambers. I am  
so glad I can hear my own  
name for Chambers. - M. H. B.  
since on Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> & will be  
since the same 18<sup>th</sup> & she is  
a nice little girl. You will be