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My dear Mary Belden

Perhaps you know of the final "wrecking" of the Lyceum Theatre at Ithaca, which has been out of use for some time. It makes me feel quite bad and is a sad commentary on the present conditions of the Drama — every where.

Perhaps you know that I expect to attend the Savings Banks Convention at Swampscott next week and to spend a little while at Wellesley on my way, the main purpose ~~of~~ being to see "Peddle". I expect to arrive in <sup>Wellesley</sup> <sup>May 21</sup> in time for Chapel Sunday morning and to remain over Monday, but looking forward to a nice time. Just think! I used to go there to see Evangeline and Gertrude, then Mary Wheeler and Eloise, and now "Peddle", of the next generation!

We had a great time at the "Anniversary" at Oxford last Sunday. No doubt there will be a full account of it in the next "Bulletin" and I also wrote at some length in a letter to Gertrude which will probably reach you in due course.

I was quite surprised ~~to~~ that many people spoke to me about those stories of mine which St. Yvent has been running. They seem to have

created quite a lot of interest, and much to my amusement, several people think that they are true! One lady said to me - "Lucer, do live here all my life and <sup>have</sup> never heard those things." To which I replied - "Neither have I!" She looked blank for a moment, then laughed and said "I would give you away!" So, you see, those yarns take better with the "Public" than my "Literary Critic" thought they would.

We are all so distressed over the conditions at Youngstown. It is so sad; I can hardly realize it. Our dear Ellen is so fine and brave through it all. Poor child, how my heart goes out to her!

Nothing of special interest at Montclair or with my affairs. The Hadleys are almost counting the days till they will be at Elk Lake, and I too am looking forward to a visit there later in the season. I am also expecting to go to the fair in Chicago & to see Evolina and her family; and of course am expecting to see you and also Ellen. Just how it's all to be worked in, I don't just see now, but it will be accomplished.

Lots of love to you as always - also to "Klemie"

Very affectionately  
Uncle George