

to Henry

Fri. night 1932

Dearest Mamma:

Let's come upstairs
to bed but a word to mail in the
morning.

Mamma has lost ground very
rapidly today and tonight is very
very ill. There is essentially no hope but
~~the doctor doesn't know how long it might~~
if the body could be kept. It is just a
general taking down of everything, - the
heart especially. We telegraphed Willie
this morning & his coming in his car tonight.
It is hard for Selden, isn't it yet
wonderful that he has been here this
summer.

Mary is just keeping up wonderfully well
& well. Mary Ellen said tonight that

no one could take any compition
from our consideration come of
and leaving the children. We'd
all worry over the children. Each
one think this. Mamma has
asked me a dozen times who is
caring for the children and if all
is well with them & if I ought to
hear & leaving them. The best of
consolation in my saying how well you
knew how to care for them. Will Taylor
could it come better. Mamma has
said for years that she invited us
all while she was alive & she has
had that & that was what she
wanted.

The house is full of flowers
both to the front & garden from the beds
& Mamma's dear friends here. Mamma's
way & our own way. When lots of
flowers at a funeral they could not be
taken to New York. So no one need
wonder if flowers, you or any of your
family. You see I am thinking
ahead & you will be prepared. We
have been talking then Mamma over
today. If any thing is done I think
it would mean much more to
Mamma than we could ^{be here} help
May a little longer than to have
flowers or Mamma of that sort. I do hope you
& the little precious spots are all right.

now could have to have
any harm come then to Will Taylor
just now.

Nancy is absolutely dry eyed &
pained, teaching her class today
& tomorrow + going ahead with all her
strength. We can't tell how she
can keep things up. Ellen & I will have
today by her. Just how we don't need
know, I mean details. While the
Precious Darling Lady is here we are
around her room. She is so sweet, thanking
everyone for each service done, wondering if
we are tired, thinking of everyone but herself.
She realizes her condition but nothing has been
said to her. She told me I should not have spent so
much money for come, etc.