

The money to Mr. Sperry. The whole amount to \$257. We could spare only \$100. just then, and we had the nicest letter from him the other day. He didn't say a word about sending any more, but a January had been a better month than we had anticipated, we were able to send another \$157. and clear up the whole thing. Arent you glad? It certainly has a long time, but judging by Mr. Sperry's letters, this is the best time he needs it most. He surely has our sympathy in the financial troubles he is having right now. We will wait for Dr. Taylor's lecture, and not miss it. You were right. Dr. Booth is the minister of the largest Congregational Church here.

Mr. Rowland Belden called on us a week or two ago. He is the same man who called us up by phone shortly after we came here. He is anxious to meet you and hear more about the Beldens. He is afflicted with backache the same as Helen. I hope his father had it, so perhaps there is some relationship! Give my love to Evelyn and the wee girl. We are glad to be come acquainted with Harry through his picture. Lovingly! Coal.

38 Pine Avenue,
Long Beach, Calif.,
Dec 3/24.

Dear Mother.-

Now-a-days we start every other sentence with "When Mother & Mary are here this summer." We are so anxious to hear whether you have made any further plans. It will be much easier for you both to plan when you are together in Elmira. I hope you are not so long in answering that you lost the people who were in the house in Oberlin. There were certain things which we just had to wait to find out about before answering. I think we have enough things planned now to last two or three summers!

that beautiful piece of goods which
you sent me at Chiquama. I
was hoping to have it made
before this and be able to tell
you how it looked, but I
fluent that time. Two of my
friends are blessed with the
electric sewing machines which
I am invited to use, so some-
day I intend to make use of
their generosity. The cloth is
so very pretty in color that
I think I shall make it very
plain, and perhaps have just
a touch of color in some orna-
ment at the side. The coral
beads Aunt Mary gave me
would look very pretty with
it, and have the same
color in the girdle. I am
anxious to get it made and
show it. You were asking about

We are starting to send out
"feelers" among our friends, to
see whether we can happen to
find someone who wants to
have looked after for the
summer. One person tells us
that such a thing is never
done in California, and the
next one says it should be
very easy to find, so opinion is
divided. Of course, if we don't
find that, we can just rent
a place ready furnished. That
will do all right, and when
will you be here? Aren't the
first week in July, or will it
be earlier? I imagine Mary will
want to stop in Chicago for
a while to visit Eveline. You
that reminds me ever
I don't believe I have ever
thanked you and Eveline for