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Dear Mother

It certainly was a surprise to us to hear that Will really was in Oberlin. I am sure you are enjoying his visit, by the tone of your letter.

It is such a nice time of year for him to be there too - much better than in the winter. I am glad he is not going to have an operation, so he cannot taste your good cooking! I have never gotten over feeling badly about not being able to taste while in Oberlin after that operation. This change will be good for Will. Fifteen years is a long time to be

away from all relations, I hope he can  
see Mary & Ellen & the children too  
while he is there. I wish I could  
manage to be in Oberlin too this summer  
so we could all have a family reunion.  
My trip to the Photographers School  
at Winona Lake looks more like a  
dream than anything else just now.  
Business is poor & we haven't much <sup>money</sup> ahead.  
It could change in a hurry tho because ours is  
a cash business. It certainly would be grand  
if we could all be in Oberlin at the same  
time wouldn't it? I would like to take  
some pictures of the whole bunch. Lets discuss  
plans & write about it anyway.

The Sembys spent Sunday afternoon with  
us on the beach. Coral prepared a nice  
luncheon, & we went in bathing in the surf  
before and after eating our lunch.

Please write as often as possible, & tell us your  
plans & Will's.

Love Selden,