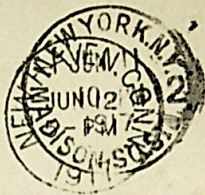


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J. O'Brien,
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The Sabbath, June 3, 1917
Dear Mrs. Belden,

heavy with the world's burden of war, I miss you on every hand; as I thought that Mrs. Loukons said you expected to be here for this meeting of the N. U. - its Thirty-Fourth Annual. Mrs. Williams, however, told me you had not been able to realize your hope of so disposing of properties, your own in Oberlin, and your leased quarters in New Haven, - as to be ready to follow out your heart's desire - may that come later, in time for you to go to your boys, if you so

give my love
to your many
twice her all
success in her
noble strain
ing!

be ready to go, my dear boys, the health and characters of your old's right!

desire! - I am taking it for granted that neither of them has gone across the ocean yet, as I have heard no such word from either Gertrude or her mother.

It has been a pleasure to meet them not infrequently during the winter, as they have been again at Hotel Irving on Gramercy Park, No. 26, and I have had my board and work at No. 7. They have been almost incessantly occupied with attending concerts, lectures, University ^{and social} ~~functions~~ ^{functions of various kinds,} and have extended to me more opportunities than I could in justice to my work accept, with not a few remembrances of fruits and

flowers, etc, Now know just how thoughtful they are, but I've been made anxious of late as I've had to realize that Gertrude especially has been ailing, and under the care of an osteopath, who did not seem readily to reach the source of her trouble. She has been devoted itself to her mother, and of course to her father, though I've not met him this season; and I fear that in filling her own engagements, and accompanying her mother infirmly, - she has unwittingly by overdone; I hope, however, that she will be able to go to Wellerley, as she was planning to do, this month.

On Memorial Day, the 7. m. U. and General's ~~its~~ ^{its} ~~services~~ ^{services}, and ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~funerals~~ ^{funerals} with the people of the village in the celebration under the auspices

of the Post of the G. B. P. When they went to the
Cemetery to decorate the graves, I wanted to go
too, but did not feel like walking - So day,
however, is cooler, and if the D. M. U. goes
at 4 p. m., as now notified, to decorate the
graves, I am intending to go, and for you my
dear friend, as far as may be possible. How I
wish we could go together! -

We have had much cold weather, with a
little rain, and mostly cloudy weather, with
two sudden changes to heat, which quickly
wilted me. But it has been a vigorous and
inspiring conference, a large Canadian unit.
The best of good feeling, although a number of
German missionaries are among us. How
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ permeates all
harbors, and binds all together in its blessed
tie! Our new hosts, Dr. & Mrs. Woodberry, are de-
lightful with their whole-hearted contribution
of the hospitality of the Sanitarium to the Union.
So all is well, my dear friends, save that our hearts are

June 11, 7 Gramercy Park,
New York City -

This has come back to me because I misdirected it to you at 20 Peace Place, although my Address-book has you at Lake Place. Of course the Lord may have given you the desire of your heart, in arranging your business matters so that you could be away for your summer holiday; but I hardly think you would be gone before the great Commencement doings were over.

Since returning, I miss your sister and Gertrude very much. It was not that I saw them so frequently, but it was neighborly to

will that say? - my dear love
feel that they were so near as the
Spring, and sometimes passing
by our house, and sometimes
dropping in. Or I might find a
bit of a note in my ^{P.O.} box, show-
ing that one had stopped a
moment, with the words.

I wonder if Evangeline's
little ones have yet come to
Grandma. Probably they have,
if this is Commencement Week
at Wellesley. I do hope Gertrude
will be well enough to go, and to
enjoy it. Harry Haskell and
his wife Isabel were due to
reach Berlin and Mother Has-
kell to-day, for their re-union. Mrs
H.'s last letter spoke of herself as not
so well, & needing her many both on her
own account and her grand children's
& M. plans to come as soon as possible. When