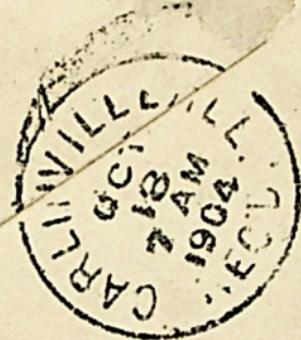


Miss Mary M. Belden,  
Blackburn College,  
Carlinville,  
Illinois.



Now I must go  
away to bed. It is  
night. My dear loving  
wife. Your ever true & devoted Oberlin, Ohio,  
Oct. 14, 1904

My dear Polly:-

Evelina wrote you and  
Ellen - I believe - that I was from home  
attending Convention, and as I came  
back this noon I will write you a line  
to tell you about my trip.

I went on Tuesday the eleventh on the 6 a.m.  
train with Mrs. Carter to Geneva - a town  
beyond Painesville. At Cleveland Mrs. Chas-  
ney (State Pres. N. P. W. C. T. U.) & others joined  
us. We had a very interesting & successful  
Convention, finished on Wednesday in  
time to take a train at 5 P.M. for Cleve-  
land to attend the Ohio State W. F. M.  
which met in Cleveland. The  
meeting - Home Mission day - was  
soon over, & Thursday was Foreign  
Mission day. Mrs. Isilda  
Shope twice & was very interesting -  
the chief attraction perhaps. I had  
a little talk with her. She said

she had often seen my picture  
in Miss Stone's room. Ruth Howe  
was at the meeting and others you  
know. About a dozen people I counted  
from Oberlin. It was a fine Conven-  
tion. I stayed with Della both night  
and came home this morning on the  
~~bus~~ train.

Oct. 16 Well, here it is Sunday evening  
and my letter is not finished.

Evelina says she acknowledged the  
draft. I paid \$25<sup>00</sup> of it to Greeley, for my  
money does not come for a couple of weeks  
from the Board. You are very dear & generous,  
Polly. We are being very economical too.  
My expenses were paid to Geneva, as one  
of the State officers - in the end not all  
paid, but I shall not ask for the  
rest. Perhaps next month you had  
better not send any money as you will  
have things to buy. Get a yard or two  
of six cent muslin - unbleached - for  
your ironing table. Your letter was  
very interesting. Evelina called on  
Miss Organ, & she called on us this P.M.

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We were all pleased with her. She is delighted with Oberlin. The folding doors were open & it looked very pretty in the parlor, you will be glad to know. She said Cincinnatti people all thought that you & Miss Moore did a great deal for the College in the way of sociability.

I believe your Mission Band will be a success, & when you once get into it, you will wonder you dreaded it so.

The roomers are all doing very well & behaving properly.

Evelina will attend to the sick for applique later I suppose. Miss Ward comes in about a month I think.

I read some of William Ashe's last summer at Aunt Jenny's. By the way Aunt Mary & Evangeline are thinking of going to Fort Worth this fall.

I am going to write to Coz. Maria Archbold right away, so if you like to only write to Cousin Beth you might do that, but do it as soon as possible. Did you re-address

the invitation to Ellen? You should do  
so that she could write also, - just  
a little cordial note from both of you,  
with your good wishes, & anything  
you choose of reminiscence, and  
a little about yourself. Ellen could  
do the same if she wishes, or you  
could write for both as the invita-  
tion was sent to both together.

Selden started to write to you this  
evening when some one came in, and  
after that he went to bed as he has  
two lessons to fit in the morning &  
trouble to get up early.

The plumber Rups putting me off  
but will be here I now expect after  
one week more. Bessie is pretty good  
& very pleasant & well behaved, & I have  
a chance to fit odds & ends of things done.  
I know there were such collections  
of all sorts of things. I sent a bundle  
to the Home Missy. boy, & an immense  
lot to the Centennial, & there are  
still odd things to sort & mend & dispose  
of. Clearing out & settling fire rooms for boys  
was like moving.