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Now I must
away to bed. Good
night. My darling
your loving
Mamma

My dear Pally:-

Erlina wrote you and Ellen - I believe - that I was from home attending Conventions, 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 am train with Mrs. Carter to Geneva - a town beyond Painesville. At Belerlaud Mrs. Phinney (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 Cleveland to attend the Ohio State W. B. M. which met in Belerlaud. The meeting - Home Mission day - was going on, & Thursday was Foreign Mission day. Mrs. Silk's spoke twice & was very interesting - the chief attraction perhaps, I had a little talk with her. She said

she had after seen my picture
in Miss Stone's room. Ruth House
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 nights
and came home this morning on the
Boe train.

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and my letter is not finished.

Evelina says she acknowledged the
draft. I paid \$25⁰⁰ of it to Leoley, 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 Genera, 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 Corgan, & she called on us this

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 Carlinville 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 silk for applique later I suppose. Miss Ward comes in about a month I think.

I read some of "William Ashe" 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 Archbald 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
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 get in the morning +
wants to get up early.

The plumber Reeps 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 get odds + ends of things done.
I'm know there were such collections
of all sorts of things. I sent a bundle
to the Home Missy. box, + an immense
lot to the Centennial, + there are
still old things to sort + mend + dispose
of. Clearing out + settling fire rooms for boys
was like moving.