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Dear Mr Beldew,

I suppose that by this time you are fairly settled in your new abode. May you find it to be in every respect a great improvement on B' town.

About a month since I somehow fell into the clutches of "la grippe," a aw exceedingly unpleasant old fellow I found him to be. On the Sunday I felt weary & generally needing a little rest, but I had no idea that I should have to take more than one day from school work. However Monday came and passed, & still I was no better. Each day I sent a message to the Superintendent

to the effect that I hoped to be
able to resume work on the
morning. My excuse for this
apparently strange course of
conduct is that I thought it
to be merely a cold. On the
following Monday I returned
to work, though feeling very
weak & speaking with diffi-
culty. On Tuesday I visited the
out schools which involved
about three miles of walking.
On my return in the afternoon
I felt so unwell that I sent
for the doctor who forbade my
further working for that week.
I re-commenced the third
week & by using the horse cars
as far as possible & sitting during
teaching instead of standing
as usual I have kept up
fairly well since.

The outcome of my two
years' experience in the Wild
West is, that I am not des-
perately in love with it. A
gentleman told me yesterday
that I had been too conscientious
in my work. Whether he is
right or not may be difficult
to decide, at least for me, but
I do know that I have striven
hard to make my teaching
thorough. But the School
Board, not one of whom has
ever shown his face during one
of my lessons, do not appreciate
it so I am leaving here.
Then again for a progressive
Western city there is an enormous
amount of prejudice against
Sol-fa, & even many of the
teachers have been opposed
to it. If an opening occurs

anywhere in this neighborhood
I should be disposed to accept
it for a year, at least, so as to
avoid the enormous expense
of travelling; else I should
prefer a return to Eastern
civilization & refinement. If
you should learn of any position
either in your neighborhood or
elsewhere would you kindly
let me know of it? Mr. Church,
our Supt., has kindly allowed
me to refer to him. I have been
receiving \$1000 per annum, but
it has taken all this to live in
this expensive place. It would
be very pleasant for us to be
where we could see you all oc-
casionally. Our beloved pastor
has not called on us since we
have been in Cheyenne, nor, as
far as I am aware, did he enquire
for me, though away from church
3 Sundays. So much for the West.
With very kindest regards to Mrs. Belden
& yourself & love to the little ones, Yrs. very
sincerely,
Gallen.

Cheyenne, Wyo.

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Dear Mary & Ellen:-

I wrote to both of you the time though ^{Mary} did not to me. If either of you write alone and you would rather have a letter to yourself why just write & tell me because I did not know whether Ellen would rather have had a note to herself or not. I have just been sick and I am not going to school for the rest of the year, commencement begins ^{on} the 13 of June. I weigh 90 pounds how much does Mary weigh? how much does Ellen? I am getting fat and big. Is the baby getting along all right? I should like to see it. We are going to leave very soon but we do not know where we are going. I expect to go down to-day to get my books. How do you like to go to school at Severn ~~gables~~? I should ^{think} it would be very nice.

there. I suppose you dont think of stay-
 in Bonn. a good while. I suppose you
 dont like leaving Bridgeton. I know I
 would rather go back there than stay
 here where I am if I could have a horse
 to ride. Thank you very much for
 your last letter. ^{Ellen} now I suppose Mary
 will write next. I get books from two lib-
 raries so you see I have a lot to read. ~~It~~
 Some are sunday books books so then I have
 some for sunday reading. Do you get any
 books from any library? I have either of
 you been sick this year I hope not.
 I should very much like to go out on
 a ranch this summer but as we
 are going away this can not be. We
 have been having very nasty weather
 for a few days its been almost as cold
 as in winter.

Good bye

Your loving

Friend

Lillie.

