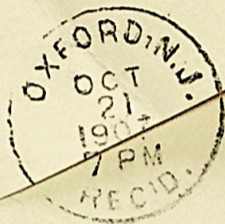


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My dear Lady, -

I was awfully glad for  
your letter. I think it is lovely for  
you to have the mission study class  
and if you don't work too hard at  
them and feel you must attend to  
them when you aren't able to, I should  
think it would be much better than  
not, for as you say me gets discour-  
aged doing nothing - regular. I am  
asking for you. I don't think of any  
grand and appropriate name for  
your missionary evening at the Church  
but I might learn. I hope you  
are asking for me too. You know I  
have the sophomore Bible class Sun-  
day morning. I'm so glad that  
I took this since I find that the babe  
takes the whole time of the yr. meetings  
except for prayers. To be sure they have  
morning prayer meetings every day  
but you know I'm not much for  
getting around to things in the morn-  
ing. Several of the faculty have at

qually led Y.W. My Milton class is distressing me too. I am not doing it to my satisfaction at all.

Have I spoken to you about my working here for an Am. Pres. Mtg. suggests it & I have talked w Dr. Davis about it. She doesn't advise me to try to do it all in one year with my other work. I haven't made any definite arrangements yet & I am waiting for a letter from Mary. She approved but now I have another scheme - which grew out of a talk with Dr. Davis yesterday. Don't think I'm presumptuous and keep this a secret for now any way, please. It is to do a little work of this kind: plan a course of reading and study for women's clubs. I have a course roughly outlined in my mind already, and my way of treating it. I want Mary

to do this with me if I do it. Dr. Harris  
suggested this when I was saying that  
I'd like to plan a course for a  
girls' finishing school. If I do this  
I think I won't try to do the same  
work this year, but perhaps go  
into French & German classes - as  
visitors. The course I should develop  
in detail, you know, and also give  
information as to what publications  
there were and the relative value  
of them etc. Dr. H. thinks there is  
field for some thing like this. If I  
do the work for a degree I shall  
do my major in theory of literature,  
my minor in aesthetics. I think  
I'd really rather do this other - if  
many approve. As I should con-  
sult her so much I think we had  
better do it together as that would be  
the only fair way - we would

best to be working on it any way.

Yesterday Dr. Harris, Dr. Haight,  
Miss Storms and I went to Watkins  
Gen - by - raily. I was not crazy  
to go, but Dr. ~~Harris~~ Harris has  
been planning "to take" us ever  
since we first came and so I had  
to. Of course I had a que time. It  
cost a dollar and took the most  
of the day. You see the fare was  
fifty cents and the dinner fifty cents  
The entrance is free now for the  
place has been bought by the  
state. By the way do you know  
the prices at the Watkins Sani-  
tarium? - forty dollars a week  
apiece for two in a room is the  
cheapest that you can stay there  
for. Don't let's go. Dr. Harris is  
awfully good company and you

know I like her very much. I sent  
a postcard to Saldou + one to Will.  
We've never to have taken to sending  
me <sup>return</sup> postcards everyday! — that is this  
last week. I don't know what the  
provocation is, I'm sure. Dear me  
I feel so differently about him  
some times ~~than~~ from what I do  
at other times.

Do you know I think there is  
such a thing as having ~~too~~ <sup>too</sup> medi-  
~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> tating and can you a nature.

I haven't played tennis yet at all  
though I squandered forty cents on  
a ball and I'm so afraid I'm not  
going to get any chance now for  
it is getting late + today it is rain-  
ing — well, I see it is snowing,  
which means I guess that to-  
morrow afternoon I must train  
myself a hat. It's getting too

late for straw. Friday afternoon I  
spent every minute from my  
last class until time to get  
dressed for supper on cloths.  
Miss Storms, Millicent as I call  
her now, was in here working  
on a sofa pillow and I washed  
that hair sucker (?) waist and ripped  
two shirts & it took me all that  
time. I think maybe I'll have  
my common ones done some times  
for if I want to improve my mind  
I can't spend so much time.  
I'm afraid of my ten-cent store for  
it gets so hot & so use Miss S's  
which also gets a little hot.  
I guess I shall have to get my-  
self a better one. I'm afraid our  
rins aren't big enough or heavy  
enough to press heavy skirts &



with. If I had remembered to  
press my brown dress I  
could be wearing that, but  
it is too stringy now. It never  
was pressed at home and I  
have worn it some what here.  
I have never finished Elizabeth's  
waist, which hangs over me like  
I don't know what. I must have  
left the silk at Aunt Lily's so I  
did my silver buckle for I  
can't find it here. I don't know  
what Elizabeth will say - I'm  
glad there are some miles be-  
tween us

I had a nice letter from Mrs  
Brownman the other day which  
I sent Mary and I guess will  
get to you. About my diploma:

I remember last spring at Glendale  
noticing that it was not when I  
usually keep it, but I thought  
perhaps it was with some other  
thing. I guess I probably took  
it home some time. I'd up in  
it was my North Dakota teacher  
criticized too, but then —

I can't think what you mean  
in your letter about the story about  
the Merriams — it seems to be a  
reference to some Indian story some  
of these people have told me but  
I can't remember even what it is.

I'm perfectly beside myself  
over the idea of Willis's being  
in Okla. I am awfully sorry  
too about his returning late.  
I would <sup>almost</sup> rather have him go

some where else than entry late at  
Harvard - but I guess he'll get  
in all right. He probably knows  
what he is about. But isn't it the  
irony of fate - here this is the first  
winter for three years that I  
haven't been home for Christmas  
and there he is and I haven't  
seen him for so long. It will be  
more noticed yet if he makes  
the Varsity after the Cornell game  
which I attended. I guess that  
is the only reserve game they  
play.

Isn't it grand about George-  
lue?!

Love, good bye for now  
dear Lady. At Christmas I  
will see you, won't I!

You dear dear lady. Please  
give Grandma a big hug for  
me.

Loveingly

Yours Penniswicks.

Sunday, Oct. 20, 1907.