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My dearest Girl

I have just returned from having dinner with Mr Bocking, the new general manager of Granby and his wife. Poor thing, she has left all her friends and come here where everyone is working for her husband and where consequently she is in the uncomfortable position of being unable to choose any intimate friends for fear of showing improper favouritism.

He is working very hard and had to break away at half past eight - what could I do? I don't know their customs, so I thought I had to leave too which probably means another rotten solitary evening for her.

They seem a very decent sort. He is probably about 48 while she is probably a bit younger. They are going down on the same boat with me on Thursday so I hope we may get to know each other better.

Now I shall re-read your four letters and see if there are any points which I neglected to answer -  
Yours of May 5<sup>th</sup> - Tell Alice I am delighted she came first but always to remember the parable of the talents. People are equipped for life very differently and from those who are well equipped much will be expected.

The man who is entrusted <sup>2</sup> with ten talents must produce ten times the results of the poor man who has only been given one talent. Some poor children no matter how hard they try can never come first but will get their reward for really trying just the same as the luckier ones who also work hard and reach the top.

My father worked hard for years to get enough money to send me where I could be given the best teaching that anyone in Canada can obtain. Consequently with my ten talents I am able ~~to~~ in my turn to help my children if they will only do their part. Tell Alice if she will only keep her body and her mind as neat and well groomed as she would keep a good pony that she will naturally keep her position of leadership not only in her school classes but ~~among~~ in the other relations of life which are equally important. I do not want her to be a school marm or an old maid while she is still a child but I do want her to set an example of serene good human punctuality and politeness so that when our other children imitate her they will copy everything that is nice and nothing that is nasty. I love a nice body and I love a nice mind and it will be so much simpler for us all if all our children build themselves nice bodies and nice minds which they can do if they will just imitate their own dear mother.

Nearly everything I have said for Alice applies

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equally for John. He is not first in his class but he is getting towards the top and a little more fixed study hours, a little more care and neatness with his books are all that is necessary to bring him up to the top. But even if he is seventh in his class he can please me just as much by remembering the boy scout's motto of doing at least one really kind thing for someone each day and by remembering the two or three little passwords that must be used by that little fraternity known as gentlemen to which I am most anxious that John will always be a member. The little open passwords or signs are very simple and are nearly all designed to make other people happy and comfortable by making a sign that we are friendly to them just as a fraternity man makes a secret sign to indicate that he is a fraternity brother and stands ready to help his friend in any trouble or fight.

The way we make a lady or an older person~~at~~ happy and welcome and comfortable as they enter a room is to stand up and look pleased to see them until they have been found a comfortable place to sit. We cannot do this when we are on the street because we are all usually standing and so we try to show our welcome as the knights did in the old days when they removed their steel helmets in the presence of friends or ladies. With us we can only

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raise our ordinary hats but it means just the same  
and make people happy by showing that we are  
friends. When we wish to be more friendly and perhaps  
to stop and talk we shake hands and we try to  
give a nice firm friendly hand clasp simply to  
make the other person happy and comfortable by  
indicating that we are friends. There are also  
many other little signs like opening or closing a door  
especially for a lady or picking up any little thing  
such as a handkerchief and if you practice doing these  
things they are very little trouble to do and they give  
other people pleasure as well as indicating that you are  
a member of the little fraternity of gentlemen.

Thank you for sending me Dad's letter. It was most  
interesting but I think they want to come home and I  
hope we can find them a place to live.

I hope you have told Con to go ahead with the exterior  
work on the house.

Now with reference to yours of the 7<sup>th</sup> I hope Mr Gilman is  
entirely better. I hope my work on top of his own is not  
going to worry him. - With reference to Dr Forbes, I have  
no objection to him. I know he is very good but I don't think  
John's condition warrants getting an expensive specialist  
on. and as much as possible I like working with my own  
fraternity mates. If you have already gone to Forbes alright  
but if not please ask Turners advice first.

I agree with you that it is better having John sleeping  
in my room. - I liked reading your beautiful play  
which the children no doubt enjoyed greatly.

With reference to yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> - I finished the last of  
the Laura Second Chocolates last night after treasuring it  
a long time in remembrance of you my sweetheart.