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September 4 1913

My dear dear Boy:

You are in New York today and it will not be so very long now before I shall have you with me again. Oh my dear, do you know how glad I shall be to see you again? Ruth and Percy were comparing notes as to how long it had been since each had seen you. Barring the few moments in Bayfield last Summer Percy says it has been nearly two years since he has seen you. Well--"You are a big boy now, you can wipe your own nose, and put on your own clothes---" I wonder if you will remember how often you heard that when you were younger?

You will be sure and see the Freemans while in Milwaukee wont you? It would hurt them much if you did not. Ned telephoned for William's address this noon, so I suppose you will both be invited to go camping. They have been waiting for you and the Stephen Phipps. I have been told several ^{times} to be sure and write you to come and go with them on the sixth. Once I forgot it, and then it was too late to write you at Chester.

William and Elbert were out last Sunday. William is certainly improving all of the time. Getting a little more polish to add to his always goodness. I think the Lovetts and the Herbert Andersen's are to go on the ^{Camping Party} picnic too. Helen Kermott is well again--Charlotte is still at home, and I guess will be home all Winter. But Mary is away. Has gone to her work in Lincoln, Nebraska. Helen Dean left last night. Blanche will be here until about the 15th, I believe.

Mother is so terribly homesick that some days she cannot say much without the lips quivering. She thinks she will be more homesick than ever when she knows you are over here too. Blessed little woman, she is so sweet and dear.

Winifred has just told me what she is going to give Will for his

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birthday present. What do you suppose it is? My picture framed in a gold frame.-- That seems very sweet to me to think she would think that would be what he would want.

The house is being shingled now. It does not go very fast, but Mr Lee hopes to have it all ready to move into the last of October. So the next time you come home it will be a real home, I hope.

It would be nice for William to come home with you. He would find lots of work going on and something of a muss--but oh my, it is nothing to what the muss has always been before at this time of year. To think--the boys will not be here for a week and all of the beds are made in the Field dormitory. And the cleaning is being done in the Lake dorm. We will really be ready on the 11th, I do believe.

Will has been somewhat depressed that the list is not fuller of assured ones. He and Percy went to St Paul today. A check with an application came this morning, another letter saying "I would rather send the boy to your school than anywhere I know of, but" and then follows a little delay, because the adoption papers can not be made out for a month or two. And a man and his son were here this morning from Montana to see about the boy coming. He knew very little about the school, did not know any of the names of the ~~pepl~~ people here, had seen no catalog-etc. He will send him if he can raise the money. Wants to see Will about monthly payments, etc. So there are three pretty good lockers. If we can only have a full school, the teaching force will be good, things are in good shape, well organized, the help seem to be well placed, and I am to be on the ground this year to help my part go off smoothly. Ruth is still waiting, poor girl.

Please give my love to the Chester family and to Mrs Merrill. Tell them how much I enjoyed meeting them this summer--and tell William I love him in the same old way. Loving you hard- Mother.

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September 24 1913

My dear, dear Boy:

I wonder if it is raining in Princeton today. It rained yesterday so that we put off the beach party until tonight, and this morning it is raining harder than ever. So I think we will have to put it off until next week.

It is just eight o'clock and in another half hour little John will be on the operating table. Winifred and Will went over to the hospital with him yesterday afternoon. Will came back to take his place in the dormitory and went over on the 6,20 this morning. Dr Ogden made light of the seriousness of the operation, and I presume it is just as well for their peace of mind. Earnest said his doctor friend said that it was a major operation, however. I do hope the little fellow will get along all right. Dr Ogden said if it was not carefully nursed that it would have to be done over again. It seems to me that Winifred will have her hands full to keep such a headstrong little fellow quiet for three weeks. She has Jane here and she will not worry about Billy, and she has planned to devote herself entirely to John for the next three weeks.

Earnest went last night on the midnight train. He was quite sick on Monday but felt all right yesterday. Were you sick Sunday night? I never had such a nausea in my life. I was sick all night and each time I was up I had to hurry to bed again for fear I should faint before I should be flat on the bed. On Monday I looked like a "corp" as the Ancient would have said, and took all of my meals, such as they were with Melville. In the evening I felt better and when Stephen came over with the auto I went with Will and Winifred over to the Phipps to a teacher's meeting. I would not have gone in the surrey. I felt like a new woman

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yesterday.

Melville left the achery yesterday, he says h e is all right, but he looked rather down in the mouth at breakfast this morning. I do hope he will be careful of himself.

I feel so lonesome without you now, still, I saw very little of you while you were here. It was a joy to be able to catch sight of you once in a while. What a busy world this is and what a busy corner of it Galahad is always. I want to get down town today for sure to talk with Herbert, I could not go yesterday nor Monday. I will write you just as soon as I have any thing to tell you about the money.

Mr Baker was over yesterday, walked all the way from his house. He seemed dreadfully disappointed that he had not seen you while you were here, I made all excuses that I could to explain why you had not called on him. William was over for lunch yesterday, no, Monday- so I had a little visit with him. He and Helen went over to St Paul yesterday afternoon. Earnest was so delighted with the shot he gave him just as the train pulled out. Earnest happened? to be there too. William and Helen stood together on the platform as Earnest left them. He turned around after saying good by, and as an afterthought called out to William- "Oh William have you enough money with you?" The expression on the faces seemed to amuse him immensely. He said William usually had an answer teady for him But this time he had nothing to say, but his look was enough. Earnest seems to love to tease as much as Will does.

Miss Henton goes today, and a young girl comes to be with Ruth for a while. It has been so good to know that Ruth was receiving such good care. Did you know that mother paid the fifty dollars that she charges?

Everyone says we will not be in the house before Christmas- Mr Baker assured me of that yesterday. If we cannot, I suppose we cannot.

*In the address all right? - I love you
dearly - Mother -*

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September 29 1913

My dear Boy:

I have heard through Will and Helen and Ned, of your trip etc, but have heard nothing direct from you. It seems so strange.

Yesterday was Herbert's birthday and Grandma and I were up there for dinner. We had a good dinner as we always do when Mame or Blanche are doing the cooking, but all four children were miserable. Jean vomited twice during dinner before they sent her away. Pattie cried all of the time between mouthfuls and her nose was running constantly. Wilder and George had painted necks and both looked as though drawn through a knothole. Mame had had some trouble with neuralgia. Herbert seemed to feel pretty well.

It is quite probable that he will sell the house to that man he was in communication with before you left. Herbert wrote and offered him his place and \$3,000 for his farm. He thinks he can sell the farm more easily than he could his home place. Herbert was up there last Sunday? no, last week, to look the farm over. If he does sell he will have to move before Nov. 1st. Mame is making all plans as to where this piece of furniture and that piece shall go in Mother's home. Mother is not particularly joyful about their moving into the house as they will give less rent than any one else, and the children will be hard on the new paper and paint. If he sells, Herbert will go to Mr Phipps and tell him there must be a decision right away, as if he gets settled again he will not move. He thinks he would like to buy Mr Neble's (I do not know if that name is spelled right or not.) place and then buy some property that joins that place up towards the Vine street. Mr Neble wants to sell to him. There is much bad land on the piece adjoining that makes it rather undesirable for most people but he could make use of it. He would then have twenty acres, I believe.

He would then have a farm and Mame would still be in town. So both would be satisfied. The Neble house is some two or three blocks nearer town and there is a good sidewalk up past the cemetery.

Helen came over yesterday afternoon, the first time since she came from Bayfield. The first time unless she came for an errand or was invited to something. She looked very well, I showed her through the house. Of course she admired it and I was pleased.

Ruth is coming over to her meals now. Mrs Rooney has taken Miss Henthon's place. We had the piano moved, as you know, and the Sunday evening song service is very successful.

Little John is getting along very well indeed. Will and I went over to St Paul last Saturday and went up to the hospital after an early supper. I staid with John while they went out to make a call. I bought my Winter hat, and think it is very pretty. It was the only one in the store that seemed to be my hat, so I paid for it. It cost more than I thought my hat ought to cost this year, but it seemed the only thing to do.

Say, I told you that you would not catch your train unless you left here at 7,40. Believe me next time?

Mr McClarran was here yesterday. I had him give me a treatment to see if there was any functional trouble that would cause such continued constipation, sleeplessness and loss of weight. All he found was a little something out of place, he jerked that back. My heart is beating too rapidly--due to slow digestion which cause much gas, and makes the heart do too much work. But he says that I am a very well woman. That it is seldom one finds a woman past fifty who is so perfectly healthy as I am. Now will you be good and know that I am not over-doing even if I do work hard? I am proud of the fact that I am well. I was not worried but wanted to be sure of the cause of my sometimes discomfort. But he did give me a warning about loss of sleep. I must

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take some tablets after each meal, and must sleep. That is due to this slow digestion too.

Grandma Pen. wrote me a sad letter too. She went down to the office the other day to see about the rent and fainted before she could say a word. She misses Dr. so terribly. Addie said the last two years he had been so kind and thoughtful to her and she depended on him so much. Not like Jamie, of course, but she is very lonely with Addie away.

She said that Jessie is to be married to a lawyer in Seattle who has two children. We do not hear from uncle Tom. I suppose he is in California, most likely.

The Princetonian came today, and I was glad to see Coach Penfield's name. Percy wondered how it would feel to have 85 men to coach. The number seemed to make a great impression on him. Johnson has been sick since last Wednesday night. This bowel trouble is quite common all over the country. Will says he thinks it is "hog cholera." By the way we have fourteen little pigs, and are planning to have roast pig for the football dinner. You will be home by that time won't you?

Remember me with love etc. to all of the friends I made while in Princeton. Please tell me about the McLenahans, won't you. Give my love to Betty and John and---oh dear I cannot think of that little fellows name.

God bless you dear-

Mother.

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October 6 1913

My Darling:

The sixth of October is some one's birthday whom I should remember, but I cannot think now. Winifred was thirtythree yesterday. Little Grandma will be seventy-five Thursday. She told me yesterday that she thought she was going to die the other night. She was in no pain was simply feeling so very weak she felt she must die. "You musr remember, I am nearly seventy-five years old." I do wish she were over here. While I was gone this Summer she was much troubled for fear she would die before I came back. She seems to be afraid that the end may come when I am not with her. Oh the dear little mother, I do want her with me, I cannot bear that she should be feeling these dreadful feelings because we are not together.

The work on the house is at a standstill, waiting for August Johnson. He is always about six months behind with his work. He is putting s stucco on Jimmy Andrews' house. At first he was to do but half of the work, I think Charlie Andrews was to do the most of it, but it turned out that he had it all to do.

Mr Ramsdell sent the planting table for our home grounds. I t will be very lovely, I think. The whole work-grading, fertilizing, buying and planting will cost \$165--- That will include the walks and his supervision and labor of the men. If all of our house surroundings costs no more than \$200 it would seem to me to be reasonable. I know how long it took and how expensive it was to get the house lot in Spokane in order, and there was no scheme of planting there at all, Mr Ramsdell will take charge of things and see that it is done right.

Oh Wilder dear, if you could develop a new interference, would it not be fine? I hope you will be successful, and I know you will.

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I am so interested, and almost nervous for you. I am glad that you saw in time that Dewitt wanted all of the honor and glory. That must be yours--it is your opportunity, your work. But how very human it was for him to take the thing that would bring him the most glory. Look out for yourself, dear boy.

Wisconsin has passed a law allowing prize-fighting. The sports of the two cities have selected Hudson as being a good place to have their headquarters. They have rented the Armory---Percy is one of the Company---and are to have the ring started soon, if they can. They had no idea of much opposition. Mr Tourtellot took up the matter last Sunday. He has been hard at work all of the week. Last evening a union meeting of the four congregations was held at our church. After a short service Mr Phipps took the chair. The first one called on to speak was Will. He had expected to speak some where along the line, but was not prepared to open the subject. The best element is very much worked up over the matter. Mr Haven has been retained. Mr Varnum drew up the contract etc. but he was ill? last evening and could not be there. Do you know God's people are so seldom officious in putting down evil, especially where it is a matter of dollars and cents, that it is hard for the men who feel themselves on the right side to back water when to their surprise the church does take a hand in it. Will says Percy feels so queer now. He hopes that these men do not know that he is in the company. A committee was appointed to try and break the contract.

The Princetonian is coming right along, thanks to William for putting us on the list. From that I feel I get a little of the Princetonian spirit. It must seem strange to you to be there, not as student, but in this so different spirit and position. I shall want to know more about Nourse. Do you see much of Dean McLenahan? Of course you

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must. I hope you find him as pleasant now as you used. It seems to me he tries very hard to be absolutely fair and honest. It is a hard position to fill.

It is kind of the friends there to remember me. I wonder if I shall ever see them again. I hope so, they were all so charming. I hope you will give my love to Mrs McLenahan, Mrs Hibben, Mrs Emmons and certainly to Mrs Preston. Also to Esther when you see her. Too bad about that house party. I hope that first letter from Florence was not delayed here. I do not think it was. I do not want to forget Beth, as well.

As to the Rhodes scholarship--If you could do the work in four years, would it not be better to go there? Then you would have a little saved to begin your life work in the place where you would be settled. The money you would make this year would then be put at interest and you would have something to begin with. It is hard to advise, for I feel I know so little about it. Dean West seemed so very disappointed and so did Mr Hibben when I suggested that you might not go now. Did they think their efforts had been wasted? or did they think it would be best for you to go? I could not tell. But I am sure the right decision will be reached soon. And I suppose it must be soon too.

Whenever you can find time to write in your busy life, I shall be glad--I love you dear boy.

Mother.

I shall not know about the Lawrenceville game until the Prime comes. Wednesday the Baker + I went to New Severn for lunch. She sent up for us -

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Oct. 7 1913

My dear Boy:

On Saturday we played Hastings and beat them 50-0. It rained all of the afternoon. We were to have had a beach party, but on account of the weather we had supper in the Gym. A picnic supper. Mr and Mrs Beard were over and seemed to enjoy the whole thing. I shall not know of the Lawrenceville game until tomorrow or the next day. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Roberts comes tomorrow for a practise game. On Saturday we play New Richmond up there. With the Roberts man as official. The query is, is he a friend of the New Richmond man? Percy thinks he was the official in New Richmond's last game, and will be one Saturday by their request.

There has been trouble in the High School in Hudson. Five boys left school. "It is an ill wind that blows no one good". As the result we have a new boy come tomorrow. I do not know how much of an addition he will be, but we are glad of a new boy. It is Starr Denniston. If we get one boy every two weeks how many will we have when June comes?

By the way---Loose is pronounced Luce and means to unbind, to set free, as "I let the horse loose." Lose is pronounced Luze and means loss. You always spell lose, loose. And I think Ruth does too.

Herbert's plan is over--the man bought Will Grant's place instead. I think Herbert is almost glad. Mame was disappointed at first, but feels now that it was the best thing. Grandma has taken quite a cold. I felt worried about her yesterday so sent the Dr to see her. I do not know how surprised she was about it. I telephoned this morning, but it is hard to get much satisfaction from a maid and

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over the phone. Her birthday is Thursday and Mame has invited her up there for lunch. Then Ruth and I are to go up in the afternoon with the children and there will be a birthday cake with candles.

Helen Kermott took her, Grandma, five books the other day, for her to read. The first one she opened was Molly Make Believe, with your name in it. It made Grandma feel good to see your name.

God bless and keep you,

Mother.

Galahad, Hudson, Wis.

October 10 1913.

My dear Boy:

Yesterday was Grandma's seventy-fifth birthday. This was what was planned- Grandma was to be taken up to Herbert's for lunch, early in the afternoon Ruth and the children and I were to take the birthday cake and candles up there, and Grandma and the children were to have a pretty little feast.

This is what happened--At four o'clock Mrs Rooney wakened and everything was quiet. At five-thirty she wakened and heard Ruth breathing very heavily. When she went in her room Ruth was rigid and staring at the ceiling. Percy ran barefooted over for me. The Dr was an age in coming, almost an hour. We could not rouse her, twice her breathing stopped entirely and we feared she was gone. Dr called it catalepsy, saying it was another form of her old nervous trouble. I am not quite satisfied with his diagnosis. For that reason I am going to tell all about it as it seemed to us. She had been overdoing, without doubt. The night before we had pork steaks and she ate two pieces. Percy visited with her until nine-thirty and she felt fine, as far as any one knew. (Whenever she has had trouble before it was preceded with terrible fear for some days) Now she says she felt that she had taken cold as her breasts were achey, and sharp pains would take first in one place and then in another. ~~When she was covered with hot perspiration, she had the power to feel and to move, if pricked or tickled.~~ Before Dr came we rubbed her, and twice lifted her up. The first time she raised some gas and frothed a little. The second time her neck was stiff and twisted, some gas came but it was then that she stopped breathing so, while the first time it

seemed as though she might be a little relieved, the second time we were frightened and did not dare move her. She knew nothing, and remembers nothing from going to bed and until she heard the baby crying at ten-thirty. Yet she must have nursed the baby before she was found in that condition, or he would have cried. How long she was that way of course we do not know. When Dr. came he gave her a hypodermic, and after a time she began to vomit. She vomited of and on, all day. Nothing solid, but just as green as the greenest green you ever saw. She had no nausea at all. The stomach and bowels were never hard, no indication of anything wrong. But still there was a quantity of gas. She is feeling better today. Her head ached all day long yesterday and very hard.

Well, about nine o'clock came a message from Mame that Grandma had fainted and fallen to the floor while dressing. She was in bed could I go down? It took two of us to be with Ruth on account of the baby. Percy let two periods go but must get into school. I tell you I did not know just what to do. I could not go down town and stay, so Grandma must come out here. And three o'clock found us here. She is in the Achery, next to me. I trust there will be no sick boys, for what could I do with them, or for them? It is not safe to leave Grandma for long, as she is liable to faint. I went over for our breakfast, and when I came back she was unconscious and when she came to herself she vomited all over. I do not think she knows now that she did so. If she is flat on her bed, I shall feel safe in leaving her, but it is hard to keep her in bed.

I do have to be in the office at certain times, and I do have to do some other things, but I am quite sure this is the proper thing to do. In such a happy childlike tone she said twice last

evening, "And you will be right in the next room to me?" She has been so homesick, you see. She has bronchitis, but Dr wants to be careful that the lung does not become involved. She is very frail, so dear, so sweet and clinging. I wish the house were finished so that she could get nicely settled and feel that she is once more in her own home.

In good earnest I can say yesterday was an awful day. If this trouble of Ruth's is a brain trouble, then how are we to get at the cause? But if it is, has she been worrying about something? Percy and I feel it is possible that such has been the case, although we had not known of it before. Ruth always worries and says nothing.

Now to tell you something pleasant I must describe our little birthday supper last evening. The little green card table is our dining table. With a white cloth etc. it looked, of itself, very inviting. Right in the middle of the table was the pretty birthday cake, white frosting, white tiny candles set in red rose holders. Beside her plate were a few little white wrapped gifts. In the chafing dish I made some scrambled eggs, a little dry toast, hominy and tea. Just she and I together. She had not strength for more. Herbert gave her a lovely bunch of roses- Mame a dresser scarf- Scottie a beautiful cap. Winifred a ~~XXXX~~ bunch of asters, Mrs Williams a bunch of California poppies. Winifred also wrote the following on a card. I copy it because it is so daintily sweet and beautiful. I gave her a book, my real gift has not come yet.

Later-

Dear Friend:

I wish for you good health, -a long sweet Winter without ache or pain.

I wish you days of sunshine, if not the sunshine from the sun, the more real sunshine that comes from within the hearts of those who love you, to warm and brighten the dreary days,

and to make more Heavenly the perfect days.

I wish that you may enjoy all beautiful sights, views of the Lake, and trees, and sky with wonderful sunsets, and that every sound you hear may be a delight; birds' songs, sweet voices of children, and words of love.

These are my birthday wishes for you, Mrs Jefferson,
from Winifred.

Later, and several times later-

I am going to try and finish this now. I wrote to you of the death of Mrs Carr. Mr Carr has asked Mrs Elwell to come and keep house for him and she is glad he wants her and is coming. If that is not a brave sweet woman--- I suppose they are here now, but I have not been able to think of them as yet. I went to see Scott Wednesday and took Ruth and Robert and Winifred with me. She is quite set on coming to live with us in the new house, and I do not see why it would not be a good thing to have her there. It would be less expensive, she could do many things for mother, and the same nurse who cared for mother could care for her. For the housekeeper must also be a good nurse.

Starr Denniston did not want to come to G lahad, so went back to the high school-- it is just as well as far as the school is concerned. Wednesday Roberts came in and played a practice game. After we had made 76 points to their nothing there came a time when Roberts had the choice between two plays. Percy sung out, "What do you want Roberts?" "We want to go home." answered a voice. They go up to New Richmond tomorrow. Winifred and I intended going, but of course I do not think of it now.

Percy has told Ruth about her sickness. He made it as casual as possible, but she is so frightened. She wonders how she is to know when she is overdoing if she does not feel tired. And she was not one bit tired on Wednesday night. She is so afraid of that old nervousness. I want to answer your last letter, but I must stop.

Grandmother looked at your photo and loved it and loved the name of the house. God bless you.

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Wednesday Morning--

Wilder dear:

I know you will want to hear this morning about the sick ones, after my doleful letter of yesterday. It does not seem possible that it is less than a week since Ruth and Mother were both taken sick. Ruth began to feel a little better yesterday afternoon, and had a very pleasant night in that she slept almost all night. She does not like to be left alone yet, but I had to do it until I can get off the mail and go through the dormitories.

Mother slept a part of the night but does not get the least bit stronger, it seems to me. Her side is bad this morning. Did you know that Helen Kermott was teaching in Houston Texas? Went in a great hurry. \$105--per month. Pretty good? With love-Mother

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My dear Wilder:

Grandma is about the same, quite weak yet able to get around in kimona and slippers. She sits up a while, then lies down and sleeps a while. She had three very hard coughing spells last night that seem to weaken her.

Ruth has been having and still is having a very hard time. That awful fear has her its grip--her mental suffering is severe because of that. She is very weak physically. She has weaned the baby and this noon she was brought over into my room. Percy will sleep on the couch in the room with her at night. I moved Ted into Louise' room and moved Louise into Ruth's cottage. Mrs Rooney will take care of all of the children. I will get Ruth's meals at the same time I get Mother's and mine, and can read to them both at the same time. I think I can care for her as well as Mrs Rooney can and she will like it better. Oh dear, Life---I guess I will spell it ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ L-I-F-E is a hard proposition sometimes. If Mrs Splain were here I would be glad. Perhaps she or someone else will be when they are well and I could drop out for twentyfour hours.

I am in the office in now, when I go back Percy will go out to football. Jane is going Nov. 15 and we are to have an office girl in her place. There go the three forlorn little girls. They are happy enough but they look forlorn and no is able to attend to them. Mame wants to do something, just as though the dear child did not already have her hands full to overflowing.---

Good by,

Mothee.

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October 16 1913

My dear Boy:

I am glad about Mercersburg--I am glad the boys are ~~improving~~ improving. That shows the effect of coaching, and is good for you.

Grandma had a very hard night last night. From about half past twelve until nearly four she ~~groaned~~ ^{groaned} with the pain in her shoulders.

But she did not cough so hard. She is tired today. Ruth is sleeping well, and eating well, and has lost her fear. So I am sure she is gaining fast. Mrs ~~Roney~~ ^{Roney} is taking good care of Robert and he is thriving.

The little girls take pretty good care of themselves and each other.

Elizabeth said to Percy "I heard Faith say she was cold last night, so

I got up and found the light and turned it on and covered her and

Marmie up. Tonight I am going to have the light by my bed, then I can

take care of them." And she did--- She is only seven years old herself

My but I love that child.

Mother received her book from you this noon. She is very much

pleased. We had just finished Myrtle Reed's "The Weaver of Dreams."

Helen loaned it to Mother. It is a beautiful book, full of humor, lovely

descriptions, and philosophy of life. The text or key note is--"Whatever

is mine is mine and no one can ever take it from me." "What is not mine

I do not want." Referring to happiness, love etc. So if you are

denied anything in that line--it did not belong to you--therefore you

do not want it. If you have had it and it was taken from you, that

much was yours and no one can take it from you.

As to the Rhodes-- you think you can write to me and get the

help you need better than you can if you could talk with me. Well, I

understand that. I understand how putting all sides of the question

into words makes it clearer in your own mind, for I have experienced it

myself. Also, I have thought sometimes that I was too apt to give too

allowed
much advice when consulted, and have not ~~brought~~ the other one a
proper chance to express his ideas on the subject.

I hope I shall make myself clear in this letter, but I am truly
very sleepy. I tried lying down a few minutes, but was interrupted
and so got up again.

It seems to me, all things considered that it would be foolish to
give up the Rhodes. First--you have always planned to try for that
ever since you were a little fellow.

Second--if you take these three years on no expense your money will be
drawing interest until such time as you need it.

Third-- the house will then be ~~well~~ paid for, Grandma will have become
accustomed to the having the money and it will be easier for her to
plan for you.

Fourth--if anything should happen (it is not very likely to do so, but
one never knows what may happen) you would have had at least three
years that would mean much in your work, and you would have your own
money left to fall back on. To help you in farther study or to help you
while getting settled.

Fifth-- it may make a great difference to you if you have to take that
extra year in preparation--and again it may not make much difference.
Besides, it may happen that you will be able to make all three years
count in your six years of preparation.

Sixth-- what Dr Parkin said about Dr Ossler seems very sensible. Then
you will have him and will still have Dr Finney as good friends. That
must mean much to a young physician.

Now as to what I said about what might happen. If Grandma should
leave us the income will come to me. If I should be called away you
will have more than enough coming to you. So I do not see how it can
happen that you should not be able to get what you need in the way of
preparation. Still, it seems to me in our circumstances, if you can get
a scholarship for three years it is foolish not to take advantage of it.

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If you go to Oxford, how I shall want to go there at least once. But I am not planning on that at all. As long as Grandma is spared to me I shall not leave her, of course. So I am making no more plans as I did when you went to Princeton.

The boys are all excited today. The game with Shattuck, at Fairbault, comes off on Saturday. They leave here on the early train and will be gone all day. I wish they may do well. New Richmond beat them I think I told you. Percy told them it was not to their credit to come off the field a defeated team as fresh as they did. It showed they had not put into the game all there was in them. For the winners to be fresh was all right. He talks to them enough I should think after a while they would get into it all right, but it seems to me it must take some time for young boys who have been babied and pampered all of their lives, taught from babyhood that hard things must not come to them, to learn how to put their very utmost into the game. It is like creating a new faculty, not developing one already theirs.

They had a beach party last night. I have really heard very little about it- I have not seen Will, I have not talked with Winifred and Percy does not tell all I want to know.

I am going back to read to the invalids.

God bless and guide you dear,

Mother.

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Wilder dear:

Ned and Margaret were married yesterday in St Paul and will live there. Ned has a position in a newspaper office. A runaway match---etc. She is much older-- He has no visible means of support-- etc.etc. Just the same I believe they will be happy, and I am inclined to think that they have done the very best for themselves that is possible. I am wishing them much happiness. They have love and much courage. He is lovable and I am sure will be true to her. She is loving and self-sacrificing. She has but little strength? That seems true but she is a good little housekeeper, she will be able to do more than most girls for herself and her love and trust capable dependance will make a man of him. He is clean and sweet natured and must have some strength back of his foolish boyishness, and the care of wife and children will bring that strength to the surface. I wish I could give them my best wishes. Guess I will write them.

The invalids are doing pretty well. Ruth is still more nervous than I wish she were. I do not know how much strength she has in her body to do things that will take her mind off her fears. I wish I felt that Dr Kermott understood all about her.

Winnie Day was taken to the City to see a physician there. He told her she was in a very critical state. She had not gotten over her pleurisy. He has ordered the very simple life for her for all Winter. Mrs Norton has gone to be with them. They have a maid, she must see no one outside the family, she must not even have the care of the baby. Is he right? or is there nothing serious the matter as Dr Kermott thought? When Drs do not know

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what are we to do?

Winifred, Ruth and I have been talking about Christmas presents. Will you go in on this? We are to make a pool to include Herbert and Mame (if they desire) Will and Winifred, Percy and Ruth, You, Grandma and me. Each of us putting in to the pool 25¢ for each person. That is, there are nine of us (we do not count the little folks) so each one will put in 2.25. And from this pool we will get one present for each person. It will then come from the family. The gifts for the women will be something we can buy materials and make. Will and Winifred, will count as two persons when it comes to gifts but as one when it comes to paying. That is, each couple will count as one. So while there are nine presents there are only six payments of 2.25. Christmas will be hard for most of us, yet I cannot bear not to have the fun of things.

I hope you beat Cornell yesterday. I hope you enjoyed the Graduate exercises. I love you-
Mother.

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My dear:

I am anxious to know how Princeton 1917 and Exeter will come out Saturday.. Blake beat us 31 to nothing---What do you think of that? We have no game this week.

Two weeks from now you will be here again and Will is powerful glad of it. The German drags with him, the boys have not done so very well I guess. Then the dormitory work is hard because it makes it hard for Winifred to be alone on the porch with the babies who do not sleep very well. In fact she cannot sleep out there alone because getting up to fix the babies she cannot get warmed up again. So he stays over here about every other night (perhaps not quite as often as that) in order to let her get a good night's rest. She cannot stand the strain of the day's work if she sleeps in the house.

So dormitory and German are calling loudly for you. It is so funny to hear all the gossip about the Crary-Kermotts. Mr Gatchell says Dr went up to Mr Crary's and they almost had a fight-- because Mr Crary could not keep his daughter at home. Feeling runs high. We bought them a wedding present but Ruth does not like it very well so I will take it back and try again. I spent all of yesterday in St Paul in the rain.

Ruth is slowly improving. Mother feels quite well, was out doors on Monday. It has been too wet for her to go out since.

I am not going to write much today, this is just to let you know that all was going well and that I love you.

Marmie has a birthday on Friday. We have been getting costumes ready. The Penfield children will come over to dinner. Mame will come with them. Herbert cannot come to dinner but will come after them later

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The four little girls will wear Halloween pointed caps, orange paper skirts, black paper capes and carry little brooms. The boys, three of them, will wear the caps and broad black and orange paper bows, and carry little lanterns. Then the tables will be trimmed, the boys will dress up any way they please, stories will be told, etc. etc. etc. All of the plans are not made as yet. These things help to break the monotony of school life to take the place of picture shows etc.

God be with you dear,

Mother.

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November 5 1913

My dear Boy:

How glad I shall be to see you next Tuesday, I cannot tell you. The day is sort of dreary outside, the house is warm, the boys are playing the victrola in the social room, mother is quite well, barring a little nervousness from being in the house for so long, and some shifting rheumatism pains, Ruth is doing well, although it seems slow to her. Two of the girls are gone to a wedding, but things are moving smoothly. Mr Ramsdall came over yesterday bringing with him his best superintendent. "Tom's" two sons are expected today to help in the work of grading, laying walks, marking out gardens etc. at Sarras. (What do you think of that for the name of the cottage?) Mr Lee had two carpenters there yesterday, I do not know if they are there now. But my patience is very much tried, in spite of the good things to rejoice over, for Mr August Johnson has not been here for a week. And how in the world can the finish be put on until the plastering is finished?

I suppose that is why I am trying so hard to hold on to myself, you see I was afraid it would show in the letter. But perhaps the type writer is not such a tell tale as my face seems to be.

The Church fair comes off tomorrow. Mother has invited all the family, Herbert and Mame, Ruth and Percy, Will and Winifred and me to have dinner with her. I do not know if Ruth and Percy will go, He is a little fearful of the excitement for her.

Why is it that the two teachers cannot seem to exercise any sort of discipline? Why will they allow impertinence from the boys? Why do they not insist upon being treated as they should be? They can manage

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the youngest boys and that is all. Why do they not take some interest in the boy's sports? They want to do so but they cannot seem to do it. I think you will be able to help them with advice and example. They seem to think discipline can only be maintained by those in authority by virtue of ownership and that ordinary teachers cannot be successful in that way. While it all lies with them.

Mary Andersen is home again. The Dr in Lincoln telegraphed them that Mary was not desperately ill but they would better come down to her. They went last week Tuesday and brot her home yesterday. Ruth telephoned yesterday and much to her surprise Mary answered the phone. I am glad she is here, she looked ill all Summer and seemed so unlike herself I felt troubled about her. Why does not some good man see what a magnificent wife and mother she would make and lay such siege to her heart that she could not refuse.

If you have time while in New York please bring home some talcum powder called Trentini. Six boxes if you can.

I have to go to get lunches ready for a hike- call just came. Give my love to all of my friends. Mother.