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[Unlabeled]
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New York City

My dear Grace
I want to send you my
congratulations I am so glad every
thing has come along as well
as it has and especially to learn
that the arrival was a boy which
I am sure pleases both you
and Vernon.

On account of the danger
of a sudden surprise to you I
have refrained from writing
you a letter you and Vernon
know that I am now married
to one of the dearest and sweetest
girls I ever met. She was
a Miss Jennie Handrichs
and comes from Berlin
Bridge Park.

I have known her for over

a year and a half and am sure
we are going to be very happy
John is a girl with lots
of good common sense is a
comical and saving sort of
a girl and I don't think you
will like and love her as
much as I do when you
come to know her

We were married on the evening of December 2^d at the Rectory of the "Little Church Around the Corner" The Church of the Transfiguration a Episcopal church of the high order although we are not either of us Episcopalian (Jimmie being of the Baptist & my self I am sorry to say very doubtful).

It is our intention to go to house buying soon but when or where I am not at all sure as yet as it depends as to any change

I may make after the first of the year
at present we are working in
young but with my wife we can
be seen in the family light
I expect to send out a few books
to all our returns and friends
The announcement was very and
it was very short friends and returns
I have sent twenty to you to advise
There is much all that I write to you, have
them as we may send a hundred and fifteen friends
When we decide when we
as to how I will write all my stuff
we have at present I may want
the necessary good credit and
the same.

Please ask Simon to send
them one with a fair of short ^{travels} ^{travels}
handwritten and a few letters about ^{travels} ^{travels}

Follow cause and spreads of those
ribbed spreads are wide enough
for a double bed and those

We have not decided just yet
where we will spend Xmas though
we have had two invitations
from my wife's relatives so far
one in Pennsylvania and one
in London

I think we are to be very happy
as we are certainly very fond of one
another and are very glad I am
married as I feel very much better
contented and happier

Julia joins me in sending
our love to you the baby and Vernon
and says if there is any thing we can
get to do for you here in New York

don't fail to call on us

I think Fannie would like
to make some thing ~~from~~ for
the young scamp if she only
knew what you would like

You know there is always
some thing forgotten and Fannie
is very handy with the needle

Hoping to hear that you
are getting along well and that
the boy is thriving

Believe me loving-

-ly your brother

Tom

December 1881

THOS. W. CLARKE ME.
LATE ASSISTANT ENGINEER, U.S. NAVY,
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List of names for Lois (Leifey)
for Grade

Lois W. Clarke
+ + Raymond 2^d
Marion "
Edith "
Julia Nolan
Lucy A. Miller
Mr + Mrs Robt T Eider + family
" " Clarence Gardner + "
Mrs John Hayes + family
Mr + Mrs Kimball " "
Chas. E. Chapin
Robt. T. Walker
Lloyd C. Raper
Maggie Morgan (not right name)
Mary " " "
Mary Donovan

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[Undated]
141 B way N.Y.
Room 22

my dear Vernon

I send the enclosed
few letters for you to give
Grace

You had better read
it first and use your own
judgment as how to break
the news to Grace, as you
can judge better than
I as to her strength and
condition

141 10 May 1901
The W. C. C. Association
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I hope that Grace has
continued to improve
and my wife and I
both join you in hearty
-est congratulations.

Sincerely yours
Thos. W. C. C.

December Seventeenth

1901

[Undated]



Dear Cousin Grace:-

The Christmas box was a happy surprise indeed. My room mate and myself enjoyed it for several days, quite ruining our appetites for the most hall delicacies. We were given no leave outside of Annapolis, but considerable

shape, his old throat trouble,
and may not go back again
to Madison. With many
thanks and sincere best
wishes for Cecilia Vernon
and yourself. J. P. Wright

liberty and no drills for a
week gave us quite a
pleasant time. The weather
last week was delightful, warm
enough to sit and smoke
with our windows wide open
but yet cool enough to
encourage walking. However
I would almost have pre-
ferred the snow and cold,
it certainly would have
seemed more like Christmas
to us. Murray spent Christmas
in Fergus with father. He
arrived home in rather bad

[Undated]



Dear Cousin Grace:-

A slight fever,
not much in itself but
enough to keep me
in the hospital the
better part of last
week, prevented me from
writing before. I wanted
to thank you for your
kindness to Murray and
myself during September.

them isn't so very indis-
tinct. The pictures of Thomas
struck me as pretty
good. In one of them,
where he is trying to
catch the ball, he was
quite unconscious that
I was taking the picture.

Sincerely yours,

G. B. Wright

Sunday, Oct. 9th

As you knew, perhaps, I
had rather dreaded
coming home, but I shall
always think of the
two weeks I spent there
this year as among
my happiest.

The pictures I took
of Thomas and Cyrus
were developed here and
I enclose them. Unhappily
scissors moved or they were
over-exposed, but one of

[Undated]

Dear Harry -

We are well and hope you
are enjoying the same condition.

Amie is a good girl and
I wish we had her. There
are rumors again that her
sister is to leave Mrs. Burge.

There is also a girl in Underwood
who wants a place and Rutha
has written that you will pay
fare to F.F. for the maiden
to come and see you on
Saturday. I have spent
the last two days at the

hospital starting the heating
plant and the hot water plant
and the ventilating plant.

all of them started poorly
but two of them have improved
and today the building has
been at about 60° or 70° all
day long just to see if we
could.

Please give my love to
my relatives, including Thomas,
and come home when you
get food and ready to a
laying man.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT,
~~GEO. B. WRIGHT ESTATE.~~

~~A. M. WRIGHT, AGENT.~~

FERGUS FALLS, MINN.

[Undated]

May 10.

Secret -

The first instalment arrived a little late and took me by surprise. I went to the basement to get my car and found it simply covered with coal dust from coal just being put in. Also my key was up at C.D.'s. So we got supper at C.D.'s and went out immediately afterwards. There was no difficulty in getting settled for the night. This morning it rained hard and I am now just in at 4 P.M. We hope to see you Sat. V.

Wednesday [Undated]

Dear G.

I had expected to write
you from Chicago but found not
a minute. Mr. Burch came
with me from St. Paul. We got
off in Wisconsin to examine a steel
tower line then spent a day in Chicago
at a factory. Then went to Kalamazoo
and Grand Rapids and today I have
come to Tecumseh and find mother
looking pretty well. I shall leave
tomorrow but plans are not yet made.
Probably I go to Burlington.

Hastily

V.

{Undated}

My dearie, - Enclosed thee
will find five certificates
of The Fergus Home hills
stock. I trust that they
are all that thee needs
for they are all that
I can find.

It is cool to-day, and
I ~~thought~~ this a good
opportunity to come to
town.

Thy loving

Grace.

Safe Deposit Vaults.
In a cell.

[Undated]

Sunday, Apr. 6

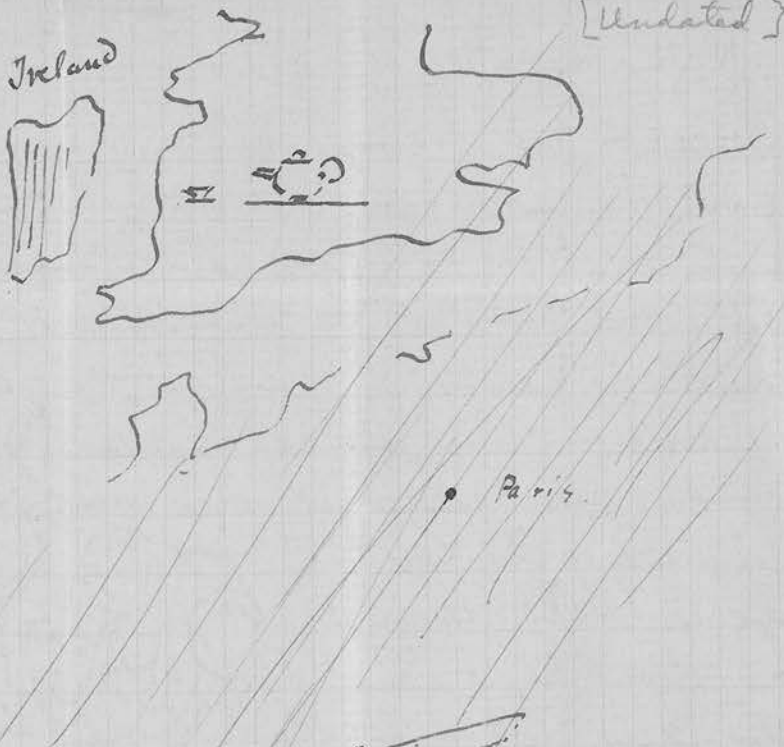
Dearest G.

The trip was uneventful. Chas. D. was expecting me. He seems fairly well but is suffering from a cold or cough and did not go to his office Saturday. Chas. Rella was ordered to bed by the doctor and I have not seen him. I shall probably go up to see Myra and Elsie this afternoon and find out about Rella.

The town is unchanged except for Mr. Durrell's building which has had its 3^d story pulled off. Business of the O.T. P. Co. seems fairly satisfactory so far as I learn from superficial observation.

The Shoe check has not yet appeared but the West Pub. Co. passed the day by a dividend of \$225. in real money instead of Liberty Bonds and I enclose my check for \$200. to start the machine and keep it going for a few days. I saw Mrs. Hannah a moment on her way to church but did not mention "honey combs". With love to you all V.
I am forwarding 11 letters.

Home)
 Typified by strains
 heat. if I could draw it.



[Undated]

Paris. It rains as usual.

My dear Grace -

I have forgotten how to draw. I have
 no thoughts of ART in my Soul,
 I have forgotten why I came. There
 is only ONE primal instinct in me =
 to stick close to a bit of coal when
 I see it - providing it glows.

I had hoped to make some rich
 and juicy parody on the enclosed
 poster drawing of some years ago.
 Its face value is only limited by
 the number of miles it covers.

How it has escaped the invari-
 table dust and ashes of years. I
 know not. Why it should be fated
 to cross its own ocean twice. I know less. Save that the whim of its Owner
 led it on those rocking ways. Funny, really. I did it because I was to
 have a lovely letter - all babes, and cows, and cats and pups - to



make me extra cheerful on my own crossing, and yet. I had
popped in this drawing, of which to make another that should
amuse you, and the baby, and V. W. But it is polite to put Baby first?
And then, came the English damps, and we eat tea all day to keep them
out. And the tea got into the Iron Woman's head. And then, came the
lovely grey Frenchy rains, and all the little green frogs in the submerged
meddresers came and eat in my throat, and so I have it any
mind or any mellifluous voice like I used to have (as the Southern
girls here would say). And also, when we came to the land where -
luggage - is a burden - and - not - to - be - paid - for - if - you - can - stagger - it -
my strong right hand gave out, so I can't draw people's nice
shoulders and umbrellas. And besides, when we had arrived
in the sludgy squdgy English fields, and had roamed many
many miles by stile and primrose path and miry lane to
New - well, such Saxon gems as Deerhurst tower - such per-
fect queens as Turpin Common - we had then appropriated
all the little Briton blisters that sit by the stiles waiting for the
unwary ones with large flat ferry boats of American Enamel shoes.

And so I could not walk! But bless you, dear! I can
now, and if I could do the picture with my toes - it should be
yours - a foot piece, and you should put it on a pedestal. Otherwise, I
am quite limp, in all have faith. Altho' we here to Bruges to go,
And here the rains do soak and blow. There is one thing we surely
know = we have some friends in Lincoln.

Altho' they seem to've been neglected. By ~~you~~ ^{their} old friend now damp,
dejected. She, in November unexpected, will travel out to Lincoln.

Will hug the babe and praise its Mother, will hug it most enough to
smother, will prate on Architecture ^{those} other, than that of Lincoln.

Will speak of Salons decadents, of Frenchmen's fearful taste for menthe,
of morals orful that she can't describe at Lincoln.

Will ask you modestly to come And view 1000 news from Rome - Or Bruges
and Holland - Only come - Unto the Den from Lincoln.

For then the Baby will be large
And you can mount into The barge
And take the train up on the margo
Of nice South Lincoln.

And I shall tell you all our spees.
Our sorrows, mishaps, and our gleees.
To you and to the Khat cheries — (That plural means both)
When you come in from Lincoln.

Don't let Khat Crosby work too hard
On leather and on binding board.
Let her disport upon your swards
At sunny Lincoln.

She is a very nice young child,
altho' at times a little wild,
And hugs me till my hat is spoiled.
And out at Lincoln —

She'll play with baby and with cows,
Will hunt for eggs upon the mows
And hear the kitten's faint meows
Beneath the hay at Lincoln.

O. I could chat of Notre Dame,
Of how St. Sulpice's doors do slain,
The new Gare d'Orleans decors sham, (leastwise, I think 'er
— O. has to Lincoln

The news that John Van Pelt is married —
And happily — as yet been carried?
Of course. Naught good has ever tarried
To go to Lincoln.

Am crazy to see
Baby, so glad.
Ever so nice of you
to write me!

affectionately
LSC

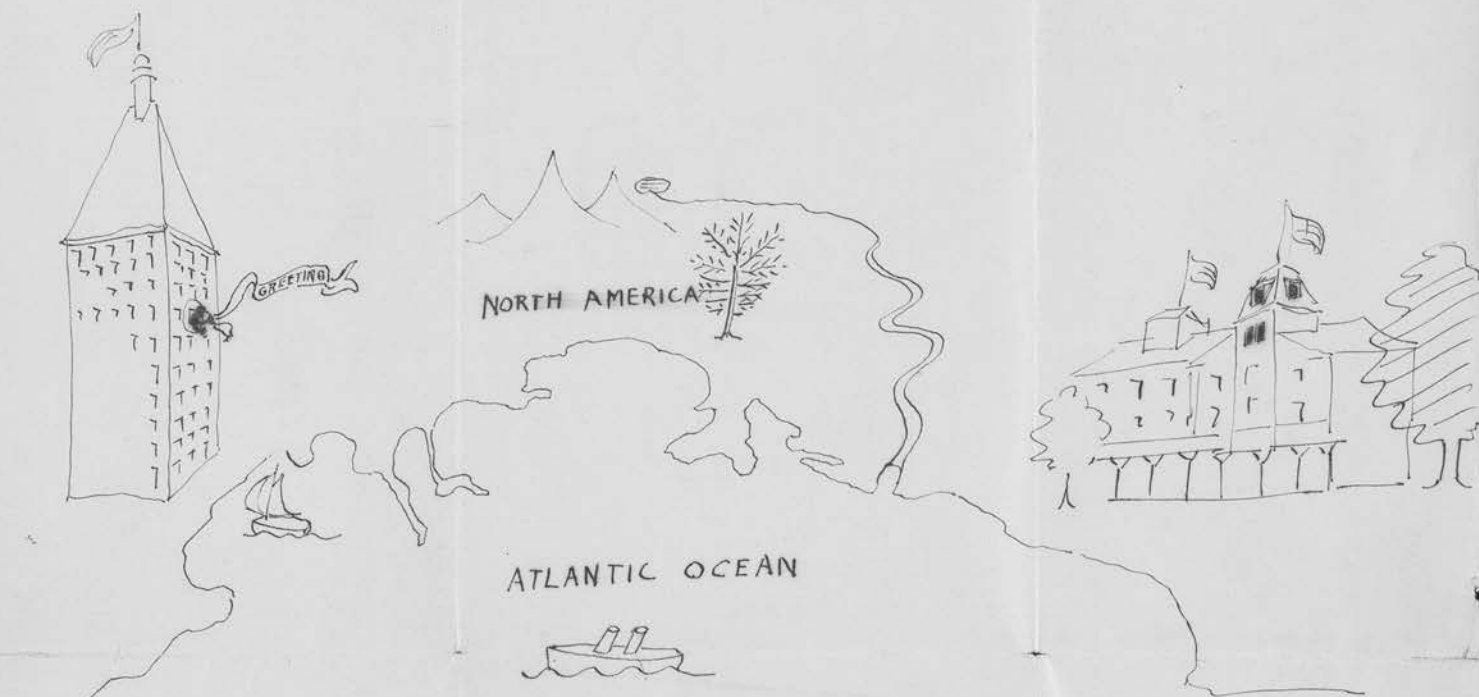
How glad you are the end has come
To this extraordinary bump.
and crazy, crippled, loving sum
of news for Lincoln!

My greetings to you — one and all.
And as the sun shines in the hall.
Remember me in raiment that fall!
and cherish Lincoln!

too gingerbread.)

J. R. COOLIDGE, JR.
VERNON A. WRIGHT
✻ ARCHITECTS ✻
89 STATE STREET.

BOSTON,



NORTH AMERICA

[Undated]

PEMBROKE EAST,
BRYN MAWR

My very dear mother,-

Many happy returns
of the day. I trust that
you are well and
happy. I would write
you a poem for a
birthday present, but
my Poetic Muse has
gone off for a visit. I
tried for six hours
yesterday to lure her
to me, so that I could
write a decent sonnet
to hand in to Miss

Thomas; but alas I was pretty unsuccessful, and I have no talent left for to-day.

Nancy seemed to have enjoyed your visit very much. She always does. She shows her common sense.

Mammy dear, you should not say such nice things about me in your letters. They make me cry, cause I'm so cross to you. I do not mean to be cross to you cause I love you very much; but I seem to ^{be} naturally bad. You

see I did not have a chance to be nice after being so cross to you, so that I feel sort of kinder bad.

I hope that you will have a nice birthday. Do not work too hard and do go to Bolton, if you get a chance.

If ever papa feels like dictating a letter, I shall be most pleased and happy, especially if he signed his name at the end. I am still awaiting Tom's visit to me. I shall do my best to make him have a good time. I want to see him very much. I enclose a dollar for papa's chair. It's all I think

that I can contribute.

I shall also enclose a list of things, all that I can think of at present.

Lovingly yours,
Grace.

Of course my best love to you and the rest of the family.

That always goes without saying.

Anna Dean wishes you ~~your~~ happy birthday greetings.

I have not read this letter over, so pardon all deficiencies.

8 Pembroke West [Undated]
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Dearest Mother and Father,-

The boy arrived yesterday greatly to the delight of myself and two other girls. We were over-joyed I can tell you. Marguerite Coghlin said that every thing was done up as Mrs. Clarke would have done it and she appreciated the thing quite as much as I did. I wanted to give her half; but she would only take a little bit.

Poor child, do you know she has almost broken down and has had to give up work and just rest for two or three weeks, and when she does begin she will have to be most careful. She is likely to have nervous prostration if she is not careful.

I am so sorry for her that I should like to do all kinds of

My white muslin has come home & it looks like a new gown. The ruffle was knife-pleated as before.

The blue piece was fine, just what I like.

things; but of course I cannot do much. Miss Garber is kindness itself. She always is, and Margarita gets the best of care; but she needs to have all worry and anxiety taken off her mind, and of course that cannot be.

She is grateful for any kindnesses that are shown to her.

Was the blue square of printed cotton for my table?

The other piece was far too nice for the old boy that I wanted to cover, so I shall keep it for something else. I want something very inexpensive.

Denim or Turkey Red, for the other piece will keep.

When are you going to send me lugwamps? And my rosebud Giggamarandy? I am in no hurry for them; except that of course I want to see them. I mean

I do not need them. The books that you sent were fine I shall use them a great deal I am sure.

It is such a comfort to have home books ~~and~~ around one, and to have plenty of books anyway. I think that I shall soon have to have an extra ~~bookcase~~ for the ^{one} ~~we have~~ ^{book case} is full now, and we need more room. Anna Dean has quite a number of books and so have I.

It has been very cold here and the skating has been excellent. I have not skated at all; but I hear most tantalizing accounts of the merry times that make me wild to go myself. The girls manage to get in time for a good deal of fun although they are working hard for their examinations. I never

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saw such systematic
grinding for examinations
in my life. The girls
~~tabulate~~ all their lectures
and then practically
learn their tabulations
off by heart. Even the
girls who study hard all
the time work for these
examinations. It kinda
sorter surprises me; but
I suppose that I shall have to
go and do likewise.

I have written two other
letters to my family to-day,
so what you don't find
out in one, you will
probably find out in
one of the other two. I
hope you are all well and
flourishing and that.
It has not been exceedingly
cold up in your
regions.

This scheme would divide the time up so well
+ seems uneven to have my vacation come so late in the year.

By the way, I could come home for a week in February if you wanted me. My last examination comes on Saturday, February Second, ending at noon, and I could go home that night or Sunday morning and would not have to leave until the next Sunday night. Wouldn't that be a scheme? If the weather were not too cold. And then there would not be the necessity of coming at Easter if you thought I ought not to come twice.* Please think about it and let me know.

* I am growing fat. I have had a slight head-

much as you would buy for me. she will pay me
& I will pay you. L.P.C.

cold this last week; but
it is almost gone now.

I stayed in the house
and took care of it.

Give my love to Lucy
and Lois and tell Lois
I have not yet heard what
the bundle was that I
was to receive and did
not know the sender.

Be good to yourselves

Affectionately
Grace

January twenty-seventh.

I have not a dollar to send
to-night. I think that the
green pattern that I en-
close or the deeper pink
pattern, preferably the green,
would make very pretty
summer ~~shirt~~ silk waists. Buy 'em

Freda Heyl would like 2/15
you to buy her a waist of
the pale pink if there is trouble
any left. ^{if it is not too much trouble} She says to buy as

[Undated]

PEMBROKE EAST
BRYN MAWR

Dearest Mother,-

I have had three invitations for my Easter holidays, two of which I expect to accept; it is nicer to go away, because it is more restful and besides that it is cheaper.

Elizabeth Mields has asked me to go to Wilmington with her and stay as long as I care to, and Helen Williams has asked me to go to Philadelphia and stay with

her and Louise Warren
has asked me to go to
Bridgeport and stay
with her. Of course
I could not accept
Louise Warren's for 1
night as well go
home as to do that.

So I am going to stay
here two or three days
of the vacation and
go and spend the
rest of the holiday
with Elizabeth Field
and then spend the
Friday and Saturday
and Sunday after
the holiday with

Helen Williams.

I am sorry that ^{you} I cannot
leave Hotel Putnam before
May. But I suppose Holland
old boy is strict and steam
and must be obeyed.

And mother, what shall
I do? My blue serge waist
is all out at elbows, like-
wise my purple waist
and it is beginning to
grow warm. Don't you
think I would better buy
three shirt waists, or buy
material & have ~~them~~ made
out in B. M.? I have one;
but that is not enough.
My clothes are giving out
suddenly, like the
deacon's one-horse stage.

Then too, I need to go to the
Dentist's very badly, for
some fillings have come
out (they came out some
time ago) and I am
afraid my teeth will go to
rack and ruin if I do
not have them attended
to. And last and
worst of all, I am afraid
I ought to go and see an
occulist, because I have
been working so hard
lately that my eyes have
begun to trouble me. I
mean by having head-aches
and not having the letters
on the books perfectly
clear.

Yet all this seems to
need so much money

that I ~~thought~~ I ought to write to you about it and see what you thought.

I have about five dollars in the bank and two dollars in my pocket and that is all

This is the way my money has gone since I came back here:

Before I went home.

alcohol	.52
stamps	.10
College Settlement	5.00
Pens (box)	.75
Blank book	.25
Trunk up to college	.25
To Mrs. L. & back	.35
Stamps	.18
Adams Express from Boston	.90
Paper	.70
To Phila. & back	.57
Notary public	.25
Con. Milk	.20
Paper	.25
Rubbers	.55
Stamps	.54
Bank	.06
	11.39

And about ^{eight one half} ~~two~~ dollars besides in books, and one or two other things, besides ^{15.00} that I had to pay for my room for next year. And yet all except the train-fares, Condensed milk, and the college settlement, I needed.

The college settlement association
joined before Christmas because
it is very small here at present
and I wanted to belong to
something, and I do not
care to join the Christian
Union, and I am interested
in ~~College Settlement~~
work.

I go along sometimes
for weeks without spending
a cent and then sud-
denly everything seems to
come down upon me
to once. I am having
father's picture framed
and that is my one
piece of extravagance;
but the flies will soon
be here and I do not

want it spoiled, so I don't
feel as if that were a
foolish thing to do. Write
to me what to do in
these my dilemmas, and
if you think I need any
of the things that I
have suggested.

If I stay in the vacation
during the holidays it
will cost me seven or
nine dollars for my
board or lodging or both,
and if I go to Wilmington
it will cost me two
dollars and twelve cents
for fares, from B. M. to W.
& back again, and very
little else. Trunk and
car-fares and that is all.

Of course I still have a stock of stamps, pens & paper on hand
I will last me a long time, so they were simply expenses
that I just want to bring for that

Your boy came yesterday.
Everything was in good
order, and the cats were
very nice. Though I think
I shall take the white
lilacs off the brown hat
(they are both brown) and
leave on the leaves; it is
more becoming that
way.

Good-bye, mummy dear
I am writing to you this
morning, instead of study-
ing, so I must stop.

I went to walk this
morning between seven
and eight, before breakfast.

Yours lovingly
Grace.

Thursday. April 4.

[Undated]

Dearest family,

Do not be worried
about this child.
She is getting along
very nicely and is
being taken good
care of. She feels
all right; but is
not yet, so she can-
not come home
on Wednesday night.
When she does come,
it will be on the
Colonial Express and
in the day-time.
You shall be made
away of the fact in
due season.

I do not think you understand about Doctor Gerhard. He is not the woman, Doctor Sherwood, who comes once a week, and whom one consults free; but he is the physician of the best standing in neighborhood, and is recommended by Miss Thomas to the girls when they are ill. He is an older man than Doctor Chrystie and consequently has had more experience. Therefore he is the best physician to have. Miss Thomas will not allow the girls to have Doctor Chrystie. She told Miss Garber so this morning. Doctor Gerhard is recognized and approved by the best Philadelphia doctors. So do not be alarmed about

him. Doctor Gerhard
I shall have to pay.

I should not have
had Miss Doctor
Sherwood under
any circumstances,
in this illness. She
is a good physician
but she could more
for small things
than for sickness
of any duration.

If you insist on
~~Doctor~~ Christie,
I shall have to
no one knows where
to be taken care of,
for I can't have him

[Undated]

Dearest Mother,

I am sorry that I
have not had time to
write to you before. I
have been working over
in the laboratory every
afternoon from two till ~~two~~
four for the last two
weeks with the exception
of Saturdays and Sundays
and on Saturdays I
have worked in the
morning. Then I have
studied or worked from
half after eight until quarter
after one and from after
dinner was over until

ten or half after in the evening, and from four till six I have generally walked. So you can see that I do not have a great deal of time for fooling or gadding and I have not written any letters since last Saturday, until yesterday evening.

But I seem to thrive under it all. I cannot say that I am exactly growing fat; but I certainly

am not pining away and my complexion as as beautiful as it is ever possible for it to be (cause my complexion is not what one might call "pale and creamy")

I was glad to get the box with the precious crockery etc. in it. Every thing was beautifully wrapped up in excelsior and brown paper and nothing was broken. But the lamp oil leaked out of the lamp; luckily however

it had sense enough
to keep within its own
wrappings and so
nothing was spoiled.

I asked someone to
empty the oil out of
it before it was sent
and I partially un-
screwed the top for
that purpose. Conse-
quence = lard oil
spread around. Everyone
who sees, admires my
dishes and so forth
which makes me
farto feel quite
happy.

My money has just

slipped through my fingers since I have been back: books to buy, laundress to pay, college bill, express on the first box and various other apparently necessary things.

I do not see how I could help doing all this but the consequence is that I have had to send for more money. After this, though, there will be very little to buy I hope.

About your going away of course it would be very nice if you could afford it; but I feel as if I ought to stay at college and work a

little at any rate.

I have still some work of last semester to make up and a little of this, and I do not know exactly how I am going to do it, unless I do some at Easter-time.

I ~~do~~ had a very nice, though quiet time last Sunday at Mrs. Littlefield's. We did not do anything in particular; but we talked and went out to walk on Sunday afternoon and watched the eclipse and washed dishes. But that is not

wild excitement, although it often is very good fun.

I am very sorry that Dick has had the Grippe. If you go over to J. P. while he is still at home give him my love and gently remind him that he owes me a letter. I hope he will get all well before he begins work again. Anna Dean has not recovered wholly yet from the Grippe. She is still up stairs in the nursery with a nurse. Quite a number of the girls have had the Grippe. We were afraid that it would become

epidemic; but luckily
it has been checked
and the majority
of the girls escaped
with not more at any
rate, than severe
colds. I have not heard
anything.

In regard to the
books, I am perfectly
willing that you
should do whatever
you think is best
and I shall be
satisfied. I mean
the books that
you give away.
I think that it was
much nicer to let
Dick have the book

Give my love to all the family and tell them
that I hope soon to have time to write to them
individually.

3.
He wanted, for I do not
think there is any use
in giving away books
that the receiver does
not appreciate.

I will send the velvet
soon. Did Kathryn re-
ceive her handkerchief
and did I leave a pair
of stockings behind?

I cannot find one
of my new pairs
and I am afraid
that if it is not at
home, it is lost.

I am sure that there
is no brown ribbon
here. It is at Cohasset
if it is anywhere.

And about the paper
I went yesterday to the
notary public and
he had just shut
up shop so I was
going again to-day,
but it has been
storming in a variety
of ways to-day
and I did not dare
to trudge up to
Rosemont in the
slush. Besides all
that I went to the
Symphony Monday
night with Miss

Virginia Barber and
I lost one of my rubbers
somewhere between
Philadelphia and the
College. I seem to have
lost my power of
holding on to my own
possessions, belonging
to my hands and feet.

Rubber, stockings,
wooly gloves!!! Lost!!

I hope all this won't
bore you to death. I am
pretty happy, especially
when I have plenty
to do. Everybody here is
good to me and I am
Yours lovingly
March 15 - Grace

[UNdated]

PEMBROKE EAST
BRYN MAWR

Dearest Dad,-

I hope that you notice the "swell" paper on which your youngest is now writing? It has just come. The stamp belongs to the Pembroke East girls who had it made at the cost of eleven cents apiece, which I do not call expensive. Then we pay ten cents for every twenty-four sheets that we have stamped.

I am flourishing pretty well these days. Every body is very kind to me and I am very comfortable. The doctor will not

tell me on what day I may
go home, for he says that I
might be disappointed. So
of course I do not know
how soon I can send you
word about the train that
I shall come home on. I think
that I shall probably be able
to come on Monday! |||
cannot come home before I
shall betake me to the

Bryn Mawr hospital, which
is under the supervision of
Doctor Gerhard, so that I
may have his cure as long
as I need it. There is no other
place near by where I can
get such excellent care.
And I do not mind going in
the least, except of course
that I want to get home ~~at~~
not to spend too much money.
You can't imagine how
badly I feel to be ill now

when money is needed for
so many other things.
However I really do not feel
that it was my fault for
I have been prudent; it
was simply my misfortune.
O dear I cannot seem to
write straight in bed.

You see this dear little
doctor does not want me
to go home until my lung
is perfectly well, for he says
that my troubles might
arise if my lung did
not get perfectly strong. So
I am pretty good and
obey all his orders, and
take his nasty medicines
and stay in bed and
do not talk much, etc.

I did not mean to bother
you with my trials and

tribulations, for I try to be cheerful and not mind.

I am in a cheerful sunny room with deep window seats, which, by the way, the architect did not have sense enough to make with drawers or cubby-holes.

Just now I am surrounded with the various articles which are going to be put into my trunk. So that my room does not look as orderly as it usually does.

I have just had two presents of flowers; one a bunch of "dawn" pinks, the other a box containing roses, pinks, mignonne, hyacinths, and ~~pinks~~ ^{violets}.

I am not neglected in my old age.

I have returned to my early childhood days and wear my hair in braids, rather slimmer than they used to

PEMBROKE EAST
BRYN MAWR

be, but still worthy of the name of pig-tails.

I hope that you can read my writing; taking notes continually does not improve my handwriting, I am sorry to say.

I manage to do a good deal of reading for my English, so that I am not going to get behind-hand in anything, except Biology. My French I am going to get Lois to help me with when I come home. I have not a great deal to make up and

and I can do it quite easily if Lois will help me.

The ~~darkest~~ servants take a great interest in all that goes on in the college and I have great times with them when they come into my room. They are very quiet, but most amusing.

They speak of the college girls as "these gurls," and of each other as "Miss Lizzie" and "Miss Jane," and Miss Harriet. Miss Harriet is the awe-inspiring creature to them. They consult her on all the most solemn occasions.

I have a vague idea that she writes the love letters for some of those who cannot write.

If I only had something interesting to write about I would do so and make this

more readable; but inasmuch as I have been in bed for the last week there is very little variety and excitement.

Miss Garber is kindness itself. She does everything she can for me, and I feel exceedingly grateful toward her. She is going to start me on my homeward journey, when I go, and see that I am properly provided for.

Well, I just 'spose I'd better stop and not write any more.

I hope that you are well and taking good care of yourself.

You must not forget the funny story that you have

to tell me,

Very lovingly yours
Grace,

December seventeenth.

8 Pembroke West
Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, Pa.
[Undated]

Dearest Mother,

If you want to send me any books, I shall be very glad to have them.

There are two French Dictionaries, one Tom's and the other was Father's. May I have one? The one I have used this year belongs to Helen Williams.

I have asked somewhat about the difference in cost between Bryn Mawr and Radcliffe, and it is really cheaper to go here than it is to go there unless one lived with one's family in Cambridge. But in changing from one college to another

there is of necessity a loss. The courses at the two colleges are arranged so differently that it is impossible to go from one to the other without losing something.

If it is possible I think I shall do better to stay here, than to change and go to Radcliffe.

I get along pretty well here these days. Miss Barber and Miss Virginia G. and Miss Newbold are very nice to me; but sometimes it is sort of lonesome like. But don't imagine that I can't stand it for I can.

There is no particular hardship in going straight along day after day with my work, in fact

there is a good deal of pleasure in it. And so long as I do not have to much leisure time to think in, I am all right.

I have not seen Mr. Harrison to speak to since I came back, ~~in fact~~ not even to loan to. We do not have him just now in "Biology" we have Dr. Washburn. And we also have nice little frogs to dissect. They are very charming indeed. I am constantly reminded of Harvey's old song about the frog & the poet & his stanza school etc.
If you think fit to send my thanks

I should like to have them
I want to read some and
have not much opportunity
unless I have them in
my room.

I have some of K. T.'s
handkerchiefs which I
took by mistake, I shall
send them back soon.

As soon as I think I can
stop to do up a bundle,

Positively there is
nothing to write about.

I expect to spend next
Sunday with Mrs.
Littlefield. And then
all ends.

Ever affectionately
Grace.

Tuesday.

{Undated}

Dear mother,

~~I paid~~ I send you
the cheque for Freda's
silk. She thinks that
it is very pretty and
is perfectly satisfied
with it. She paid me,
& I pay you.

I am flourishing
like a green bay
tree.

Will you tell father
that I have read his
letter to some of the
girls & they have
laughed gleefully. Miss
Garber ~~was~~ merry
also.

~~will you kindly tell~~
E

Freda wishes me to
thank you for buy-
ing the silk for
her.

More anon.

Affectionately
Grace.

Jan. 30.

Pembroke West, [undated]
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Dearest Mother, -

Mr. Ames and I
did not quarrel or
misbehave and so
we arrived in ~~Philadel-~~
~~phia~~ ~~town~~ without any
accidents, except
that Mr. Ames was
so very fascinating
that I did not notice
that I ~~dropped~~ my gloves
and so I lost them.
When I discovered the
loss I went to find
them; but alas it
was too late; someone
had picked them up.
I lost the gloves on the

train, changing from
one car to another.

The girls all seem
glad to have me back,
and now that I am
once more here it is
~~not~~ so very bad. It
might be much worse.
However I shall miss
you all ~~very~~ much
and long for you
all.

I am sorry that I
did not see Kathryn
and Thomas, before I
left, but I suppose
that was inevitable.

I cannot write
any more now.

Love to all from
Leila and Yvonne
affectionately Grace.

{Undated}

Dear father, -

I have to pay \$75.00
more to the college
for the rest of my
college bill, and
I have left in the
bank \$25.00, I suppose
I ought to have some
money beyond my
absolute needs, though
I have spent very little
so far since I came
back here after vacation.
Our bills will be
sent to us about the
second week in February.

I do not know how much you ought to send me besides the \$75.00. I have in all just now \$40.00, counting what I have at the bank and what I have here. This will last me for a long time. Please do as you think best about it, and I shall be perfectly satisfied. I really do not know how much money I ought to spend. I drew \$500.00 from the bank before I came away and that ~~was~~ with the money I earned and the \$30.00 that you gave me in

the summer time and the \$5.00 that Uncle Free gave me just before I came away, all this paid for my trunk and my expenses and here and for the things I bought in New York, and for everything since I came here. And I still have \$45.00.

Do you think that I have been extravagant?

I am sorry to have to write to you about money, because as you know of old, I do not enjoy asking for it.

I am trying to work
hard for examinations.

I hope to be able to send
you favorable results,

Affectionately
Grace

Jan. 30.

803 Broome Street, [Undated]
Wilmington, Delaware

Dearest Mother,

The last time that I wrote to you I was just going to walk. Well I went and we had a fine time. We walked along the Brandywine river and gathered blood-roots and hepaticas. The banks of the river were just thick with blood-roots. I never saw them before. They are very dainty white flowers.

On Saturday we went over to see Mrs. Fulton and spent part of the morning with her. In the afternoon we did something or other I don't remember what. We played cards in the evening, and one Mr. Stubbs came to call.

Sunday morning we went to church, Unitarian; in the afternoon we went on a beautiful drive behind a swift horse and in the evening we went to a Catholic Church.

Elizabeth, and then oldest
brother, and I. The service
was quite entertaining
and the odors too
numerous to relate.

The priest preached
about the awful torments
that we should endure
if we did not belong
to the true Church
and live good lives.

He announced to us
quite decidedly, that
if we were resur-
rected we should
be such in flesh
as well as in soul.

~~The~~ He seemed pretty
sure of it; I hope he
had good authority
for his statements.

Easter was a glorious
day here, and I thought
of you all and
wondered how you
were getting along.

To-day I studied
some went to walk,
and to see Mrs.

Fulton and had a
very nice day.

It is very nice
and quiet and rest-
ful here, and just
the nicest place
in the world to
visit. They are
all so kind and
cordial that I
cannot help liking
them. It is a
very homelike
household.

I am getting
finely rested. I
do not do much

and yet I am
happy.

Harriette sent
word to me that
she and her mother
were going to see
you soon and
she wants to know
about my being
her bridesmaid. I
hope when she
comes, you will
tell her what you
think about it,
and I will abide
by your decision

of course it goes &
without saying that
I should like to do
it very much, and
my only hesitancy
is about money. I
do not think there
would be any dis-
respect and it would
give Harriette a
great deal of
pleasure.

\$ 11.20 for muslin
10.50 silk.

21.70

Harriette is going to get
the things if you
think best, and she

will get the materials
as cheaply as possible.

I am going to write
to Harriette very
soon,

I had a short,
sweet letter from
Uncle Thatcher
and Lou,

Love full
Yours
Grace

Monday after Easter.

[Undated]

457 Marshall Street.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dearest Mother,

Don't be surprised
at the postmark on
this letter; I am not
in Boston, and I do not
expect to be there until
June sixth or shortly
after. But I should
be most happy to go
there this evening
on the Federal Express
along with the Harvard
youth who are re-

turning from their
vacation.

Mother dear, I wish
I could be with you
to help you pack and
do all kinds of things.
It seems terribly
selfish for me to be
having such an
easy time, and
for you to be having
such a hard one.

However I shall try
to make up for it
a little this sum-
mer. I have given

up all thoughts of
going to Wood's Hall
this year; but shall
stay with you and
finish up my work
at left over from
this winter, and
earn an honest penny
if it is possible, to
make up for some
of the expenses of
this winter.

I wish you or some-
body would look over
my old letters and
then write answers
to the various

questions I have asked.
I have asked a good
many and have
received answers to
very few. And I
really want to know.
Also tell Kathryn
~~that~~ her new French
style of writing letters
I do not find as
instructive or interest-
ing as her former
letters. I do not
doubt her abilities
as a French scholar
but I find them
as yet somewhat

457 Marshall Street.

immature and uncultivated.

I think you need not send on my green silk. I shall not need it, and I should prefer to have it made at home. So you would better engage Mrs. D. any time after June seventh, then I shall surely be at home.

I had a beautiful
time at Wilmington
and it did me a
great deal of good.
Everybody says that
I look very well
now, and I know I
feel so.

The whole family
took me in like unto
a lamb into the
fold and I shall be
forever grateful to
them for their
kindness to me.

I am spending Sun-
day with the Willi-
ams, and am having
a very nice time; not
quite as quiet as is
usual with them
because Tom(?) is at
home and so they
had a sort of small
dinner-party for him
on Friday evening.

But very nice as
usual. They are all
~~the~~ good to me and
I feel quite at home
here. I shall see

Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

[Undated]

Dear Mother,

Elizabeth says not to
say dearest: she thinks
it is bad form. Don't
judge her by this. She
ain't no prig. Louise
says look at the
pyrotechnics display.
She has only six
crackers, and she is
givin' an' elaborate
T. (Russian!). Not
havin' no 'at-rack
Miss Clark 'as to

Margaret Coughlin says she is going to add a post-script to this.

This week there has been quite a good deal of excitement. On Friday night was the Sophomore class supper. It was held in Pembroke dining-hall and the Sophs. were very good and let us stand on the balcony on the sides of the Archway and look in the window and stand in the doors and look in there. The dinner was very pretty, the girls are so much better looking than any of the other girls. The speeches were as good as could be expected from girls so young. Frieda Hege made the best speech. She took off ^{a typical} ~~one of the~~ English literature quiz, which Miss Thomas questions and the girls answer and it was very funny. Frieda is an excellent mimic.

Then last night was our class supper. I did not want

'ang' em on a stool, much to
L's ~~dislike~~ no — dislike. This
is bad granama. But we
had our fresh girl supper
last night so we ain't got
no braining matter to-day, I
mean to-nite. I don't think
I have speled this knote
very well; but per ayo ya U
kin under go it, ef you
air in good 'ealth.

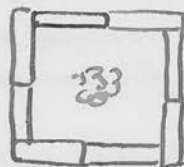
to go very much, but²
the girls wanted me to,
so I said I would go if
I could earn the money
(\$1.00) to go. So all this
last week I have been
reading aloud (.15 per hour)
mending (\$5 per dozen),
sewing on buttons (\$5 per
button, etc. And I
earned me money.

well yesterday of
course I had to give
out and be sick;
but ~~the~~ ~~for~~ I managed
to sit up and take
some nourishment at
the supper and do

cheering in a comparatively noisy manner. At our supper Florence Wardwell our president spoke; Marion Park read a poem of her own composing, and a pretty good one too; Elinore Blake spoke on basket ball; Elizabeth O'Neil addressed the Sophomores; Margaret Coughlin wrote a poem on the Beryn leaves lantern, and May Bookstaver spoke about the Faculty.

Margaret Coughlin's poem was very good and quite funny. Her and Marion Park's were our best toasts.

We drank our toasts in lemonade and Elizabeth Fields was toast-mistress. She is so simple and unaffected that she made an excellent toast-mistress. Helen Williams lead the class cheering most of the time. We all went dressed in our best and were much admired by the on-looking Sophs. and Juniors, also Miss Newbold and the two Miss Garbers. The tables



were arranged in a hollow square and the girls sat around the outside; inside was a huge stand of boughs and blossoms.

My dear Mrs. Clarke:

Grace led the meeting
to-night, and I want to tell
you how fine it was because
she would not let me tell her
- that is, to my satisfaction.

Generally, you know, the upper
class girls lead them - only one
Freshman has been asked - our
president - and so Grace has
been honored second among the
'98ers. The subject was "Ambition"
and she spoke to the length
of 10 or 12 minutes, and very
much to the point. I was
proud of her, but as she will
probably see this I can't go
on to the fullest extent of my
admiration - It would not do to
spoil such fine promise, so I'll
say Good-bye -

With best wishes to you

Very sincerely,

Grace's Admirer.

We had quite a merry time altogether, and we feel that class suppers are almost as successful with sophomores² as with freshmen¹.

Monday: To-day I have had no chance to finish my letter until now. Most of what I wrote before was written in Louise Warren's room, with a crowd of girls talking all around me, and telling me things to write down, so I wrote them as you can see.

I have had no letters for twelve days. Are you ill or busy or what? When are you going to Cohasset? Are you going to take boarders this summer? If so would you like to take Margarita

Coughlin? Poor child, she has had a hard winter. She wants to go to New England for part of the summer, at least, and I think it seems very forlorn for her to go off among strangers all the time. So I wondered if you would like to have her. I am quite sure she would like to come, and I think she would try to make it as easy for you as possible.

Only a few more weeks, etc. and then I shall come home. Oh how glad I shall be. You have no idea how terribly long

this time has seemed, and yet I have been busy most of the time.

The country around here grows more and more beautiful every day. We have had about a week of regular thin-dress weather, and so all the trees are out in blossom, and most of the leaves are out. There are quantities of violets, anemones, blood-root, dog-tooth violets, spring beauties, Cherry-blossoms

etc. Did you realize that the twenty dollars that Uncle Lee sent had to take me to Wilmington and back and pay for my shirt-waists, and

my glasses, and some books
besides one or two other
things? The oculist's bill
will not come till June.
I do not know how much it
will be; but I had to go to
see him three times.

I must go to bed.

Anna Deans sends her
love to you, and I do too.
A great deal of it to you
all, and don't get com-
pletely tired out moving.

I hope that I shall be
able to help you a
great deal when I come
back,

As ever lovingly
Sunday & Grace.

Monday evenings. ~~the~~ April 19.

[Undated]

Dearest mother, -

Your letter came at last, and I can assure you it was a very welcome one. I am glad that the family is at last at Cohasset, and I hope that they will all get rested there. Please do not work yourself to nothing but skin and bones; for I should not recognize you when I ~~get~~ home and that would be very sad.

I think that several of our letters must

have gone astray, for you never answer any of the questions that I ask in them, or almost never do, and I always write once a week to you, generally twice a week, and often three times a week.

You have not told me yet, whether or not I may be Harriet's bridesmaid, and you really must, for I ought to let her know as soon as

possible. She may want to change her plans if I cannot be the bridesmaid, and she wants to buy the materials if I can be the bridesmaid. Have her. Serve and Annelle mean to see you yet? They were going to soon as I wrote you! I hope they got there before you left the suite, you must be glad to get away from that noisy, dusty place. Some ^{Miss} Higgins has been there, is here now in fact and she brought

me a message from
Mrs. Annes. Mrs. Annes
was in Philadelphia
and tried to get out to
see me; but could
not, so she sent her
love, eli., by Miss
Winifred. I could not
imagine who might
be sending message
thro' Miss W., I tho't
of Louisa Osford, and
Polly Gale, and every
body, except Mrs. Anne
Chapel-bell has just
rung, so I must go,
Ever lovingly
Grace

May 6.

[Undated]

PEMBROKE EAST West
BRYN MAWR

Dearest Mother,-

If you don't send
me a letter and tell me
if I may go home on
Fall river boat with quiet
over-25-yr.-old Mary Jay,
I shall have to take matters
into my own hands and
beg my way to Boston.
I must know ~~and~~ what
you want ^{me} to do, and I
ought to make my
plans immediately
or else I cannot get a
decent berth or

the boat or train. I leave
for Boston a week from
tomorrow (^{Thursday} ~~Wednesday~~) &
I want to go away
with my two or three
small debts paid up.
I have had to earn
money lately to keep
going until I could
get some money. I have
darned and mended,
rented my golf-cape
copied verses, read
aloud, etc., and so
earned a little money
here and there.

I have heard from
my French examina-
tions and I found my

marks in French reading
(Victor Hugo and Comedies)
were each Credit; my
French composition was
only Pass; but then that
was all that any of
the girls got; with the
exception of a very few, so
I do not mind very
much.

I have been swim-
ming twice lately
and practising diving
off of a spring-board.
I am gradually im-
proving in my diving
abilities and I expect
by next ^{June} ~~summer~~ I
shall be not only

able to dine well; but
shall ~~have~~ that grace
which since my
birth has characterized
all my acts.

I am already begin-
ning to think what I
shall pack where, and
to make an inventory
of my possessions. Not

~~that~~ they are very
numerous; but they
are at least valuable
to me. Just at present
we are studying
very hard for our
English examination
on Saturday. It is
the only exam., for
which I really have

to cram. Everyone
has to do it because
Miss Thomas asks such
extremely hard questions.

Then on Monday and
Tuesday come Latin
Prose and Ancient
History (my two conditions)
on Wednesday morning
final packings up
and the college break-
fast at which your
youngest has been
asked to hold forth,
for the pleasure of
so doing she is also
asked to contribute
one dollar, and then
I shall leave for Boston.

If I can find no better way of going, I shall come on the Colonial Express getting into Boston on Thursday evening ^{June 6,} about eight o'clock.

Hoop-murrah. You or someone will have to meet me in that case, or I should be scared.

I must lie me to bed; it being now about eleven.

Tell A. her letter was an improve-

ment on the foregoing ones, and that I answered all her letters except one or two of her atrocious French letters. (I think I only received two of them).

Love to all,

Yours affectionately,
Grace.

Tuesday, June 29

come of me if I failed.
and she said she
would see what could
be done. At least it
seems that she wants
to do all she can for
me.

Miss Thomas deferred
my essay, which was
due the first of October
till a year from that
time, of her own accord.
She thought I ought to
work off my English
exam., which I was
unable to take last
February, this February
and she advised me
to work for that \$ and
two or three hours a
week all this semester.

Bryn Mawr, [Undated]
Pa.

Dearest Mother, -

At last we have
finished our exams. I do
not know whether to hope
for the best or whether
to prepare for the worst.
At any rate I shall
know by Saturday. My
fate will then be sealed.
I had an interview with
Miss Thomas on Tues-
day and she was very
encouraging. She did I
did just ~~right~~ what was
right in not studying
this summer, and that
she thought I could get
along all right this winter.
I asked what would be -

I think I can do this easily and still keep up with the work I have to do.

Miss Thomas has approved of the three courses that I want to take this winter English, Biology major, and Chemistry.

I do not know what to do about my room. I cannot get a sunny room now unless I pay 75.00 extra for it for all the cheaper rooms have been gone ~~for~~ since last spring.

I do not feel that I can afford to pay 75.00 extra for a room. I would rather spend that money in some other way.

There are only about half a dozen empty rooms in the whole college and even if I should take one, I might have to share my double suite and I want to be alone.

Miss Abbott seemed sorry that she could not give me a better room but there is nothing now to do but submit to my fate.

After college opens one cannot change ones room. So you see my case is Hobson's choice. I don't see why I was not born rich instead of handsome. But you know we can't

Margaret says to tell Lois that our pictures are too hideous to keep. Please break the plate of the one looking out the window. Margaret's face has the most dissipated expression you can imagine and she will be very grateful if Lois will destroy the negative. we mean it!!

We will send you the directions about the books as soon as we get settled somewhere. Mrs. Humphreys did not get our letter and had reserved no room for us and so we went to the Shipleys and they had no room so we

"all be overboarded with the good things of this world."

We managed to be moderately comfortable here at the Summit Grove, although at night we are eaten up by mosquitos. Neither of us has slept through more than a third of a night at a time since we came here and life is far from pleasant during the hours of darkness when we are trying to annihilate our too hungry visitors.

I long for my squeaky bed and a good night's sleep.

ended up by coming here. We almost
feared that we should have to go to
the Misses' awkins.

Do not do anything about the
spoon until I send you a letter for
Mr. Folkman. I shall do that as soon
as I have time.

Much love to the family.

Yours as ever

Grace.

Tell Tom that that two dollar
bill is very nice. I shall thank
him for it later.

[Undated]

Dearest Mother, -

I have been waiting eagerly to hear from my examinations, and have heard nothing as yet. I should have heard yesterday; but the Faculty did not deem ~~it~~ it necessary to inform us as soon and we did not go up to college to find out expecting of course that word would be sent to us.

Margaret and I have had a moderately comfortable week; if the mosquitos had not bothered us, and if we had not been as worried about these horrible old exams., we should have been very comfortable. Yesterday, Mrs. Hayden,

Everywhere the corn-fields were covered with yellow corn-stacks. The trees are beginning to turn and the grass is already brown and dry.

Our way was up hill and down dale, past meadows, through stretches of woods, and from the hill-tops we could look way off and see the towns and villages nestled in the hills in every direction. Off in the distance we could see the pale blue outline of the Blue Ridge.

Around Bryn Mawr you remember the names all seem English.

Margaret's friend whom we met at Mrs. Hawkins, invited us to drive with her to Valley Forge, where Washington encamped in the winter of 1777-1778.

The day was a perfect one cool and sunny, and we had a good driver and a span of horses.

The road to Valley Forge lies thro' the fertile hills and valleys that ones sees every where in this region. The yellow autumn sun-light flooded all the hillside-fields and gave that richness and mellowness to the landscape that is so characteristic of September and October weather.

For instance we went along Montgomery
avenue, past the Bird in Hand Tavern
and such places. Past towards Valley
Forge the district was settled by Swedes
and Germans. To wit - The Gulph
Road named after the family (Swedes)
of that appellation who first settled
there. They owned a great deal of
land and had grist mills we
saw the houses where the first
Gulphs lived.

Then there is the old Gulph
mill. At that mill (which by the

way was burned down
last fall or winter) grain
was ground for Washington's
Soldiers and one man
who mixed sand in
the flour to make the
corn go farther, was
hanged, by Washington's
order, for his treachery.

A mile or two beyond
the Gulph Mills we
turned into the King
of Prussia Road, and
in time passed the
King of Prussia Inn
with the swinging
sign-board, ~~with~~ with
the picture of a royal
personage mounted
on a spirited steed.

we got out there and saw the original pump house and trough where the army, horses and men, was watered.

At last we passed the place where Gen. Wayne had his headquarters, and soon we began to go up a steep woody road. It was at the top of that hill that Washington's fortifications and guns were.

Just as we reached the highest part of the road we saw below us a clump of trees with meadows all around, a few houses and some mills

and east of all the Scuttrale (?) (?) (?) river running along side and a tiny creek running into it. In the clump of trees we saw the chimney of the house where Washington lived, all that little river that he spent in camp at Valley Forge. The house was quaint and old, of the type common in these regions and was kept in perfect order. There were a few pieces of old furniture and plates and such things, but there was practically nothing in the house that had belonged to the father of his country.

me that she had not realized that the law was so stringent; but that the faculty had last year decided once and for all "that all girls who failed to pass off their matriculation conditions at the end of a year from the time of their entrance, should be suspended from the college for four months ~~to~~ (one semester) without power of appeal". That is that the law is irrevocable. No amount of petitioning does or will do any good.

We are out and we shall remain out till February. Our illness makes absolutely no difference. The law does not hurt the girls who do not care to take their degrees in four years, and who can afford to take less than fifteen hours a week and it does cruelly hurt the girls who do want to get their degrees in four years and ^{who} have to take fifteen

hours ~~at~~ a week of lecture-work or recitation and who are not strong to ~~do~~ that and at the same time work off matriculation conditions.

There are heart and ~~body~~ ^{mind} suffering from a law for ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~result of~~ ^{which} which we are utterly irrespective. The law is meant particularly for lay girls in good health, for girls who are perfectly capable of getting off their entrance conditions and who want better about it, and it falls on us, who ~~are~~ ^{are} could not

avoid the calamity
without serious risks to
our health. No ex-
cuse is made for us.
We are suspended from
College. The law was
made a year and a
half ago; but never
was put into force until
this fall. Last fall a
girl petitioned and
was admitted, this year
no petitioning is allowed.
The law fall alike
upon the just and
on the unjust on
the innocent and on
the guilty.

So to-day we have
engaged (M. & 1) rooms

at Mrs. Humphreys at \$5.00
a week apiece, till February.
We are going to get tutors
in Algebra and History
respectively and also
Margaret is going to
do some work outside
that will count in
college. I am going to
take lessons in solid
Geometry and Trigon-
ometry and in ele-
mentary German
and thus work off
~~my~~ at least 10 hrs.
of ~~my~~ what I would
take this winter in
college and I shall
be able to go in in
February and take

what I want then, and in that case I shall lose very little of my college time and can graduate at the end of four years.

This method will cost us no more than if we were in college and we shall simply have the misfortune of staying out of college and of being exempted from attending lectures although we can still do work that will count in college. You know I could

not come home. Everyone would think me a stupid fool (which I undoubtedly am) and it is easier to stay here and work than it would be to go home. Don't for a moment reason change you please on my account. I shall be perfectly safe and well-cared for and I should feel a great deal more unhappy than I am now if you were to do a whit differently from what you had planned.

oh mother dear, if you
only knew how I hated
to have to write all
this to you. There
seems to be an evil
genius following me
just now, although
there are compensa-
tions even to this
misfortune.

Miss Randolph,
Miss Kirk, and Dr.
Warren are all ready
to help me all they
can; which I fear
is very little.

But I pity Margaret
more than anyone
else. She does seem
to ~~be~~ be most

unfortunate. However
we shall stick like
two burrs and each
one will encourage
l'other.

I am only sorry
that I am such a
poor kind of a
daughter to you
when I want to be
such a good one.

However come to
see me before you
go to Europe, and
by all means go
for it will do
you and Lois
worlds of good to

Above all things don't
worry about me.

That you are going to send,
when I am needed at Mrs.
Pumphrey. Write about the
kisses. Don't tell my wife -
please. Give massive answers.
I'll come out on top yet.
Love to all. Lucy of course
included.

Regina London Oct. 29.

Ended True. Oct. 1.

I'll be all
right

be separated and you
unfortunately cannot
mend matters here by
staying at home. So
please go and get
nicely rested and
don't lose faith in
your most loving
daughter

Grace.

For I'll foil 'em
again and get in
in February and
astonish 'em.

I'll tell you what
to do with my boy

[Undated]

Dearest mother,

I shall just write
a word to you, because
I have written already
to K, and her letter is
for the family.

You can give away
my old text books, but
please do not give away
my picture books or
old poetry books for I
do not feel like parting
with them now.

I am very well
with the exception
of a large cold-sore
on the middle of

my lower lip, and
a longing to hug
somebody by the
name of E. A. C...
I do not see Miss
Garber ~~or~~ Miss Newbold
much now, and
I miss them very
much. I do get
so much bored with
the girls, except a
very few.

The spring is
beginning to begin
already.

And mother that

reminds me, what do
you think of my
being Harriette's brides-
maid? Harriette still
wants me very
much, and I do not
know what to tell
her. I shall talk it
over with her when
she gets here next
Sunday. Won't it
be nice for her to
come to
'see me? I had
asked her if she thought
she could, when I was
at home, and then
she wrote the other
day that she was

going to New York
and could come and
see me.

I saw Mrs. Williams
at church, in town,
to-day, and she asked
after you. She in-
vited Elizabeth Mills
and me there to
dinner; but we
~~thought~~ we ought to
go back to college,

Good - night,
most Lovingly
Grace.

Sunday Evening
March 24.

Jerusalem Road. [Undated]
Cohasset

Dearest family,-

The Cohasset detachment flourishes like unto a green bay tree. It has been neither lost, strayed, nor stolen, nor in any other way molested. In short, it waits only for the main body or the rear flank, or whatever it may be, to turn up.

The water pipes have been fixed, the house has been swept from "top to toe" [by G.T.C.], the house has been dusted; every thing has been done, that, I can think of, in a manner to suit my parents. The Mexican

of the Danforth - Clarke
association is "Cleanliness is
next," etc.

Please be sure to bring
the pieces of my white muslin
dress, also whatever packs of
cards there may be in the
card-box, also my box of chess-
men on the small book-case
in the hall.

You will not find Helen
Danforth here when you
come, as she departs for
Chicago to-night. She came
down here to see Agnes, and
stayed two nights. Edith
likewise made me a
call, was ill and had to
spend the night.

The flowers have not

yet arrived, though I expected them yesterday.
The picture is coming Friday P.M.
to clean up, if there is any to be done, she
could not come on Wednesday.

I saw the Town in Cohasset and she
inquired tenderly for the family and
sent her love to them.

I can not think of anything else
that I want the Clarke family to
bring; but if there is anything that
any of you think that I may need
this summer in the way of books, especially

Ancient History of Greece and
Rome, it would please me
to have ~~these~~ ^{said books} brought
down here for my edification.

The natives have been
delightful, both personal
and finally. Mrs. Beal, the
Hunts and their straw-
berries have warmed the
cockles of my heart. In
fact it would be difficult
to find a more charming
place than the "Nichols -
Bourne." The more I live
in it, the more do I love it.

In as much as Mrs. F. W.
Clarke and I do not agree
in the amount of worth in
dollars and cents (pence) in
my brain, I have decided

that it will probably be best for me to devote myself to studying this summer. It has also occurred to me that I have now had such a good and practical start in the ins and outs of house-keeping, that it will be wise for me to continue therein until it is time for me to depart for college. Just consider this plan well and decide that I may do it.

I shall see Mr. Tilden to-day. ~~about~~

I have not yet been able to open the door of the Ark; ~~but~~ it is nailed, and

and the hammer seems
to have disappeared. So that
I have not measured the
bed as you asked me to do;
but I shall try to get in and
then I shall send you the
measurements.

I have the pleasure of
being dear family, your
young^{est} daughter, younger sister
and niece.

Grace T. Clarke

May you all prosper and
feel as happy as said G.T.C.
does, and may you all
speedily betake yourselves
out of the electric-car-infected
districts into the anti-noise
regions.

Yours ever
G.T.C.

Thursday, June fourteenth.

algebra, next to the highest ^[undated]
mark; merit in my
Iliad, and passed in
² ~~my~~ French and ¹ Xenophon
failed in History and
Latin Composition, which
were the two studies
on which I worked the
least and on which
many girls fail. So as
they count as only two
points out of the nine
that I was examined
in and inasmuch as
I only had to pass five
points I feel quite
happy.

Do not hurry home
on my account, for I am
all right now, with kind
remembrances to all the
Cods, Lovingly Grace.

Laura's engagement to
Mr. Charles Bachelder is
just announced. Laura
is a bully girl and I
hope that Mr. B. is a
nice Cowey man. He
ought to be to be nice
enough for her.
G. T. C.