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Sunday, Ap. 24 -

Dear Lottie -

I'm in Cambridge,
my usual Sunday rendezvous
out in the garden in which
I have a proprietary interest -
all the scilla (sp?) bulbs I planted
last fall having bloomed with
grand effect and a great stretch
of elegant looking iris beds
all weeded, to my credit! I'm
cherishing private misgivings
that I ~~didn't~~ weeded ~~up~~ all
Holt's most cherished plants
in the process, but so far
he doesn't share them - we
are having such a beautiful

spring - the most entrancing
colors and fresh green mea-
dows, flowers everywhere. It
seems a crime not to be
out in it every minute.
We had one very hot day
on which Bobby and I decided
for a nearby lake and went
swimming - less than two
weeks after our last snow
storm - It wasn't too cold
and the sun was blazing. So
it was alto-gether exhilarating.

Mother wrote enthusiastic
letters of the California trip -
probably I shouldn't bring up
New England's flowers after that!
It's so love to be there in
the spring some time.
We've had some grand

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symphony - ^{the} Beethoven ^{4th} ^{ten} beautifully played.
last evening. I don't always like Konaskevitch
Beethoven but this was superb.
The "Missa Solemnis" is being
given Tuesday - the symphony or-
chestra with the Harvard &
Radcliffe choirs - which should
be excellent - and next Satur-
day the last concert of the
series - ^{with the} Brahms ^{1st}.
Liz found Holt a fine duet.
partner & we've played a good
deal when Liz been here Sun-
days. Have you kept them up
with anyone? Will have to
have some more some day.

Meanwhile we're having a
very busy spring term at
the college - all sort of ac-
tivities - Committees & work-
lectures by Mr. Whitehead, the
philosopher, a Greek play, com-
ing off in two weeks. & Douglas
of things I have to avoid
I can be prepared
to meet any of my classes!
Roman Religion keeps me on
the run still, tho' not as
badly as last year.

How about your music
class? Are you enjoying
it as much as ever? I
to Mary home again? I
hope she had a good
trip - I'm certainly hoping
to have a glimpse of you

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all next summer! I'm reading
College Boards the week after
commencement but hope to
start west before the end

of June.
I'd love to hear from you
some day - Give lots of love
to your family - & much to
yourself - Margaret -



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Sept. 17. 1938

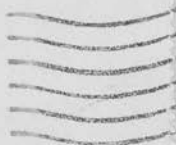
Dear Lottie -

En route, as
you see - and as you
may not be able to
read, as scenery makes
for bumps I find - this
certainly is a magnificent
route, tho' a fairly leisure-
ly one - I had almost
8 hours in Salt Lake City
yesterday - the first time
I ever stopped over there -
I hadn't any choice as
far as ^{the} schedule went,

but I was delighted as I turned
out - took a right seeing her
around the city and then a guide
about the Temple square, heard
the wonderful organ in the Taber-
nacle - and all in all enjoyed
myself a lot - To-day we go
thru the Royal Gorge -
we were so glad to have the
glimpse of Mary last month, tho'
it was much too short - and
were sorry you couldn't come -
she wrote you were thinking
of going to the Phillips School
and I'm anxious to hear what you
have decided - It is a wonderful
school I understand - I do hope
whatever you decide you'll have
a grand year - and drop me
a line at Wallerley when you
know!
Mother & Sally will be starting
on their trip next week - Casper
first, I believe + then Little Falls -
and they are looking forward
to it.
We had a grand summer
and enjoyed over houseful - but
it all went much too fast

as usual - Sally + I got in
a camping trip last week
- just a few days - one
good climb & several lovely
tramps in the woods -
Give lots of love to your
family - Tell me what Mary
is planning too - I hope I'll
see you if you do come
east! Much love
Mary -

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Nov. 2. 1938

Dear Lottie -

25 was a joy
to have your letter and
to hear how well things
are ~~starting~~ - I shouldn't
say "~~starting~~" - someone was
reminding me we have
just 16 weeks before Christmas
vacation, which makes me
dizzy to contemplate!
And it also makes me
realize it is time to
consider weekends if there

are going to be any! - How
would the 26th fit into your
scheme of things? That is
the one after Thanksgiving
so you might prefer another
if you have any long thank-
sgiving plans - we don't have
any vacation then, but some
do! or if you'd rather make
it the 19th that might be
possible tho' I'm not sure
as I have a tentative date
then which may or may not
develop - I'm tied up before
that so it would be
easier to say the 26th or Dec.
3rd from my point of view -
25 would be much nicer if
you could come Friday after-
noon or evening - if you

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wouldn't mind my deserting
to teach a couple of classes
Saturday morning - we could
have more of a visit that
way, & anyway it's a long
trip for just Saturday night -
so I hope you can! I'm
looking forward ever so
much to a visit - Drop
me a card when you know
about dates - Mary Pfeiffer
whom I ran into the other
day, wants to see you too
so I'll get in touch with
her when you know -
Love & cheers! This is on
the wing, so I'll wait

for more until later -
much love.

Margaret

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Wed. eve.

Dear Lottie -

How about
dates? Could you just
drop me a postcard whether
you can come the weekend
of the 26th? or the 3rd?
I do hope so!

Haste & love

Margaret
You did get my other letter
I hope? Because this would
certainly sound a little

abrupt if not! The reason I
wandered is that I used 455
first time & 454 the next!

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OCT 21 - 1938

Dear Lottie -

When I talked
to your mother about three
weeks ago, I completely forgot
got to ask for ~~her~~ ^{your} address
and just received it the
other day, after writing to
find out. I've been in such
a whirl with the drive I
was chairman of, I hardly
had time to go to my
classes, much less anything
else, but things have finally
calmed down a bit! I
wished so much I could

Have urged your coming up
here a few days but I
knew it, would have been
hopeless as far as seeing
anything of you went - I
was working at the college
from about 8 in the morning
until dinner, without even
stopping ~~for~~ lunch and then
working like mad all evening
to catch up with myself - The
guest room here was taken so
you would have had to stay
at an Inn in the village -
and all in all it seemed
to me you'd have had a
very dull time of it - but
I certainly was sorry the
chance came just then!
I hear you're loving it
at the jubilee and I'm so

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glad. You must meet an
interesting variety of people
& I know the work would
be excellent. It seems to
have been a superlative
idea all around - probably
much better than Oberlin, in
the end. I imagine it is
a fairly stiff course - Are
you taking lots of theory?
She full of questions & hope
you'll be able to drop me
a line one day - or come
up for a weekend sometime?
My own schedule is so
full - teaching Saturday and
Monday - that prospects of
a New York weekend seem

a little remote at the moment
but maybe I'll be able to
arrange things to do some
time during the winter.
Since the drive I've played
a bit of tennis and last Saturday
day went swimming in a lake
a few miles away. The weather
is simply incredible. Walks are
difficult as trees are down
over most of the trails after
that terrible hurricane. According
to the latest figures we lost
over 500 ^{trees} on the campus
alone.

The symphony season has
started and we've had two
excellent concerts - shall hear
the Brahms 4th to, tomorrow
night, to which I'm looking
forward. I suppose you'll be

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attending the Philharmonie -
Do you have a view over
the river from your apart-
ment?

Mother and Sally are leaving
a grand visit with your
family in Little Falls.

Write when you can - 2
Loose it will be a grand
year from first to last!

Much love

Margaret

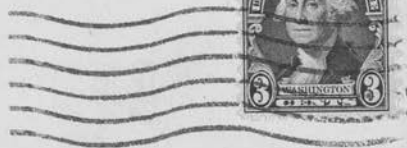


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Dear Lottie -

your answer must
have crossed my note &
I was delighted to have
it! Friday afternoon will
be fine - drop me a card
as to what train you'll be
on & I'll meet you with
loud cheers -

I ran into Mary Pfeifferberger
last evening and she was
so glad to hear you'd be
coming - Much love
(over) Margaret

There's a 2:15 ^{from Boston,} here Wellesley 2:52
 and a 3:30 " " 4:08

the best on the whole, I think -
If you want to wait & see
whether Mary has plans that
would affect your choice ^{of train},
you could call up or send
a wire after you get there -

Horton House - Tel. Wellesley 1162
You could leave a message
if I'm not in



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Dec. 8. 1938

Dear Lottie -

just a line to
enclose these clippings - I
tried to get a Transcript
too and was promised one
but it wasn't sent for
- so I'll just send these -
It seems to have been a
great success and I wish
so much I could have
gone - but the plot was
too thick! Some of my
friends here did go & enjoyed
it tremendously.

Did you get the watch all right? I sent it registered & insured & have the slip, so let me know if you didn't by any chance.

It was such a joy having you here & I loved the chance for a good visit. Dad & Holt said they enjoyed having you there so much. I hope you had a successful return trip - was sorry I hadn't had time to get you a 'Lige' at the last moment - but perhaps there were some to be had on the train.

I'm in something of a whirl - must go in for a dinner for the China College

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this evening and be a
dragon in our Christmas
party here to-morrow evening
on the strength of two re-
hearsals! you should hear
me roar - Last classes
meanwhile & many papers,
foreign Christmas letters &
cards & the Christmas box
for Oregon - which Lin is trying
to deal with - in part - this
afternoon!

Lin going straight to
Brunn Mower for the first
few days of my vacation - but

if I get back to N.Y. before
you leave will hope to
have a glimpse of you.
much love to you
Margaret