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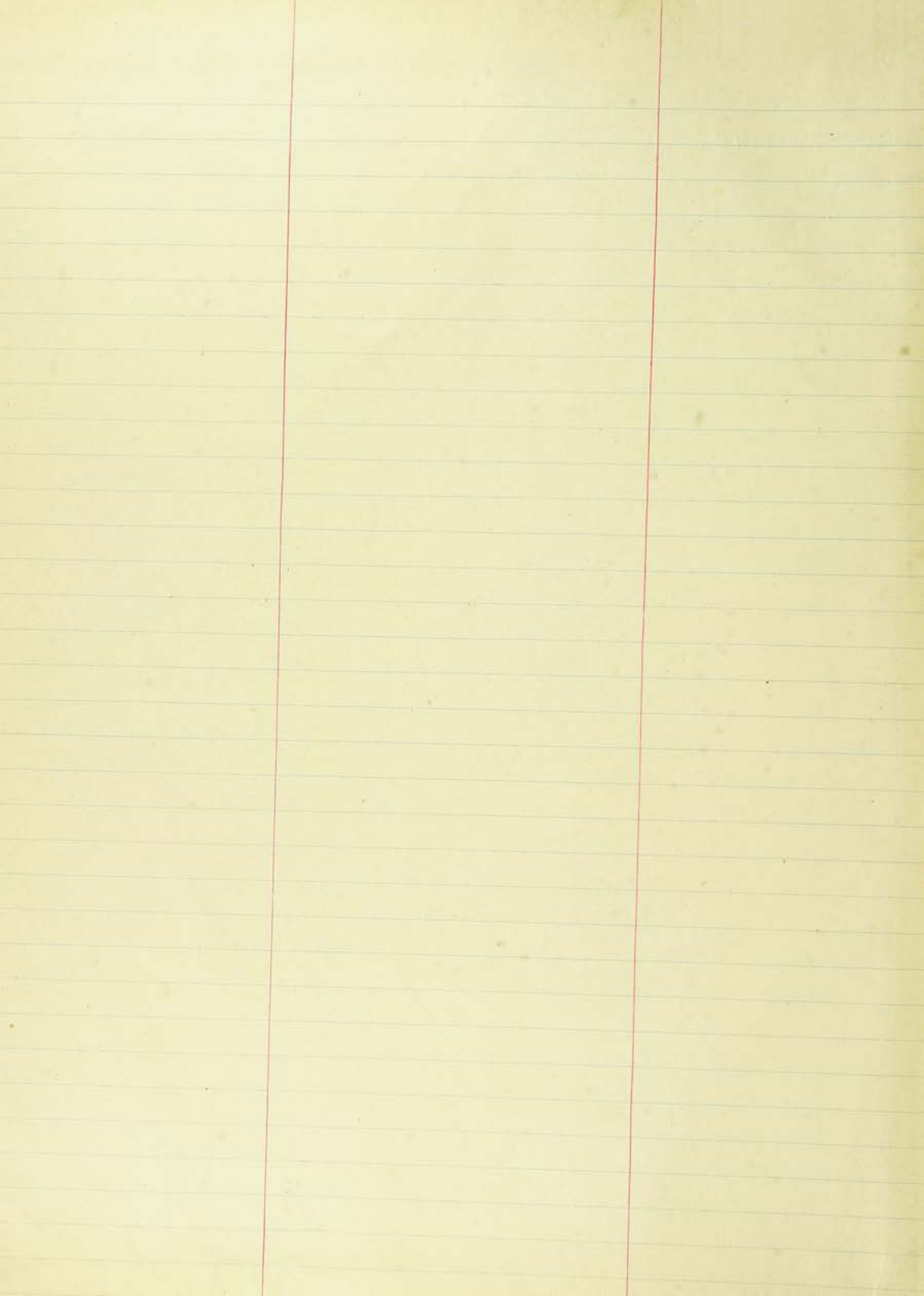
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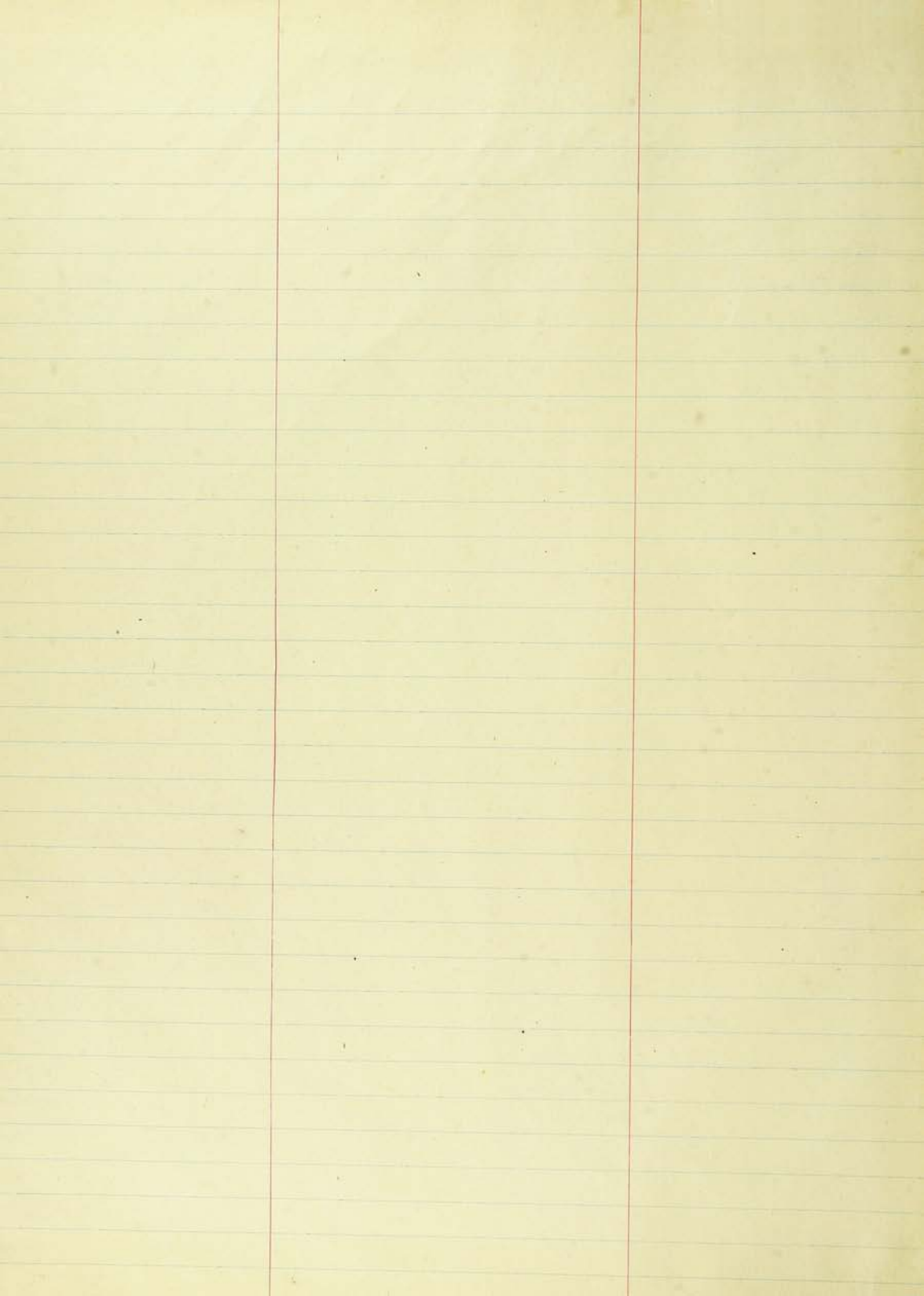
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Mr. D. J. Thomas  
Springfield, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Thomas :-

Your letter with enclosure was received, and the delay has not inconvenienced me because a check always seems in good time. I am interested in what you say regarding the transfer of "Home and Flowers", and hope that if it is done it will be very much to your advantage. The arrangement made with Mr. Van Norman, it seems to me, was for a year, but I would not wish to inconvenience you and will do whatever is best under existing circumstances. The year began last November. I will send you in a day or so copy for the next number, and may send you the pictures in advance today, as you would doubtless like to have them as soon as possible. My work has crowded me pretty hard this spring and I fear I have inconvenienced you in taking too much time in getting my articles into your hands. However, I expect to soon be caught up in my work as the vacation time approaches, and if my work continues in the magazine I shall try to be more prompt.

Very truly,

Martha Van Rensselaer



June 8, 1903.

Miss Mildred Crossgrove  
Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Miss Crossgrove :-

I have received your letter with enclosure of dues of the Critical Club of Mayville and am sending them to our treasurer, Mrs. Swan.

I hope you will have a very pleasant and profitable year in club life, and if there is anything which I can do to aid in your efforts at that time, I hope you will be free to write me.

If you have a printed program it would give me pleasure to see it.

Very cordially,

wishes me to thank you and tell

*Martha Jane Russell*

We shall hope for you in July

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or two, and that about the 21st.

I want to thank you for your respectful letter.

Mrs. Minnie Jean Nisbet a real help, and I have the name of Mrs. Nisbet, 175 W. Main St., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

My dear Mrs. Nisbet :- probably in July, and I will send her and you the copies which

Your letter did not reach me before I had started for Niagara Falls, and it was too late to reach you after it was forwarded to me. I looked for you on Wednesday, but judged that something had interfered with your coming. We had a good meeting and I wish you might have been with us.

A resolution was passed to the effect that our Canadian friends should be admitted as guests of the Federation until such time as our Constitution be changed to admit clubs from Canada. Your club, therefore, is placed upon our list to receive whatever we have, and we shall hope you will be able to attend our meetings. At the earliest date possible our Constitution will be changed so as to admit your club.

Very cordially,

June 10, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Peterson :-

Mrs. John F. L. Lewis

1106 Main St.,

Buffalo, N. Y.

You may have come down to small paper, but

you have not become any smaller since you have left the presidency.

My dear Mrs. Lewis :-

Mrs. De Garmo and I wish heartily that we could respond to

your invitation. I am writing Dr. Vincent today. I have to be in Rochester soon, and if I had prospect of a class for you at Chautauqua. I will not see time and it came at the right time, I should appear on the occasion when I hear from him. I will tell him of your work in our Federation of this "At Home", but things will not connect. Mrs. De Garmo wishes me to thank you and tell you she would like very much to come. I shall have to take some time this summer to study parliamentary law. I have a great admiration for those who know it, but have been so busy with other things that I have not paid much attention to it.

We shall hope for you in July. I shall be away only a day or two, and that about the 21st.

I want to thank you for your response to me audacious request for fifty cents. It is a real help, and I placed the name of Miss Mary Bowen on our subscription list. The first number under our new auspices will appear probably in July, but I will send her and I will probably want to arrange with you later for some more correspondence.

I see no reason why we should not continue our printing with Miss Hufstader. She does good work and is very reasonable, besides because in all probability Dr. Vincent will not be there until early in July.

With much love.

I want to thank you, too, for your kind congratulations.

Very cordially,



June 10, 1903.

Mrs. John F. L. Lewis  
1106 Main St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Lewis :-

I am writing Dr. Vincent today regarding the prospect of a class for you at Chautauqua. I will let you know when I hear from him. I will tell him of your work in our Federation, and I think he will express himself frankly about it.

I shall have to take some time this summer to study parliamentary law. I have a great admiration for those who know it, but have been so busy with other things that I have not paid much attention to it.

I am very grateful to you for the outline of the motion that was adopted last week with its amendments, and shall study it. I will probably want to arrange with you later for some work by correspondence.

I do not think it would pay you to go to Chautauqua this month, because in all probability Dr. Vincent will not be there until early in July.

I want to thank you, too, for your kind congratulations.

Very cordially,

when these dear children in the family. You have not offended up the least, and I have no reason why you should think so. I am not in the least of troubling trouble, and I do not know of any real trouble. I hope you will keep well, and have a great deal of courage.



June 10, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Marion :-

I have thought of you often and wondered how you were getting along.

I cannot give you any advice in regard to the book on palmistry for it is something I have never paid any attention to. I have always regarded it as an interesting study, but whether it is a science or not I do not know. It would be necessary to secure the permission of Miss Hazard if you wish to use her article. I did not read it.

I am sorry the last publisher to whom you sent your little story did not return it. I think the subject of the short story on Practical House Keeping, which you suggest, is a good one. It is a very difficult thing to get one's work before the public, and requires a good deal of persistence. I shall always be glad to look over your work and offer any suggestions which may occur to me.

I am sorry indeed to know that any cloud has passed over your home, and hope that you will have strength to keep it away, and let love reign supreme. The home is a sacred place and a woman's highest attainment on earth. Therefore, she should guard it most carefully and strive for its permanent life. This is especially true when there are children in the family. You have not offended in the least, and I know no reason why you should think so. I am not in the habit of imagining trouble, and I do not know of any real trouble. I hope you will keep well, and have a great deal of courage.

If you should happen to know any one who would come to our home for a time to work for me, will you let me know. I want some one who will be thorough in home work and ready for general house work. There may not be much cooking to do, however.

I do not. Very cordially,  
class in Parliamentary law at Chautauque this summer if you is not, and no one else is engaged, I should like to suggest to you Mrs. John F. Lewis, 1208 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y., who is the Parliamentary for the Western New York Federation of Women's Clubs, and who has classes in and around Buffalo. She is very popular in this line, is very reliable, and I think you could make most any arrangement with her so that she could get an entrance into the Chautauque.

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Mrs. J. G. Bly a good many friends in Western New York who I think would be a help to her. Probably it could be arranged so that, if My dear Mrs. Bly :-

I want to thank you for your very cordial letter regarding my election, and to thank you for your interest in the Federation. I shall be glad to do anything I can to secure the addition of the clubs which you have mentioned, and will plan to visit you in Sherman sometime. The way to accomplish it is for me to make some appointment for a grange or farmers' meeting in that section, and at that time visit the clubs with you. We shall watch for the opportunity.

Wishing you a pleasant year in your club work, and assuring you I shall heartily cooperate in all the good things which our clubs may do, I am, very cordially, one myself as I am,

Very truly,



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My dear Ireland :-

Dear Dr. Vincent :-

Your letters all came this morning, and I am surprised that our postmaster should have been corresponding to me. I do not know whether Mr. Roberts is to have a class in Parliamentary Law at Chautauqua this summer, or not. If he is not, and no one else is engaged, I should like to commend to you Mrs. John F. Lewis, 1106 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y., who is the Parliamentarian for the Western New York Federation of Women's Clubs, and who has classes in and around Buffalo. She is very popular in this line, is very reliable, and I think you could make most any arrangement with her so that she could get an entrance into the Chautauqua work. She has a good many friends in Western New York who I think would be a help to her. Probably it could be arranged so that, if the class was not paying, it would be no loss to Chautauqua. She is an enthusiastic woman, and would soon gain the Chautauqua spirit.

Your plan for the garden seems to me a wise one, since it is so expensive to buy all of our green stuff. However, it has not rained here sufficiently for that as yet. We had June 13, 1903, under storm, last night, with very little rain.

I would like to send something for the church debt at Home, Conservatory of Music but Ithaca, N. Y., is a strenuous one financially, and I must pay a dear, dear, own debts as possible, for the summer income will be small. Will you please send an announcement of your Summer

Course to Miss Middaugh, teacher of music, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., and two or three copies to Dr. Van Rensselaer, Randolph, N. Y. I shall also be glad to have one myself, soon as I can.

Very truly,

Martha Van Rensselaer

I do not know what your plan is for the  
De Garmo's front room, which is now \$1.00  
dollar per week for it. June 10, 1903.

I cannot yet say whether I will write you again or not.  
My dear Leland :-

Your letters all came this morning, and I am surprised that our postmaster should have been forwarding my mail to Randolph. Your letter will probably straighten it out, however.

It would be a good idea to send the "Courier" to Prof. Bailey, although he is to be away this month, and I have no doubt he read the news in the Ithaca papers.

I see no reason why I should not sign the bond sent by you if, as you suggest, premiums can be paid to the company. We are neither of us in a position now to run any risks. I sent check for the amount in Minnie's purse last week--the next day after you left. If it has not arrived, please let me know at once. I also sent her the lace which she asked me to get at the store. I hope they have arrived by this time.

Your plan for the garden seems to me a wise one, since it is so expensive to buy all of our green stuff. However, it has not rained here sufficiently for that as yet. We had a wind and thunder storm last night, with very little rain.

I would like to send something for the church debt at home, but this month will be a strenuous one financially, and I must pay as many of my own debts as possible, for the summer income will be small, and everything which I can do for individual cases to add to it.

I will make inquiry regarding the down town Summer School as soon as possible. Possibly Miss Jackson would like to attend it. I will let you know about her waiting on table as soon as I can.

Very cordially,



I do not know what James' plans are as yet. Eunice can have Mrs. De Garmo's front room upstairs, and I will assure Mrs. De Garmo one dollar per week for it. She had intended to charge \$1.50 next year.

I cannot yet say whether I can give Eunice enough work to pay for her room, but will write you more fully upon this subject later.

I shall go to Trumansburg this afternoon and try and get a woman for next week and the summer.

Please thank Minnie for her letter and her congratulations.

I hope you will enjoy your housekeeping, and get over the effects of a boarding house where they have pretty tough fare usually.

The people are speaking of you, and miss you both.

As soon as you can let me know what the insurance will be on our house and furniture, I wish you would do so. I want to reserve money to pay that this month.

Very affectionately,

I appreciate your feeling regarding my mother, and I think

you and I both feel the same way regarding the old friends of Randolph.

There have been so many changes among the older people that

I have had deep regrets in thinking about it. It is needless to

My dear Mrs. Mathews :-

I want to thank you for your cordial congratulations upon my election to the office of President of the Federation.

While I realize this is an honor, I am not quite sure that it is a wise arrangement, since my time is already a good deal occupied.

However, I shall endeavor to serve the Federation as faithfully as I can, and everything which I can do for individual clubs, to add to

the interest of their work, will be gladly done. I shall always

regard the Enquirers Club as my first love along club lines, and hope I may have an opportunity of being of some help to it.

Very cordially,



with, and it will continue to have the same effect. I can be of any help in your club work for the year. I shall write as soon as possible.

With kindest regards to the other members of the club.

Very affectionately,

June 11, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Johnson :-

Your very cordial letter came this morning, and I want to thank you for your kind congratulations. I sincerely hope that the next year will be a profitable one in the life of the Federation, and with such a good start as it already has, it seems to me possible to have a good year. I could not feel that it was a wise thing for me to be President, but yielded to the persuasion of friends to allow my name to go onto the tickets. I think the work will not be as heavy as that I have had as Corresponding Secretary, but there will be more responsibility. It is difficult to get I appreciate your feeling regarding my mother, and I think you and I both feel the same way regarding the old friends of Randolph. There have been so many changes among the older people that you have had deep regrets in thinking about it. It is needless to say that her place cannot be supplied in our home, but there are so many tender memories and I am so grateful for the beautiful life which she lived, that it aches to some degree for the loss. Her friends will always seem very dear to me, and I appreciate their kind consideration now, because I fear most bitterly the pains which will let me thank you for your cordial invitation, and I hope to spend a little time in Randolph before many months, although I cannot untink of getting away before the last of August. I wish I might come sometime and attend a meeting of the Enquirers' Club. To me it seems the most like home of any club I have had any connection with. However, we shall find plenty to occupy ourselves. They are



with, and it will continue to have my interest. If, as President, I can be of any help in your club work for the year, I hope you will surely write me.

With kindest regards to the other members of your family, I am,  
Very affectionately,

June 11, 1903.

My dear Miss Cook :-

Your good letter I was very glad to get, and I hope ere this you have found out that you are to be a European next year. We shall all look upon you, not with envy, but with real pleasure to think you have this fine opportunity. I often wonder whether I shall ever go to Europe. I doubt it much in school year

The picture of the Sunshine cottage was very good, considering the disadvantage in getting a good picture, since it is difficult to get the light inside of the box. You should not have paid for it. I expected to pay the bill for the picture, and then if you wanted any you were to order at, I believe, twenty-five cents apiece. You got the start of me, I think, by paying a large part of the expense. Keeping Evans, if James does not stay through the summer, as he

You have been doing fine work this year I can see from the report of the work on the sheet sent me and from other things that I know from your letters. The children will surely lose a great deal when you go, because I fear most teachers do not take so much pains with them.

The trip from Malone was not very comfortable, for we sat up until three o'clock in the morning. I, however, went to the hotel and did not rise until about 10:30 o'clock, and got a good rest.

We are all busy as bees, and many of the students are leaving. However, we shall find plenty to occupy ourselves after they are



I hope you will get some good rest when school is out, and feel in fine condition for whatever is before you. Something will come up which will be just right, I am sure.

Very affectionately,

My dear Girls :-

June 11, 1903.

I shall not let your letter get cold. I have just finished reading it, and have an opportunity to answer at once.

My dear Leland :-

though there is a suggestion in one of the letters that I will probably not be heard from much now. I engaged to write round letters knows of in the summer along High School lines. He says that the before I was elected President of the Federation, so I will stick to tuition for non-resident students, living in the state, is \$60 per my old love. It is interesting in a group of four women to see year, and the school furnishes the books. He says that a person now closely united their interests may be along the lines of friendship, and how diversified their interests in everyday life are. for work, but that there are special classes in the spring formed for this purpose. He will mail an announcement as soon as it is received from the printer. I am keeping watch for the Conservatory announcement, which is not yet out. It seems to me the strongest thing in favor of Miss Middaugh's coming for the summer is the prospect that she might get something for next year. I am thinking of keeping Evans, if James does not stay through the summer, as he can wait on table and do things which James does now.

I am waiting to hear from you regarding Mrs. Armstrong before doing anything about hiring a cook here. The woman I went to see at Trumansburg yesterday is not at liberty until August. I have engaged another student waiter for next week, and probably will be able to get a woman by the day for other work. This is all the help I shall need for the extra work attending Senior week.

Very affectionately,

they are



June 11, 1903. 2

My dear Girls :- I was quite surprised to learn that Dr. Bishop had engaged a principalship. I shall not let your letter get cold. I have just finished reading it, and have an opportunity to answer at once, although there is a suggestion in one of the letters that I will probably not be heard from much now. I engaged to write round letters before I was elected President of the Federation, so I will stick to my old love. It is interesting in a group of four women to see how closely united their interests may be along the lines of friendship, and how diversified their interests in everyday life are. Clara is preparing for a wedding, Josephine tending baby, Louisa in the midst of a Commencement, and I running along the old lines, but with anything but monotony in the details of my work. Belle is exceedingly fortunate in having so efficient and considerate a helper as Clara will be to her at this time when she needs assistance and advice. I am interested in her as one of the school girls at Ellington, and later as a teacher, and want to extend my congratulations and best wishes, if it is not too early to do so. Minnie and Leland have just returned to Randolph for about three weeks. Leland, at least, will return here about June 30th, as his work requires him to be here then. They were very happy indeed to get home, and said they were holding receptions in the back yard, on the street, in the postoffice and in their own home. They like Ithaca, but are so much attached to Randolph that they will always be glad to return there.



her of approaching her situation, of which she is so capable.  
 the "Boys" which Josephine returned must have slipped into the  
 envelope by mistake. I was unfortunate in having a check, which  
 had been given me in payment of a bill, returned to me and protested  
 as not being good on account of the failure of a bank. I am advised  
 however, that the bank is to pay it in good time. But how I regret  
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I was quite surprised to learn that Dr. Bishop had engaged a  
 "Girls". She will not realize how much it means to come to the res-  
 principalship. I hope he will succeed, but have always thought he  
 would make a good pastor. I have not heard from them except as we  
 the new management it will not be printed before July anyway, I am  
 had a letter from him at the time of my mother's death.  
 chatting about to see just how it ought to be started anew.

I am wondering if Anna Giles is to marry the young Hawley who  
 is in Cornell University. I have a small prospect of seeing the wonderful  
 baby and her mamma this week Saturday. I am to speak in Rochester  
 it is the dentist who she marries.

Saturday, and while I must return the same day, I shall try to get  
 The subject for Clara's club is an extremely interesting one,  
 a glimpse of our friends there. I am sorry I have to hurry back,  
 and I am sure it will be a pleasant club year for the members. I  
 but I am obliged to on account of some people who will be with us  
 wish now more than ever they were in the Federation.

over Sunday. It is quite aggravating, too, that I am to go to  
 It is a relief to me not to go to Chautauqua for active work.  
 Massachusetts next week to speak at the Commencement of Oread Insti-  
 There are so many things to be done here, and I need the time not  
 tute--a school of Domestic Science. I cannot possibly go to Boston,  
 only for rest, but to get some things out of the way in the line of  
 because circumstances are such here that I must make it a flying  
 writing, before next year begins. Prof. Bailey is the new Director  
 trip. A very dear friend is to be married at Springfield on the  
 of the College of Agriculture, and we are anticipating he will keep  
 17th, and I speak at Worcester on the 17th. I have to forego the  
 us busy. He is a fine man for the position. You may know him as  
 pleasure of attending her wedding. However, as I cannot do both,  
 the editor of "Country Life"--one of the finest magazines on the  
 I shall attend the N. E. A. at Boston the first week in July. I go  
 market.

particularly for the Home Economic Conference which is to be held at  
 I have an article to write for the "Youths' Companion," and one  
 Simkins College at the same time as the N. E. A. This, I fear,  
 for the "Outlook" this summer, beside a regular monthly contribution  
 will prevent my seeing Louise, as it is so late. I am especially  
 to "Home and Flowers." This will take much time and quiet work  
 solicitous for Louise at this time, for I know her heart is full  
 this summer. I have to prepare a part of my Reading Lessons also  
 of sorrow. She is a brave, Christian woman, and will go through  
 for Farmers' Wives in order to have them ready for printing early.  
 her trouble courageously. I hope her father may be spared for some-

I want to thank Josephine for her subscription for "Boys &  
 time yet, and that her summer at home may be a pleasant memory to



her of opportunity for devotion, of which she is so capable.

The "debit" which Josephine returned must have slipped into the envelope by mistake. I was unfortunate in having a check, which had been given me in payment of a bill, returned to me and protested as not being good on account of the failure of a bank. I am advised however, that the bank is to pay it in good time. But how I happened to put it into your envelope is more than I can comprehend.

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Girls. She will not realize how much it means to come to the rescue at this time. I am bound to make it a success, and while under the new management it will not be printed before July anyway, I am casting about to see just how it ought to be started anew.

I may say that I have a small prospect of seeing the wonderful baby and her mamma this week Saturday. I am to speak in Rochester Saturday, and while I must return the same day, I shall try to get a glimpse of our friends there. I am sorry I have to hurry back,

June 15, 1903.

but I am obliged to on account of some people who will be with us over Sunday. It is quite aggravating, too, that I am to go to Massachusetts next week to speak at the Commencement of Oread Institute—a school of Domestic Science. I cannot possibly go to Boston,

because circumstances are such here that I must make it a flying trip. A very dear friend is to be married at Springfield on the 17th, and I speak at Worcester on the 17th. I have to forego the pleasure of attending her wedding, however, as I cannot do both.

I shall attend the N. E. A. at Boston the first week in July. I go particularly for the Home Economic Conference which is to be held at Simmons College at the same time as the N. E. A.. This, I fear, will prevent my seeing Louise, as it is so late. I am especially solicitous for Louise at this time, for I know her heart is full of sorrow. She is a brave, Christian woman, and will go through her trouble courageously. I hope her father may be spared for some time yet, and that her summer at home may be a pleasant memory to

very much.

Yours sincerely,



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Ithaca is beautiful in summer, and I wish you all might be here for a time. I shall be in Chautauqua the last two weeks of August to hold State examinations. Other than that I shall remain in Ithaca except for short trips outside in connection with my work.

With much love, I am,

Very affectionately,

June 13, 1903.

Mr. A. B. Perky  
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Perky :-

I shall surely be at Worcester on the morning of the 17th, but will be obliged to forego the pleasure of remaining for the 18th, owing to conditions affecting my work here. I regret that I have to make a short stay at Oread Institute. I shall arrange to take a sleeper either at Syracuse or Rochester. I have had to change my date for Rochester, and go there tomorrow. I will, therefore, start from Ithaca on the 16th, and take a sleeper at some point on the Central.

I want to acknowledge the receipt of check for \$8.50, and thank you for it. I am sure the trip in itself will be of so much value that I ought to pay the transportation myself. However, it is characteristic of your usual thoughtfulness, and I appreciate it very much.

Yours sincerely,



of our family wherever you may be, and shall take the same interest in you as though you were still under our roof. June 13, 1903.

Very sincerely,

Mr. B. R. Hoobler  
1207 Chamber of Commerce,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Hoobler :-

I have looked up the matter which you have written me about and find that on the first page of your account you charged yourself \$6, but when you took up the account on the second page it became \$6.50. You see I trusted you so implicitly to look after my interests that it did not occur to me that I would have to look after yours. I enclose check for \$2.50, as you had charged 50 cents extra for five weeks.

Affairs seem to be going on about as usual in Ithaca. Our boys are several of them going away, and pretty girls with their mamma's and aunties are taking their places.

I will be glad to forward any mail which may arrive. There seems to be none at present.

I enclose a little marker which probably you may want some day. With your excellent ability at tinkering you will be able to attach it to your umbrella or valise.

I hope you will have a very pleasant summer, and derive much benefit from your work along the lines which will strengthen you physically and otherwise for next year.

I think I failed to express my appreciation of your helpfulness during the year, but took it for granted that you knew that I did appreciate all that you have done. We shall regard you as one

of our family wherever you may be, and shall take the same interest in you as though you were still under our roof.

Very sincerely,

June 13, 1903.

Mrs. Minnie Jean Nisbet  
175 W. Main St., Hamilton,  
Ontario, Canada.

My dear Mrs. Nisbet:- It may be full of pleasure and success. You will carry with you all I want to thank you for your cordial congratulations and to assure you that while it remains yet to be seen whether it was a wise choice for the Federation to make in its President, still I shall endeavor to keep the Federation up to the standard already attained in educational lines. The women think I was surprised, and perhaps it is as well so, but a few know that the nominating committee had been to work at me for two weeks, and I had refused by letters, telegram, and even after my arrival. I yielded at the last moment. I hope it was an inspiration rather than a weakness. I shall be greatly interested in your club, and shall be very proud of its coming in during my term of office. I hope that we may have occasion to meet often. the first number will be issued in July. Very cordially,



June 13, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Kingsley :-

I want to thank you for your nice letter which has just been received, and I am glad you are pleased with the result of the election. Mrs. Jones has been exceedingly nice about the whole thing. I felt that the right thing all along was to give her the best chance for election, and greatly appreciated the spirit she showed when she learned that I was on the opposing ticket.

I hope you will have a fine time in Brockport, and that the country air and the change may be a benefit to you all. I am sure you will be settled in the fall in a way to give you all very much satisfaction for future prospects. I sincerely hope if you decide to go to New York that it may be full of pleasure and success. You will carry with you the love and friendship of a great many good people.

With much love,

June 13, 1903.

Miss Myrtilla Avery  
Hon. Chas. R. Skinner  
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Skinner :-

Your characteristic kindness of heart shows itself in the letter which I have received with enclosure for BOYS AND GIRLS. The eight subscriptions which you have sent will do much in lending encouragement, which it seems necessary to have just at present. Under the new management, the first number will be issued in July. We published, January, February and March as a stock company, when we gave it up, and it passed into my hands. I do not entertain a thought of failure, and am very grateful to you for the interest which you have taken.

Very cordially,  
Very sincerely,

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Mrs. A. B. Chalmers  
My dear Bert :-

I have made inquiry at three livery stables, and at each place they tell me there is not a saddle horse in the city that can be hired. I am sorry this is so, but I rarely see anyone riding horseback here, -- I suppose because it is so hilly.

I am sorry I cannot tell you more at this writing about the lake, but at my earliest opportunity I will go to the lake and inquire of the man who runs the boats. I very often see sail boats on the lake. I noticed in tonight's paper that there was a naphtha launch for sale.

I hope everything will be favorable to your vacation when you most desire it, and also that Miss Middaugh can come at the sametime. We shall be extremely glad to have her here.

With much love,

June 13, 1903.

Secretary, Board of Education  
Springville, N. Y.

June 13, 1903.

My dear Sir :-

Miss Myrtilla Avery  
State Library,  
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Miss Avery :-

I have received the seventy-five copies of the circular on Traveling Libraries, and am having copies made of the list of books which was made out at your office for our work on sociology.

I want to thank you for the help which you are giving us, and assure you that the entire Federation will join with me in their appreciation.

I shall be glad to see the circular on Study Clubs when it is ready.

Very cordially,



Mrs. A. B. Chalmers  
Cora 280 Grant St.,  
Hampden Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Chalmers :-

I am greatly pleased to receive your cordial letter, and a copy of the Year Book. It is a pleasure to know that you and the club which you represent are loyal members of the Federation under the present administration. I hope we may have a fine year, with great inspiration for club work along educational lines. I have looked over your program, and see that you have a fine line of work for the year. new management, of Boys and Girls will be I hope you will write me if at any time I can be of any service, for it will be indeed a pleasure to do so. however, will begin with July, 1903. Very cordially,

Wishing you much success, I am,

June 15, 1903.

Very cordially,

Secretary, Board of Education  
Springville, N. Y.

June 16, 1903.

My dear Sir :-

My dear Mrs. Vincent :-

Miss Cora A. Davis informs me that she is an applicant for the position of Training Class teacher at Springville next year. At the Niagara Falls meeting, in order to have the delegate for the Chautauque Club vote, it was necessary It gives me a great deal of pleasure to tell you that I have known Miss Davis for several years, and believe she will be a fine woman. These dues are for the year 1903-4, and there will be no more until June 1904 of the following year. I took it for granted that you, a woman of much force of character and refinement, one who will exert a most desirable influence over young people, will be a leader among them, whose scholarship and qualifications for teaching are without question, and whose knowledge of the requirements of young teachers is unusual because of her experience as a teacher, and as a School Commissioner. If I were to select anyone for Training Class work, I should consider the class exceedingly fortunate to have Miss Davis.

Very respectfully,

June 15, 1903.

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Cora A. Davis  
Hancock, N. Y.

My dear Miss Davis :-

I have today sent a letter to the Secretary of the Board of Education at Springville, and have spoken in an unqualified way of your ability to do good work for them. I am one who believes that if we do not get just what we think we want, we are very liable to be only waiting for something better, and I hope that will be so in your case. <sup>we shall have a meeting in your favor.</sup> <sup>work started and</sup> <sup>and if there are any bills to be</sup>

The first number, under the new management, of Boys and Girls will be issued in July. However, I am glad to send the little man of whom you wrote our back numbers. His year, however, will begin with July, 1903. <sup>for you.</sup>

Wishing you much success, I am,

Very cordially,

June 16, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Vincent :-

June 16, 1903.

At the Niagara Falls meeting, in order to have the delegate for the Chautauqua Club vote, it was necessary to pay the dues. I did this, and enclose herewith the receipt. These dues are for the year 1903-4, and there will be no more until June 1904 of the following year. I took it for granted that you would want this done, and you can have it sent to me at your convenience.

I asked Mrs. Hill to represent our club, as it seems wise to utilize all of the material available among the women, and I appreciated her being there.

Very cordially,



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My dear Mrs. Swan :-

Miss Elodie Hilary  
83 Rutgers St.  
I do not imagine it is quite the thing to pay  
this bill without having it voted upon. It is unfortunate that it  
My dear was not sent for the Niagara Falls meeting. I suppose the only  
way to do is to pay it, as treasurer, upon your own responsibility,  
a pleasure and of course when we have a meeting we will vote in your favor.  
I will write Mrs. Rogers to this effect. We shall have a meeting  
sure in July or August in order to get the committee work started and  
will probably attend to some other business, and if there are any bills to be  
paid, it will be well if we can get them at that time. If we have  
the meeting in July, it will be about the 20th. If not until  
August, it will be about the 13th. Will you please advise me  
which will be most convenient for you.

Very cordially,

Miss S. Maria Elliott  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Elliott :-

I want to thank you for your kind interest  
June 16, 1903.  
in our welfare at the time of the Economic Conference, and want to  
keep you busy, too, a little longer. I will

My dear Mrs. Rogers :-

I send a copy of Mrs. Swan's letter, and the  
bill from Miss Hofstadter. If it meets with your approval to write  
an order, you may do so, or Mrs. Swan may pay it out of the funds  
of the treasurer, and we will authorize you to make an order when  
we have a meeting.

Will you be in Buffalo so that you can attend a meeting of the  
Council about the 20th of July?

Very cordially,

New York State

afforded to Boston

required, and it is

side, we should not

I want to thank you

your assistance

June 16, 1903.

Miss Elsie Ellery  
83 Rutgers St.  
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Miss Ellery :-

In reply to your letter let me say that it will be a pleasure to us to have you with us while you are in Ithaca, and can furnish board and room. Table board is \$4.50 a week. I am not quite sure which room will be vacant for you, but it will not be over \$2, and will probably be \$1.50 per week.

Hoping that your plans to work in Ithaca during that time will be much to your satisfaction, I am,

Very cordially,

I made the inquiries to Prof. Boynton over the June 19, 1903, and nothing was said regarding your letter to him. He probably has been pretty busy with Commencement.

Miss S. Maria Elliott  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Elliott :-

I want to thank you for your kind interest in our welfare at the time of the Economic Conference, and want to simplify matters and keep you busy, too, a little longer. I will ask you to engage for us any room which you think best where we may get breakfast, and whatever you do will be entirely satisfactory, and much appreciated. We shall not mind some inconvenience, since we do not expect in this short visit to be particular. If it is difficult to get a room now, on account of the possibility of renting for the summer, I haven't a bit of doubt but that Mrs. De Garmo and I can find a place as late as our arrival. I have banged around New York State sufficiently to be comfortable in whatever will be afforded by Boston. A room with one double bed is all that is required, and if it is more convenient to get all of our meals outside, we shall not object to going out for breakfast.

I want to thank you, as I will later on, for your assistance.

Very cordially,



June 19, 1903.

Miss Mary E. Powkes  
Lake Placid, N. Y.

Dear Miss Powkes :-

I hardly know how to advise June 19, 1903, your summer's work, but shall be glad to assist you in any way possible in your plans for getting settled here for the summer. I will keep My dear Leland :-

your letter before me, and see if I can learn of anything to your advantage. The check sent you was as I thought I stated in a previous letter, but perhaps did not, for the difference between the amount of another check and the amount due on the note for the metal I shall be in Boston during the W. E. A., but will probably be here furniture. I sent this because Mrs. Terhune had not allowed the amount of her debt to you.

Very cordially,

I made the inquiries to Prof. Boynton over the telephone, and nothing was said regarding your letter to him. He probably has been pretty busy with Commencement.

Our numbers are diminishing fast, and things are getting quieter. Mrs. E. W. Martin I did not receive your letter in time to tell you when I was to start and when I was to return from Worcester. I left Tuesday night and returned Thursday morning, spending both nights on a sleeper. The room which you thought you gave me at the meeting in Rochester. Our rooms have most of them been used of late, which is very satisfactory to me. It, and did not think for a moment that I was

The help question is in somewhat of an unsettled state until I see how many people will be at our table for the next few weeks.

If Miss Middaugh is to come, and wants a room, it will be well for her to let me know as soon as convenient.

Very affectionately,  
to the members of the group.

With cordialities,  
with the warmest wishes

your assistant

June 19, 1903.

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Miss Mary E. Fowkes  
Lake Placid, N. Y.

Dear Miss Fowkes :-

I have received your cordial congratulations,

and want to thank you for them. I hope the clubs to which I belong may find some degree of pleasure in the election, and am summer's work, but shall be glad to assist you in any way possible. I am certainly desirous that my term of office may give them more reason to in your plans for getting settled here for the summer. I will keep your letter before me, and see if I can learn of anything to your advantage. I would suggest that when you arrive you call upon me at 811 E. State St., and perhaps together we can work out some plan. I shall be in Boston during the N. E. A., but will probably be here by the time you arrive.

Very cordially,

Very cordially,

June 19, 1903.

June 22, 1903.

Mrs. H. W. Martin  
W. Henrietta, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Martin :-

I beg of you not to think twice of any lack of attention which you thought you gave me at the meeting in Rochester. I had so often been situated as you were that day, that I fully comprehended it, and did not think for a moment that I was not well treated. I go about so much that I become accustomed to looking out for myself, and do not mind it in the least. I thoroughly enjoyed the visit which I had at the Pomona Grange, and enjoyed meeting the members. I hope to meet you often, and am very glad to keep in touch with your work, which I judge is very helpful to the members of the grange.

Hoping that this Very cordially, in good time for settlement.

with the bank in Rochester, I am,  
Very sincerely,



June 19, 1903.

Dear Mr. Ellis :-

I enclose herewith a check for the amount of my insurance with interest.

I want to add also my appreciation of your kind courtesy during all this time, and assure you that it has been the means of my keeping the policy, since so many other demands this year have seemed to make it impossible to do so.

Hoping that this will reach you in good time for settlement with the bank in Rochester, I am,  
Very sincerely,



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My dear Mrs. Vincent :-

I have received your cordial congratulations, and want to thank you for them. I hope the clubs to which I belong may find some degree of pleasure in the election, and am sincerely desirous that my term of office may give them more reason to be glad, than simply the honor there may be in having a member stand in the position of President. I hope I may have the time to give to the work, so that real good may be accomplished, and that I may be guided by the strong wisdom of club women who are my friends. It has occurred to me that Mrs. Swan, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Seymour, and Mrs. Bennett are near Chautauqua, and I shall be at Chautauqua but I hope that I may see the desirability of it in an opportunity to do some good.

Very cordially,  
Do you not think it wise to hold one meeting of the Council at Chautauqua this summer? I shall be glad to hear from you regarding this, and will advise you when I learn.

My dear Mrs. Rogers :-  
I am sending copy of the enclosed letter to each member of the Council. This is contrary to your suggestion that we meet at your home. That would certainly give us pleasure, but I would like to know if you do not think it wise to hold one meeting at Chautauqua, as all but the Buffalo ladies are quite near there. I do not wish to ignore your hospitality in the least, nor to disappoint you, but thought we might be able to arrange it satisfactorily all-around.

Send me the copy of the resolutions and let me know how many copies you wish made, and I will save you that work.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in being ready to help, and I haven't any doubt but that I shall call upon you often. I am anxious as soon as possible to get the departments at work under leaders, and to strengthen them in every way we can.

Very cordially,



however, and shall hope to see you then. I am now expected to

travel during the year, which means that Chautauqua and many  
other places will be visited. I am not sure if I can go to  
Chautauqua this summer, but I am uncomfortable as possible this summer  
and I shall hope to see you then.

June 22, 1903.

June 22, 1903.

My Dear Friends:—

No doubt most of the meetings of the Executive Council  
will be held in Buffalo. Three of our members practically live  
there, and for the rest it is doubtless the place most accessible.  
It has occurred to me that Mrs. Swan, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Seymour  
and Mrs. Tennant are near Chautauqua, and I shall be at Chautauqua  
probably on the 21st of July. I had expected to call a meeting  
in Buffalo on the 20th of July, if my plans for going to Chautauqua  
on the 21st materialize. Do you not think it wise to hold one  
meeting of the Council at Chautauqua this summer? I shall be glad  
to hear from you regarding this, and will advise you when I learn  
whether the Buffalo ladies can go to Chautauqua. I shall also  
be there the last two weeks in August, and can call it then as well  
as in July, if more convenient for other members of the Council.  
Please let me know regarding this also. There should be one  
meeting of the Executive Council held this summer, and I would be  
glad to have each member present whatever seems to her the important  
things to be considered, in order that we may begin the year's work  
with the opening of clubs, and not feel obliged to call another  
meeting before the time of the Round Table in October.

Very cordially, and people. This must be  
an interesting year for you both.

*Maudie Van Rensselaer.*

I shall have a little time the last of August,



however, and shall hope to see you then. I am now employed here twelve months of the year, which means that Chautauqua and many other enterprises are left out. When Allen made me a nice bird. I hope that you are as comfortable as possible this summer, and that Mrs. Edwards is well.

June 22, 1903.

With much love to you all, I am, the proud possessor of twelve  
Very affectionately,

My dear Dr. Edwards :-

Dear Ellen :- I regret very much that I have not Mrs. Edward's electrotype to send you. I remember sometime ago that either you or Mrs. Edwards made inquiry for it, and we made very diligent search, but had a strong impression at the time that it was returned to you after the book was printed. You also searched at the Institute for it and could not find it, and thought perhaps it was among the goods sent to McDonough. I am very sorry that this is not at hand now when you want it so much. You probably had it made with the other electrotypes at the Mathew-Northrup Co. at Buffalo, and they can no doubt duplicate it at less than a new one can be made from a picture, although it is possible it is so long ago they may not have retained it. I presume a new one will cost about \$1.50, unless they can produce the old one. If I remember correctly we pay about six cents per square inch. If we had not looked so thoroughly some years ago, I should ask to have it looked up in Randolph. I am very positive it is not in our possession. I am glad you are having a family record. It will be one showing much honor and many good works. However, it will not half tell the good which has been wrought through yours and Mrs. Edward's constant efforts for the good of young people. This must be an interesting work for you both.

I think of you all very often, and wish I was free to leave here this summer. I shall have a little time the last of August, Mrs. De Garbo kept for me until yesterday, and for the part which



however, and shall hope to see you then. I am now employed here twelve months of the year, which means that Chautauqua and many other enterprises are left out. Miss Allen made me a nice birthday. I hope that you are as comfortable as possible this summer, and that Mrs. Edwards is well. It was very considerate of them. The With much love to you all, I am, the proud possessor of twelve solid silver spoons. Very affectionately, patrimonial intentions this is a great possession.

Dear Ellen: - Joe Leland will regret that he has to come back so soon, and I am sorry I am glad to know that some of the things are quite available for you which we sent. I supposed you took the thin black skirt with the waist, as I took it for you at the time and left it with the other things. You remember we talked about the spot on it.

The question about the time of birth of course could not be answered positively, but Aunt Mary thinks it was in the morning, as she was called for in the forenoon, and I was already in evidence. It is not of enough account to pursue the matter any further, and I am very much obliged to you for your efforts to find out about it. Yesterday's events made me realize it was a good while ago, and one's memory would have to be pretty good to span the time between now and then.

I do not believe it is best for you to send me the bulbs. I do not succeed very well with them here. Our front yard is too shady and small, and the back yard is too rough and too much down hill to encourage one as yet to do very much in the flower line. I hope in time we may make it quite attractive.

Our members have thinned out considerably, but as so many boarding houses have closed, we seem to have quite a demand for board. There are about twenty-two at the tables now.

I want to thank you for the good letter which you sent, which Mrs. De Garino kept for me until yesterday, and for the part which



you had in my birthday celebration. Miss Allen made me a nice birthday cake which was trimmed with twenty-three candles. That was as high as they dared go. It was very considerate of them. The spoons are beautiful, and I am now the proud possessor of twelve solid silver spoons. For one who has not matrimonial intentions this is a great possession.

In reply to yours of the 19th let me say that Prof. I suppose Ieland will regret that he has to come back so soon, Bailey has been here for a few days, and left last night to be gone and I am sorry it is so on his account and yours. I can be away a good deal this summer, but upon his return from the present trip he should get the accounts in his hands, and arrange the work as much as possible in the office for the coming year.

I note that you say you have not heard from me, but I will not rewrite as I did last week because you surely must have the letters by this time. I was gone from Tuesday night until Thursday morning and answered your letter, which came while I was gone, at the earliest possible moment. You can imagine it was a busy week.

In regard to Bunice, I can only say, as I did a few days ago, that I will write as soon as possible about it. I will try and determine about the help today or tomorrow. There are several complications, and I am trying to get settled in my own mind and in the household as to what is best to do. I have not asked James for a statement of his plans, because I could not determine until I saw how many people we would have whether I wanted him this summer.

I did not care to hurry Fannie to tell when she would go, since I am now trying a girl as second help, and have wanted to see whether she could take Fannie's place. I have a boy engaged to wait on table during the summer. If James does not stay, I would like to have Bunice in addition. It now looks as though we should have twenty-five boarders until the middle of August, although it is hard to tell



June 22, 1903.

My dear Leland :-

until the Summer School opens.

In reply to yours of the 19th let me say that Prof. Bailey has been here for a few days, and left last night to be gone morning. The question regarding Fannie is partly answered. I can about a week. I went down there last night, and he said he should have a good cook for about a month in the summer while Prof. Craig, be away a good deal this summer, but upon his return from the present and his family are away, and until I know whether my second girl can trip he should get the accounts in his hands, and arrange the work, as take Fannie's place during the rest of the time, I would not like to as much as possible in the office for the coming year. I cannot engage anyone else. The point is to get enough help and not have

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I am very sorry indeed to know that you are still suffering by this time. I was gone from Tuesday night until Thursday morning from neuralgia. To say nothing of the hardship of suffering, it and answered your letter, which came while I was gone, at the earliest possible moment. You can imagine it was a busy week.

you return. I think you ought to get medical help as soon as possible.

In regard to Eunice, I can only say, as I did a few days ago, she will not see how, unless it is on account of illness, you say that I will write as soon as possible about it. I will try and determine about the help today or tomorrow. Of course, sickness is always something which cannot be helped. I fully appreciate the delay, your applications, and I am trying to get settled in my own mind and in the household as to what is best to do. I have not asked James for a statement of his plans, because I could not determine until I saw how many people we would have whether I wanted him this summer.

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Eunice in addition. It now looks as though we should have twenty.

I was shocked at the news regarding five boarders until the middle of August, although it is hard to tell



of it is simply beyond expression.

I shall be glad indeed to have you bring a good coffee mill and a dried beef shaver, if you have it. I will take as good care of the things which you refer to in the furnace room as possible.

Your letter which I saw for the first time yesterday, written for the birthday occasion, was a fine one. It ought to be printed.<sup>2</sup> I hope to be able to follow your advice this summer, if I can find until the Summer School opens.

The other letter which you mailed yesterday is at hand this morning. The question regarding Fannie is partly answered. I can too, may be able to have a comfortable time after you return. I have a good cook for about a month in the summer while Prof. Craig and his family are away, and until I know whether my second girl can take Fannie's place during the rest of the time, I would not like to engage anyone else. The point is to get enough help and not have it too expensive. The day was very pleasant for me.

I am very sorry indeed to know that you are still suffering from neuralgia. To say nothing of the hardship of suffering, it will make it hard for you to do all that you will need to do before you return. I think you ought to get medical help as soon as possible. I do not see how, unless it is on account of illness, you can delay returning beyond the 30th. Of course sickness is always something which cannot be helped. I fully appreciate the delay you have had from rain also. It has rained here constantly. Today is pleasant. I think the garden will be plowed this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

The change in the insurance business seems to be quite startling. I am sorry Mr. Spaulding could not have made a success of it. I have quite a good many papers and books in the office, and if they can be put where I can get at them when I am home the last of August, I would like to look after them.

I was shocked at the news regarding Helen Bishop. The horror

of it is simply beyond expression.

I shall be glad indeed to have you bring a good coffee mill and a dried beef shaver, if we have it. I will take as good care of the things which you refer to in the furnace room as possible.

Your letter which I saw for the first time yesterday, written for the birthday occasion, was a fine one. It ought to be printed. I hope to be able to follow your advice this summer, if I can find an opportunity. After we get regularly established for the summer, I see no reason why it may not be comparatively easy. I hope you, too, may be able to have a comfortable time after you return. The spoons are beautiful, and I cannot thank you and Minnie too much for part you had in them. I now own twelve solid silver spoons which I am very proud of. Will you not thank Minnie also for her good letter, and tell her that I appreciate the good things which she has said. The day was made very pleasant for me.

Very affectionately,

June 23, 1903.

Postmaster  
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Sir :-

I think Mr. Hendrickson must have left his address at the postoffice. He did not leave it at 811 E. State St. This is the third time that this letter has come back to the house. If you have his address please send the letter to him. He will be back in the fall, and it can be left for him, if you do not have his address, or you can return it to the writer.

Very truly,



June 23, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Houlston :-

Your very cordial letter is before me, and it does me good. It will seem very strange not to meet you at the Council meetings. Just to think that those new women will have to learn of my evil propensities, when it would be so much easier to simply have the old friends who have been so lenient with me, know what to anticipate on occasions of the display of table linen and china. It is, therefore, not a good lake for

I am sorry indeed to know that you have been ill, and hope that you will take the best of care of yourself and soon be better.

I did not attend Mrs. Peterson's company, and have not learned whether any of the Council were present.

The friends here did not accept the election very gracefully, but they are becoming more resigned, and appreciate the honor conferred. I had hoped to hear that Miss Middaugh would attend the Con-

I note your desire to be of further use in the Federation, and to assist me in my new office. I wish you would shoulder the responsibility of parliamentary questions, and that you could be placed where you would have to put the motions, etc. I thank you, however, for your kind offer, and shall surely call upon you. It is a great pleasure to know that we have friends.

I expect to spend my summer very quietly, and as much of the time as possible in Ithaca.

I am looking forward to your vacation with much pleasure, and hoping that you will soon be quite well again, I am,

Very affectionately,

With much love,

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June 29, 1903.

Miss Irma L. Moore  
 25 Ross St.,  
 Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Miss Moore :-

June 29, 1903.

At the request of Prof. De Garmo I am advising

you that board can be obtained in Ithaca at various boarding houses  
 My dear Bert :-

I find that you can rent what is called a cat boat  
 by the day, at a dollar per day. This will hold four persons.  
 They have another boat which they call which rents  
 for \$1.50 per day. They say that ladies often go out in the boats  
 here, and with a skillful sailor it is considered comparatively safe.  
 I am told that it is not desirable to get into the lake, because  
 the water is extremely cold. It is, therefore, not a good lake for  
 bathing purposes.

I have been wondering if it would not be well to advertise for  
 a horse to use for a couple of weeks as a saddle horse. I think  
 possibly one could be obtained in that way. People here seem to  
 think it would be a good place to ride, but the liverymen do not  
 seem to supply the horses.

I had hoped to hear that Miss Middaugh would attend the Con-  
 servatory this summer, but as yet have not heard anything since her  
 first letter to Minnie. I want to reserve a room for her in case  
 she decides to come. You may tell her that if you wish.

Leland and Minnie will not be here for a few days yet, as  
 Prof. Bailey does not return until the last of the week.

I expect to attend the National Educational Association in  
 Boston next week.

I am looking forward to your vacation with much pleasure, and  
 hope you will have a pleasant time here.

With much love,



June 29, 1903.

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Miss Irma L. Moore  
95 Ross St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Miss Moore :-

At the request of Prof. De Garmo I am advising

Aug. 11, 1903.

you that board can be obtained in Ithaca at various boarding houses in the city at rates from \$3.50 to \$5 per week. Rooms from \$1 to \$3 per week.

We have arranged to have our table during the summer, Prof. De Garmo and his family being a part of our household.

I talked with Professor De Garmo about your letter, and he said that he had a room for you. Our rates are \$4.50 per week for board, and \$1.50 or \$2 for the room, depending upon which one you select. Both rooms are about the same size, but one is pleasanter than the other.. They are equally well furnished. It would be rather necessary to let us know in advance, if you wished one of these rooms.

Should you desire cheaper accommodations, and we can be of any assistance to you in finding them, we should be glad to do so.

Very sincerely,

all related to coming water. This may be an extreme, but we would  
rather be that than run any risk. Personally I feel that it is  
better to come to Ithaca if one is situated where it is known that  
one will be accepted, and there is probably no danger there.  
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Aug. 11, 1903. coming

Miss Emmeline Moore  
My Batavia, N.Y. in

Dear Miss Moore :- I have your letter saying that you would like  
to have me reserve. I talked with Professor De Garmo upon the receipt  
of your letter, and he said that he had no remembrance of ever hav-  
ing received the letter which you wrote to him. He says that it is  
will be a good time for you to arrange for credits after your ar-  
rival, unless it were more convenient for you to determine regarding  
your work before that time. He said that graduation from a Normal  
School counted as three hours for one-half year. Should you wish  
to get this matter settled before coming, write Prof. De Garmo again,  
stating the conditions. I am sorry your letter was lost, but you are  
making your extra trouble, though we have always succeeded in making  
people shall be here when the year opens, and if I can assist you  
in getting settled. I hope you will call upon me, or write if you wish to  
anything done before you come, before to write me to verify between  
the danger from fever, who live here do not consider great.  
It all depends upon whether one is located where people will not per-  
use the city or well water for drinking purposes. The recent  
cases of fever have come in almost every instance from one well  
which was used by several families. If you are located where  
people will be careful, I anticipate no danger. where artesian water  
has been used. The city Very cordially, the present time, artesian  
water by means of wagons at the door. We use this water for all  
purposes where there could be any danger. In fact, our dishes are



all rinsed in boiled water. This may be dangerous, but I

rather do that than run any risk. Personally, I

safe to come to Ithaca if one is situated where

care will be exercised, and there is probably

will be pure, safe water flowing through the city. Aug. 4, 1903.

of the college year. I mention this because

My dear Mrs. Collin :-

I have your letter saying that you would like

to have me reserve the room which I think most desirable for your

reason. I would consider the room on the second floor the most attract

ive, but he can be accommodated on the third floor and be made very

comfortable at somewhat less expense. The room on the second floor

is three dollars, and the one of the third floor two dollars. I

would rather you would decide this, and I will reserve whichever

one you say. Mr. Kent's room is the only two-dollar room which I

have on the second floor. Second-floor rooms are lighted by gas,

and third-floor rooms by kerosene lamps. Second-floor rooms are

more uniformly heated, although we have always succeeded in making

people comfortable on the third floor.

It occurs to me that you may be anxious regarding the condition

here regarding health. There is more or less controversy between

the men who control the supply of water from the artesian wells and

from the filtration plant. This leads to a good deal of newspaper

discussion which ought not to be. There are several cases of

fever in the city at the present time, and thus far all have been

traced to the use of certain private wells which have had surface

water washed into them. No cases have arisen where artesian water

has been used. The city furnishes, at the present time, artesian

water by means of wagons at the door. We use this water for all

purposes where there could be any danger. In fact, our dishes are



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all rinsed in boiled water. This may be an extreme, but we would rather do that than run any risk. Personally I feel that it is safe to come to Ithaca if one is situated where it is known that care will be exercised, and there is probably no doubt but that there will be pure, safe water flowing through the pipes before the opening of the college year. I mention this because newspapers have contained so many exaggerated reports.

I have intended to write you in regard to your son's room. He will find in it a single bed made up as a couch, but with springs and mattress. The boys generally prefer this because it makes a room look more like a sitting room. There will be a desk, book-case, dresser, washstand and chairs. The room is papered in oriental colors, has dark blue denim around sides on floor, and a rug to match paper in the center. I mention this as he may want to bring sofa pillows or something of the kind. We are using a kerosene lamp in the room, but are thinking of putting in a gas student lamp--the only objection being that it would burn the desk.

Aug. 11, 1903.

Dear Ellen: I do not at present find your letter, and when I do I will write again. I enclose stamps and an address for you to send one of the blanks which you have for the extension of your subscription to Country Life. It is a double brick house on State just above Eddy.

Leland showed me the letter which he sent you yesterday. I hope you will go to Chautauqua, and as I may not get there until Wednesday night--too late to telephone, I would suggest that you go from the dock to the Administration Building where there is a telephone. For five cents you can telephone to the Hall of Pedagogy, where after nine o'clock I shall be holding an examination. We will arrange for a place of meeting, and I will tell you where to find Mrs. De Garmo. I hope nothing will interfere with your going on that day.

Very truly,

I do not yet know where we will stop.

Very affectionately,



Sept. 2, 1903.

Sept. 2, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Collin :-

I have intended to write you in regard to your son's room. He will find in it a single bed made up as a couch, but with springs and mattress. The boys generally prefer this because it makes a room look more like a sitting room. There will be a desk, book-case, dresser, washstand and chairs. The room is papered in oriental colors, has dark blue denim around sides on floor, and a rug to match paper in the center. I mention this as he may want to bring sofa pillows or something of the kind. We are using a kerosene lamp in the room, but are thinking of putting in a gas student lamp--the only objection being that it would not be near the desk.

I do not at present find your letter, and when I do I will write again if I have left anything unanswered which you mentioned. Have him take an Eddy St. car, get off at the corner of Eddy and State, and ours is a double brick house on State just above Eddy.

Miss Kerren Monrad  
140 W. 109th St.,  
New York City.

Yours sincerely,

Dear Miss Monrad :-

Sept. 2, 1903.

In reply to your letter let me say that both Mrs. De Garzo and I will be glad to render you any assistance possible. In the meantime we will keep watch for an opportunity for you. We have secured our help for next year, but may have friends who desire some one.

Regretting that it has been overlooked, I am,  
Take an Eddy St. car to the corner of Eddy and State, and  
Very truly,  
ours is a double brick house on State just above Eddy--311 E. State.

Yours sincerely,

Sept. 2, 1903.

Ithaca, N. Y. Sept. 2, 1903.

Dear Professor Lyon :-

Upon the receipt of your letter I looked in your desk for the mileage book, and found it with some time tables. I am very glad you wrote for it since it might have been some time before it would have been found. Will you write Mrs. Thayer asking I hope the year's work before you will be very pleasant, and much the richer for your experience while in Ithaca. We all regret that you are not a part of this Institution. I may I hope you will meet our friends, Dr. and Mrs. French, whom we think a great deal of. Very cordially,

Yours sincerely,

Sept. 4, 1903.

Sept. 2, 1903.

I think in writing you before I did not enclose the stamps as I said I would for the return of the Assembly. My dear Mrs. Ashmore is taking in the line of something. I think in writing you before I did not enclose the stamps as I said I would for the return of the Assembly. Miss Kerren Monrad you have left Chautauque you need not worry at all. 140 W. 109th St., New York City. I will complete my file next year either at the office or at your home. Dear Miss Monrad :-

In reply to your letter let me say that both Mrs. De Garmo and I will be glad to render you any assistance possible. In the meantime we will keep watch for an opportunity for you. We have secured our help for next year, but may have friends who desire some one.

Take an Eddy St. car to the corner of Eddy and State, and ours is a double brick house on State just above Eddy--811 E. State.

Yours sincerely,



Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Allen :-

I have heard from all but Mrs. Swan regarding the appointment of Mrs. Thayer to the chairmanship of the Sunshine Department. Probably Mrs. Swan is favorable to this appointment, but has neglected to write promptly. Will you write Mrs. Thayer asking her to take the position, and expressing the interest which the Council will take in that department? I shall be glad to learn of the acceptance of the persons who were appointed in order that I may communicate with them as soon as possible. The corner of Eddy and State, go up State and Very cordially, stop at a double brick house on the right hand side of the street, and you will be welcomed at our home as of work. I think Oct. 17th will be Sept. 4, 1903.

Your room will be ready for you upon your arrival. It is My dear Mrs. Ashmore :- nothing in the line of bedding. Everything of this kind is furnished. I think in writing you before I did not enclose the stamps as I said I would for the return of the Assembly Herald. If you have left Chautauqua you need not worry at all about it, as I can complete my file next year either at the office or from those which may have accumulated at your home. Hoping that the time has been spent very pleasantly by you at Chautauqua since we left, I am, Very cordially, as well have it.

Very sincerely,

Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1903.  
Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1903.

Sept. 8, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Rogerson :-

My dear Mrs. Allen :-

Dear Mr. Kent :- I have heard from Mrs. Rogerson that she will accept the chairmanship of the Art Committee, and have written her in reply to your letter let me say that we live at 811 E. State St. Take a car at the station, and if it is not an Eddy St. car, transfer to Eddy. Get off at the corner of Eddy and State, go up State about half a block, stop at a double brick house on the right hand side of the street, and you will be welcomed at our home. I think Oct. 17th will be the most desirable time for the meeting. Will you please write me if you know of this kind is furnished, and your room is cared for. The room is about and has a green ingrain paper on the wall, and will be furnished with bed, dresser, desk, bookcase and chairs. There is a small closet connected with the room, probably large enough for your use. The room is next to the bath, and in order to give you more space I will take out the washstand, and you can use the bath room, although if you prefer it, it can be replaced, since I have the extra stand, and you can just as well have it.

Very sincerely,



Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Rogers :-

My dear Mrs. Allen :-

I have heard from Mrs. Rogerson that she will accept the chairmanship of the Art Committee, and have written her regarding the work. As fast as you hear from any other women will you kindly let me know, in order that I may write them. I want to have them prepared to present something at the October meeting in order that club presidents may become interested in their several lines of work. I think Oct. 17th will be the most desirable time for the meeting. Will you please write me if you know any objection to this date? May I ask you also to communicate with the management of the Industrial Union to determine whether we may have the use of that building during the day. When this has been determined I will have some communication ready for the clubs announcing the meeting. It would be very nice if we could have the Year Books ready for distribution at that time. Of course if they are ready before that so much the better, but I think that will do very nicely.

Very cordially,  
the line of your department, to give to the women? It is expected that the presidents of clubs will be present for just this purpose of getting ideas for the year's work. Kindly let me know as soon as possible in order that we may get it before the clubs of the very beginning of their club year.

With very best wishes for hearty cooperation in your efforts.

Very cordially,



as convenient if this will be possible for you.

I want to pay my affectionate regards to the little lady whom I remember with a great deal of pleasure, as well as to be remembered  
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to each of the other members of the family. I have placed her upon

My dear Mrs. Rogerson :-  
the subscription list of the BOYS AND GIRLS magazine, and she will soon receive the first number which is issued under my management.

I am delighted that you are to take the chairmanship of the Art Committee. And now what can I do to help you get the work started? If you wish to send a letter to the clubs I shall be glad to have copies made for you, if you will send the first copy. It would seem to me a good thing to offer to clubs

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suggestions regarding the work which they can do in this line. Of course the programs of some clubs precludes very much, but in other

My dear Friend :-  
clubs there is good opportunity for it. You are well able to make these suggestions, and I shall be glad to help you in any way possible. Will you at the President's Round Table, Oct. 17th, give a short talk to the women regarding the possibilities of work in getting them to the clubs. Mrs. C. A. Martin is the very excellent leader of the Art Department of the Ithaca Woman's Club.

There seems to be no better time to bring this before the clubs I imagine there will not be much done until after she is through with among their clubs in the department of which you are chairman? one of the interruptions which must come to a woman in her home life, in order that they may be active along these lines during the year. I wish to express to you my pleasure in your acceptance of this which will be soon.

chairmanship, and I hope you will call upon me at any time for assistance. The date of the Buffalo meeting is not yet determined, but will be very soon. As I consider these departments the basis for work in the Federation. I shall be very glad to see you at that time, and should you wish to send a letter to the clubs, to will you prepare a little talk which will be full of suggestion along get into touch with them in the early part of the year, and will the line of your department, to give to the women? It is expected send me a copy complete of what you wish to say. I will have a sufficient number of copies made by mimeograph. Kindly give this your of getting ideas for the year's work. Kindly let me know as soon attention as early as possible, in order that we may get it before the clubs at the very beginning of their club year.

Assuring you again of my hearty cooperation in your efforts,

I am,

Most cordially,



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as convenient if this will be possible for you.

I want to pay my affectionate regards to the little lady whom I remember with a great deal of pleasure, as well as to be remembered to each of the other members of the family. I have placed her upon the subscription list of the BOYS AND GIRLS magazine, and she will soon receive the first number which is issued under my management. I mention this as the postoffice authorities will be determining, as they do in new magazines, who are paid subscribers, and if inquiries are made, please understand that this is one.

Very cordially,

Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1903.

My dear Friend :-

Will you at the President's Round Table, Oct. 17th, give a short talk to the women regarding the possibilities of work among their clubs in the department of which you are chairman ? There seems to be no better time to bring this before the clubs in order that they may be active along these lines during the year. I wish to express to you my pleasure in your acceptance of this chairmanship, and I hope you will call upon me at any time for assistance, as I consider these departments the basis for work in the Federation. Should you wish to send a letter to the clubs, to get into touch with them in the early part of the year, and will send me a copy complete of what you wish to say, I will have a sufficient number of copies made by mimeograph. Kindly give this your attention as early as possible, in order that we may get it before the clubs at the very beginning of their club year.

Assuring you again of my hearty cooperation in your efforts,

I am,

Most cordially,



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Preparatory Schools for boys--both of these good. I will ask each to send catalogues to you. If it were my own case I think I should be well satisfied to send a young man to the High School with less expense, than to one of these Preparatory Schools, inasmuch as I know it to be excellent.

My dear Sir :-  
Your letter together with one from your cousin is received today. I regret exceedingly that every room in our house is taken, and I see no possible way that we could accommodate him and his brother. I am sorry in regard to this because Mr. Deshon, who was with us last year, formed a very pleasant part of our home, and as he was here when we had sickness I should like to have an opportunity to make it pleasant for him under more favorable circumstances.

Mr. Our table admits of some outside boarders, although it is a limited number, and I imagine, from present appearances, that our limit will be reached early. Our rates are \$4.50 per week. I presume they will have no trouble in securing a good room. Unusual care is being taken by the University in seeing that students are not placed where the sanitary conditions are not right. If I can be of any assistance to these young men in getting located I shall certainly be glad to do so, and hope that they will feel free to come to our home during the year, even though they are not a part of the regular household.

I will be able to give you full information regarding the Preparatory Schools before sending this letter. The High School here is one of the best in the state, and makes a point of thorough preparation for Cornell University. There are two private Prepar-

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Publishers "Good Housekeeping"  
Springfield, Mass.

atory Schools for boys--both of these good. I will ask each to send catalogues to you. If it were my own case I think I should feel quite as well satisfied to send a young man to the High School with less expense, than to one of these Preparatory Schools, inasmuch as I know it to be excellent.

Very truly,

Sept. 14, 1903.

Mrs. L. E. Mulligan  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Mulligan :-

Sept. 11, 1903.

I received your letter this morning and no doubt will use your son before the day is over. I want to assure Mr. John J. Dashon that in him and his welfare, and I hope he will feel very much at home with us. We are all anxious to have a homelike

Dear Mr. Dashon :-

a pleasure to have those with us who appreciate that sort of life. I have just written your uncle in reply to his letter, and am obliged to say to you, as I have to him, that our rooms are all taken. I regret this very much, as we enjoyed having you with us last year. When you arrive you must call upon us and let us know if we can be of any assistance to you in getting settled. The University opens the 22nd, and the High School opened this week Tuesday.

Very sincerely,

Mr. Mulligan, but hope you are well and happy.

Very cordially,



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Publishers "Good Housekeeping"  
Springfield, Mass.

Sept. 15, 1903.

Dear Sirs :-

My dear Inez :-

Mrs. Lewis C. Perry, 206 Eddy St., Ithaca, N. Y. wishes  
to subscribe for a household magazine. Will you kindly send her  
a sample of yours, that she may determine if it is what she desires.  
The back of a sheet of paper which I had, cannot be found, and I  
Thanking you, I am,

Very truly,  
but it is his first name I want. Will you please forgive me this  
time, and send it on.

Sept. 14, 1903.

Mrs. L. E. Mulligan  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Mulligan :-

I received your letter this morning and no  
doubt will see your son before the day is over. I want to assure  
you of our interest in him and his welfare, and I hope he will feel  
very much at home with us. We are all anxious to have a homelike  
place, and it is a pleasure to have those with us who appreciate  
that sort of life. We will try to help him in getting started in  
his work, and you may rest assured that we shall be interested in  
all that pertains to his welfare during the year. We feel espec-  
wially anxious about the students at this time, since we had such  
painful experience last winter in Ithaca, and we shall do all we can  
to guard the household from sickness. I have you a part of the  
time. I am sorry I was away from home and could not have met you and  
Mr. Mulligan, but hope you may come to Ithaca again while your son  
is here. In much love,

Very cordially,

Sept. 14, 1903.

Mr. Herman Spiegelman  
 1535 Jefferson Ave.,  
 Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sept. 15, 1903.

My dear Sir :-

I owe you an apology for not answering your letter promptly. It was accidentally slipped in with other papers which

You will not be much surprised when I tell you that had received attention, and remembering that I had this unanswered the name which you gave me at Niagara Falls, which was written upon letter, I have looked in vain for it until tonight. However, at the back of a sheet of paper which I had, cannot be found, and I the time of receiving your letter my rooms were all promised. I have forgotten the lad's name. I know it was James Anderson's son, presume now at this late date you will decide to come to Ithaca but it is his first name I want. Will you please forgive me this fore negating a room, if you have not already arrived, and I shall time, and send it on.

I heard you were in Boston this summer, and hope you had a delightful time. I was there the first week in July, but as a few others were there at the same time I did not happen to see you.

I can readily understand why you liked Boston so well, and think it must have been very pleasant for both you and Mr. Anderson to be where you spent so many happy days.

I met Grace Baker on the boat on Chautauqua Lake this summer. She probably has gone to Pittsburg to join her husband by this time. For months he was hunting a house, and had only just succeeded in finding one.

I wish you would think very seriously of coming to Ithaca this winter. I will help to protect you from social functions, and I believe you would thoroughly enjoy it. I will also promise not to quarrel with Mrs. Elmer, and will let her have you a part of the time. I hope the summer has been of much benefit to you, and that you are all quite well.

With much love,



Sept. 14, 1903.

Mr. Herman Spingarn  
585 Jefferson Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Sir :-

I owe you an apology for not answering your letter promptly. It was accidentally slipped in with other papers which had received attention, and remembering that I had this unanswered letter, I have looked in vain for it until tonight. However, at the time of receiving your letter my rooms were all promised. I presume now at this late date you will decide to come to Ithaca before engaging a room, if you have not already arrived, and I shall be very glad to assist you in any way I can in finding a place, if you will call upon me at 811 E. State St.

Very truly,

Sept. 14, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Spingarn

Sept. 16, 1903.

Dear Sirs :-

I submit herewith list of groceries which I am ready to purchase. Will you kindly write opposite the names of articles the prices for which you will sell them to me. These are to be shipped to Ithaca. I provide for a family of about thirty-five, and will be ready to give an order frequently.

Very truly,

Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1903.

Mr. E. D. Litchfield  
Dear Mr. Routzahn :-

Dear Sir :- The Western New York Federation of Women's Clubs has fifty-one clubs in its membership, representing about fifteen thousand women, and about half of the State of New York in its territory. We have a Department of Village Improvement, of which Mrs. G. R. Gibson, Salamanca, N. Y. is chairman. She is new in the work, but I think will take hold of it with much interest. I ask you to send her whatever you can which will assist in this line. I shall greatly appreciate your attention to the matter, and hope that the Western Federation may accomplish much.

My dear Mrs. Dow :- Very sincerely,

Since July 18th a long letter has been upon my desk which I wrote you in reply to yours. It occurs Sept. 18, 1903.

ever, that it is quite impossible to express on paper one's thoughts and My dear Mrs. Sibson :- subjects and be well understood. I

thought possibly, I should I have kept a memorandum concerning two pictures of Cascadilla that you were to have from the Cooperative Store. At the time I spoke to them about it they did not have them on hand, but said they would order and send to you. If you have not yet received them, will you please let me know, and I will see that they are sent. I hope, however, that they reached you in good time.

Our summer has been very pleasant, and the weather nothing that could be complained of until the last few days which have been extremely warm. Council, be firm for strong independent work, we would. Hoping that you are quite well, I am, Very sincerely, workers shall be not only respected but encouraged.

Very cordially,



Sept. 18, 1903.

Mr. R. D. Litchfield  
Randolph, N. Y.

Dear Sir :-

May I trouble you to write me about what time in the year the different taxes are due on the Jamestown St. property? I have no record of this, and I shall be glad if you will send me something to indicate when to remit. Will you also advise me to whom this property is assessed?

Thanking you, I am,  
I have simply been crowded with work, and unable to reach this earlier. I would like to suggest a few topics related to this subject which may be along the line that you desire.

My dear Mrs. Dow :-  
The Farmer's Daughter.

Since July 14th a long letter has been upon my desk which I wrote you in reply to yours. It occurred to me, however, that it is quite impossible to express on paper one's thoughts and feelings regarding some subjects and be well understood. I thought possibly I should see you when at Chautauqua in August, when I might talk the matter over. I was in Jamestown one day and telephoned to your home, but found that you were out of the city.

I think there is but one thing to say regarding the relations of the Western and State Federations. It is the unanimous wish of the Executive Council of the Western Federation to be upon friendly relations with the State. We prefer not to take into consideration anything in the past. While the Western Federation will, under its present Executive Council, be firm for strong independent work, we would not lessen our influence by so much devotion to our own interests that the work and value of other workers shall be not only respected but encouraged.

Very cordially,

Sept. 23, 1903.

Mr. R. H. Thomas  
Farmington, Conn.

Sept. 23, 1904.

In sending my last article to you and Mr. Thomas,

Dear Mr. Rideing :-

I am very sorry I could not have written you earlier regarding the article of which you wrote me in the early summer. I have simply been crowded with work, and unable to reach this earlier. I would like to suggest a few topics relative to this subject which may be along the line that you desire.

#### The Farmer's Daughter.

- 1st. Her social opportunities.
- 2nd. Her study of nature.
- 3rd. Her opportunities for culture.
- 4th. Her opportunities for earning money.
- 5th. Her usefulness to the community.
- 6th. Her domestic accomplishments.

I think I would prefer to treat either, Her Opportunities for Earning Money, or Her Domestic Accomplishments, and will take whichever one you prefer to have me, if these topics are according to your liking.

I am glad you are interested in the farmer's daughter, since she does not now live up to her opportunities, probably because it is difficult for her to learn how. More has been said regarding farmers' sons than farmers' daughters.

Very sincerely,



Sept. 23, 1902.

Mr. F. H. Thomas  
Springfield, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Thomas :-

In sending my last article to Home and Flowers, which I believe is the last of the twelve which was arranged for at Chautauqua, I asked if it was the desire of the editor of the magazine for me to continue my department. I have heard nothing from him, and probably he wishes to make other arrangements. Will you kindly advise me who is to pay for the last three articles? I never have heard from the new management of Home and Flowers, and do not know who they are.

Will you kindly determine whether the pictures which I have sent are with your office, or whether they were transferred to the new one. Some of these pictures I have no right to dispose of, as they are simply loaned for this purpose, and while there is no immediate haste, I really wish to know where they are.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter, I am,  
Very truly,  
I turned away eight. Evidently people are hungry. Our rooms had been rented for two or three weeks before the College opened, but now since people are pretty well located we have two vacant rooms, owing to the fact that one man left to go to a fraternity, and another decided he must have a cheaper room. We are, therefore, not so much crowded when we sleep as when we eat. Those whom we have taken last have done with the understanding that they may have to eat at the second table. As Barrett is an old standby I gave him a regular place, which is at my left, or will be when I sit in my usual place. Now two fine southern girls sit at the end of the table.

Doyle Miss Ingham is writing you today, and Mrs. De Garm is her lover. The rest all wish in best wishes for a fine trip

and safe return.

I send my love after you, and hope it will reach you before you set sail.

Very affectionately,

Sept. 24, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Smith :-

We feel quite mournful that we cannot bid you bon voyage and wave our handkerchiefs as you sail away from the States to our far away possessions, but you carry with you our love and very best wishes for a safe and happy trip. We shall think of you as you cross the briny deep, and shall hope that you have not the discomforts of many another sea voyager.

Barrett came in upon us this week, and it seemed indeed good "to see a familiar face." He looks well and brown, and says he never ~~but~~ more into a vacation.

Lake Placid, N. Y.

Our tables are full --referring to the people around them, My dear Miss Fowkes :- and running over. We have to set a table in the parlor for diners. I turned away eight this morning. Evidently people are hungry. of returning to Lake Placid was required. Also the one hungry. Our rooms had been rented for two or three weeks before the College the young man who desired to serve for his board. He found two vacant rooms, owing to the fact that one man left to go to a fraternity. I have arranged with the waiter, and another decided he must have a cheaper room. We are, to retain him for any definite time. I hope therefore, not so much crowded when we sleep as when we eat. Those whom we have taken last have come with the understanding that they will be a very happy year for you. Probably you are well started. As Barrett is an old stand-by I gave him a regular place, which is at my left, or will be when I sit in my usual place. Now two fine southern girls sit at the end of the table.

Doubtless Miss Ingersoll is writing you today, and Mrs. De Garm sends her love. The rest all join in best wishes for a fine trip



and safe return.

I send my love after you, and hope it will reach you before you set sail.

I am much interested in your letter of the 18th regarding the morning paper, and you may count upon my co-operation in anything else which will help to make your admirable plan a success. So far as I am concerned, the space which you have mentioned is at the disposal of this project. When it is time to act, please let me know. I would not wish to take the credit of the idea, but will be glad to talk with the Director regarding it as soon as I have an opportunity.

Very sincerely,

Sept. 24, 1903.

Miss Mary Fowkes  
Lake Placid, N. Y.

My dear Miss Fowkes :-

Your first letter telling me of your intention of returning to Lake Placid was received. Also the one regarding the young man who desired to serve for his board. I expected him to call, but he has not done so. Possibly he found other employment. I have arranged with the waiter, although I am not obliged to retain him for any definite time. I hope this friend of yours has become pleasantly located.

Probably you are well started in your work, and I trust it will be a very happy year for you.

We are hoping to see you again in Ithaca.

Very cordially,

Sept. 24, 1903.

My dear Mr. Spencer :-

I am much interested in your letter of the 18th regarding the noonday luncheon, and you may count upon my co-operation and anything else which will help to make your admirable plan a success. So far as I am concerned, the space which you have mentioned is at the disposal of this project. When it is time to act, please let me know. I would not wish to take the credit of the idea, but will be glad to talk with the Director regarding it as soon as I have an opportunity.

Very sincerely,  
 I am getting somewhat impatient at the long delays. Would it not be well to write the two or three whom you have not heard from, and ask them to reply at once, saying that the Year Book is waiting upon their decision. They probably do not realize that these committees form an important part of the work of Dear Miss Savage. It is not a credit to the Federation nor its officers to have the work started so late. I am crippled in making out it was mailed on the 18th, and Kidders is not far away. We have delayed for you every day until your letter came last night. Inasmuch as you cannot now state definitely when you can come, the only thing is to let us know a few days in advance, so that we may be ready for you. Of course the work which was planned for early in September will not be appropriate for winter wear, but there will be needs later. If you are living in Ithaca at that time it can be easily arranged.

Very cordially,



Sept. 23, 1903

Mr. J. J. Thompson  
205 West 4th St.  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Thompson -

In reply to your letter let me say that I have not forgotten regarding the article which Mr. Davis asked me to write, and I am glad to hear from you regarding it, so that a definite time may be arranged. I will Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1903.

will contain about fifteen hundred words, at the time you have mentioned, and possibly before that time. In fact I will try to get it in ten days sooner, so that if you wish to suggest any delays. Would it not be well to write the two or three whom you have not heard from, and ask them to reply at once, saying that the Year Book is waiting upon their decision. They probably do not realize that these committees form an important part of the work of the year, and it is not a credit to the Federation nor its officers to have the work started so late. I am crippled in making out the program for the Round Table because I want each of these departments represented, and it is impossible to invite anyone until they have accepted the place on the committee. I have my letters ready to send, asking them to speak at the Round Table. Oftentimes the delays in publishing the Directory is caused by two or three who fail to answer letters. This is exceedingly annoying to a Corresponding Secretary who may be quite anxious to have things prompt.

Very cordially,

Sept. 26, 1903.

Mr. W. P. Townsend  
287--4th Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Townsend :-

In reply to your letter let me say that I have not forgotten regarding the article which Mr. Mable asked me to write, and I am glad to hear from you regarding it, so that a definite time may be arranged. I will have an article ready which will contain about fifteen hundred words, at the time you have mentioned, and possibly before that time. In fact I will try to get it in ten days sooner, so that if you wish to suggest any changes there will be opportunity for it.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly,

I enclose one dollar which is your due on the room, since neither Mrs. De Haven nor I are willing that you should pay for the little room. It was not worth the money, and it was kind of you to get up with so many difficulties. I want to say, too, that you have been a very delightful part of our household this summer, and it will be a pleasant memory with us. I expect that we may see you in future years.

Kindly remember me to your mother. I hope that the coming year will bring much happiness to you all.

With much love,



Sept. 28, 1903.

My dear Misses Huger :-

I sent you a box the other day, and I could not at the time go to the freight office to pay the freight. I got up and found that you had flown. I found at eleven o'clock close one dollar to pay the freight and transportation in Bellefonte. Last night that you were not yet here, and as an earlier train had come with a large crowd, I decided you had been left somewhere. Therefore, I thought you were not to leave us this early morning. Had I not made this mistake I should have been up, had a warm breakfast, and your lunch ready. Yesterday morning I made another mistake. I was in the kitchen making coffee at 8:30 o'clock for you, and when it was ready I went to your room to find that you had flown. I hope you are feeling better by this time. You must get well. James and Fannie also arrived on the scene to get your breakfast, as I had told them the night before that you were to go away. I am sorry you did not have the creature comforts on these last two mornings with us.

I enclose one dollar which is your due on the room, since neither Mrs. De Garmo nor I are willing that you should pay for the little room. It was not worth the money, and it was good of you to put up with so many difficulties. I want to say, too, that you have been a very delightful part of our household this summer, and it will be a pleasant memory with us. I trust that we may see you in Ithaca again.

Kindly remember me to your mother. I hope that the coming year will bring much happiness to you all. With much love,

very much if I shall go back to Randolph to live, since my work will probably never be there. The year promises much to do along the lines I have been working, and it is all very Sept. 29, 1903.

With much love,

Dear Aunt Mary: affectionately,

I sent you a box the other day, and I could not at the time go to the freight office to pay the freight. I enclose one dollar to pay the freight and transportation in Bellefonte. If it is less than this amount, which it will not be, please use it for any purpose which you desire. The things are not very good, but you will know of course how much interest we have in your having My them, since it was so planned. I am very sorry that they were not sent before. In fact, there is little excuse for it except a natural difficulty in taking up such matters.

I hope you are feeling better by this time. You must get well to fortified, if possible, for the winter, since it is so much harder when to resist disease than in warm weather. I am glad that Aunt will Sarah keeps as well as she does, and that you have her to look to after you when you are not well.

Our house at home is rented for ten dollars a month. This is small, but it goes a good ways toward keeping up the expenses of the house. We all feel a good deal of sentiment about keeping the house, although I presume it may not be the best business policy. We have excellent tenants who are taking good care of it.

Leiland is just beginning his clerical work in the Agricultural College. His predecessor is teaching him, and after a time he will take the position. He and Minnie and I are together here in Ithaca. Bert is in New York, and Ellen is in her house at home. I doubt



very much if I shall go back to Randolph to live, since my work will probably never be there. The year promises much to do along the lines I have been working, and it is all very pleasant.

With much love,

Very affectionately,

My dear Mrs. Reading,

I was glad to have your letter, and now I think I shall keep the name of the young man not only in mind, but on the subscription list.

I hope I may come to see you sometime this year, and I promise to do so whenever I can arrange it.

Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1903.

ly that it will not be at the time of the Round Table. I find

My dear Mrs. Reading :- I get away from home, and have to hurry back

usually. I am glad indeed to have you speak of the work of the Economic Department at the Round Table. I hope it will lead to a spirited discussion, and I shall be ready at any time to aid you in any possible way. I really cannot say at this date, whether I can be at your home on the evening of Nov. 2nd, but I will put it down, and if I can possibly arrange it, will do so, because I would like to meet with your club, and it would be a pleasure to do so when it is at your home. I will write you somewhat in advance of the meeting as to whether I can come. It would not be possible to remain over after the Round Table. I would like to combine it, however, with some other meeting, in order to save expense of travel.

Hoping to see you soon, I am,

Very cordially,

Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1903.

Dear Mrs. Allen :-

Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1903.

The name of the new secretary of the Chautauqua Club is Mrs. Martha Miller 3711 Woodland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Anderson :-

Mrs. Reed's address is 528 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. I was glad to have your letter, and now I think I shall keep the name of the young man not only in mind, but on the subscription list. Perhaps you do not know that an Ontario club was admitted in a particular way until last year.

I hope I may come to see you sometime this year, and I promise to do so whenever I can arrange it. However, I can see very plainly that it will not be at the time of the Round Table. I find it very difficult to get away from home, and have to hurry back usually. A club in Buffalo has asked me to remain and attend their meeting Monday night following, but it is impossible to do so on account of some appointments here. I have not been to any Teachers' Institutes this fall, and may not at all, since I have two classes in the University - one on Wednesday, and one on Friday through the first half of the year.

I am delighted to know that you are planning to come to the Annual meeting of the Federation. While it is not an ideal time for a quiet visit in my home, nevertheless you will like Ithaca so well that I know you will come for that purpose later.

I shall feel free to write you if at any time I see an opportunity to go to Forestville.

With much love,



Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1903.

Dear Mrs. Allen :-

The name of the new secretary of the Chautauqua Club is Mrs. Martha Wiles, 5711 Woodland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Reed's address is 528 Delaware Ave. Probably you have found that, however.

Perhaps you do not know that an Ontario club was admitted in a partial way until we should change our Constitution. I left the correspondence with the material handed over to you, and it may be found under the name of Nisbet. The President is Mrs. T. H. Pratt, 6 East Ave., N., Hamilton, Ontario. I wish you would consult either Mrs. Rogers or Mrs. Shuler and determine if any special name can be given to the position which this club now holds in the Federation, and if it will be possible to put them in the Year Book in that way. Possibly the resolution passed may show how they should be noticed. I am inviting the President to the Round Table, and think it would be well to send her any notices which are sent to other clubs.

Very cordially,

I do not see as our treasury would object to our paying this expense and we certainly must not be left in arrears. It will be a small sum for this purpose, and shall be repaid.

Very sincerely,

Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1903.

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Mr. E. G. Routsahn

5711 Kimbark Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Routsahn :-

meeting of the Round Table. It is understood that your club is

I shall be glad to send you a copy of our Federation Year Book as soon as it is issued, which will be next month.

I will also see that you receive all of the printed matter which comes out, and while at present I will give this my personal attention, I should be glad to receive a copy of the "Times", and will write you later regarding it.

to send the magazines which you mentioned, I shall be glad to pass

The BOYS AND GIRLS company disbanded, owing to a lack of ability on part as a company to keep up the business side of it. I think they will do some good.

I am now editor and publisher, and although its downfall is permitted because of its past experience, it is to LIVE. The first number will be out in a few days, and you will receive a copy.

If you could make it possible to be in Buffalo on the 17th of October at the time of the Presidents' Round Table, in the Industrial Union Building, I would like to introduce you to the presidents of clubs, and have them ask you questions along the lines of the extension of civic improvement.

What shall I understand regarding the expense of the trip?

I do not see as our treasury would admit of our paying this expense, and we certainly ought not to ask it otherwise. If funds are provided for this purpose, we shall be grateful indeed.

Very sincerely,



Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Saunders :-

Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1903.

The President of the Sierra Circle of Ran-

My dear Mrs. Nisbet :- to my letter said that she found it very difficult to get suggestions. I am exceedingly glad to have your letter, and to assure you that your president is eligible to attend the meeting of the Round Table. It is understood that your club is to have a part in our Federation work, and I am glad to know the name of the president in order that I may send her a message to that effect. I wish you also might be with us on that occasion.

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Your pleasant letter received this morning

Very cordially,

after your daughters had left our home. It has been a great pleasure to us to have them here, and I regret that they must come when they must leave. You have a fine family of daughters, and they do you great credit. This comes from one who has lived with them and knows. I hope you may be here sometime, and I shall have the pleasure of meeting you again.

Very respectfully,

Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Saunders :-

The President of the Sierra Circle of Ransomville has in answer to my letter said that she found it very difficult to get suggestions as to how to enforce the Constitution and By-laws in the club. I would like to refer this question to you for the Presidents' Round Table, and will allow you to dispose of it as you think best. I may want to place it upon our program, and would like to hear from you before that time in reply.

Very cordially,

is healing fast. It must have been very careful.

We have reached the bottom of the barrel of apples, and they were greatly enjoyed, owing to the fact that they were better than eating apples which I have been able to buy here. We bought the

Sept. 29, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Huger :- Upon the trees on one-half of the adjoining orchard for ten dollars. Your pleasant letter reached me this morning after your daughters had left our home. It has been indeed a pleasure to us to have them here, and I regret that the time has come when they must leave. You have a fine family of children, and they do you great credit. This comes from one who has lived with them and knows. I hope you may be here sometime, and that I may have the pleasure of meeting you again.

Very cordially,

I have not yet thanked you for the fine book you gave me. If you have not noticed, please let me know. I have a plenty, such as the one you gave me, and I am not very sorry.

We are all usually well, and I am sure you are too.



thirty boarders, and it keeps several people busy to look after them. It is difficult to find places at the table for them, but we get along nicely by using the parlor at night. We have two tables in there, with five at one table who came only for Sept. 29, 1903. Some had all been rented, but one has been vacated on Mrs. De Garmo's.

Dear Ellen:- we are sorry.

I have been sorry indeed to know that anything should have been so uncivil as to have stung you, and hope that the wound is healing fast. It must have been a vicious insect. Probably you have had much good advice about it, but I hope you are being very careful.

Mrs. R. We have reached the bottom of the barrel of apples, and they were greatly enjoyed, owing to the fact that they are nicer than eating apples which I have been able to buy here. We bought the other day the apples upon the trees on one-half of the adjoining orchard for ten dollars. This is winter fruit, and if it is not stolen before we gather it, it will be a great help. Minnie has put up a good many plums, and they are very nice.

Your question regarding the magazine is hard to answer. There is a difference in children. My impression is that with the majority of children, the age from twelve to sixteen will be those who will enjoy it most. It will also be enjoyed by teachers and those interested in Nature Study. I will soon send you some October numbers.

I have not yet thanked you for the fine pillows which you sent. If you have not robbed yourself I am very grateful for them. I have a plenty, such as they are, but they are rather small, and some of them not very soft.

We are all usually well, and usually busy. We have over

thirty boarders, and it keeps several people busy to look after them. It is difficult to find places at the table for them, but we get along nicely by using the parlor at night. We have two tables in there, with five at one table who come only for dinner. Our rooms had all been rented, but one has been vacated on Mrs. De Garmo's side, for which we are sorry.

I was much interested in your description of the new minister, and glad to know that you were pleased with him.

Very affectionately,

Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1903.

is if you go over the Central. I would be very glad to meet

Mrs. Robert Hall Wiles  
5711 Woodland Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Wiles :-

I am very greatly obliged to you for your excellent suggestions. May I trouble you to send me the names of some of the women who are members of the Chautauqua Women's Club, and who live near enough to Buffalo to attend the Presidents' Round Table to be held there Oct. 17th. Mrs. Vincent has asked me to select someone to represent the club in her place at that time. Can you offer any suggestions?

Regarding the illustrations, I do not feel that my work along that line is sufficiently finished to offer it. I have picked up numerous views, and could get more no doubt before that time, but I haven't a nice smooth talk to go with them. I will leave this to you, however, and if it is especially desired to have an illustrated talk, and an lantern and an operator can be furnished, I will do the best I can do it. If I know it some little time beforehand I hope I would get time to work it up properly, but work crowds me hard this fall. This is one of the things, however, I ought to get into shape for.



Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1903.

Dr. Mary I. Denton  
230 Polkman Ave.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Denton:

Oct. 2, 1903.

I want to thank you for your pleasant letter. My dear Mrs. Dunn:- I like the one made by your club, and I do. You have mu sympathy in your efforts to institute a program. Were it possible to secure immediate replies to letters it might be easier. I hope I may be able to join you in the trip to Toledo. If the time of your starting is not far from the time that I would appear on the program, I can arrange it, not that is if you go over the Central. I would in that case probably meet you in Buffalo, although you might possibly be taking a sleeper from there. As your plans mature I shall be glad to know what you are to do, and I will then probably be able to say whether I can meet you. I am very greatly obliged to you for your excellent suggestions regarding the nature of a talk. This gives me the ideas which I desired. Before mailing this letter I will add to it a note stating my subject, and with think it over while this letter is being written out. I appreciate your good letter, and will be glad to see you when I hope your tongue will be loosened as well as your pen.

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Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1908.

Dr. Mary I. Denton,  
220 Potomac Ave.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Denton:—

I want to thank you for your pleasant letter and for the suggestions contained in it. I like the one made by your club, and I do not know that it is quite fair, but I would be so glad if I might put you on the program to discuss that subject, "How can the club members get more benefit from the papers read at club meetings?" I believe you can do much good by bringing up that subject. You may have any time during the day that is most convenient for you---a busy woman.

I hope that I may have an opportunity to talk with you regarding Federation affairs. I wish the coming year might be one of real worth to the Federation from an educational standpoint. I do not find myself so ambitious to gain clubs as to promote splendid work on the part of the women in our membership, although it is desirable to add to our list.

I want to thank you for your kind words regarding my election, and for the satisfaction of feeling that the Investigating Club is composed of loyal friends.

Very cordially,  
I consulted a time table when I wrote you first, and found that I could leave at noon after my Wednesday class, arriving at Stamford at 8:00 o'clock. I could then plan to return after the morning meeting Thursday. Mrs. Wood told me that there has been a change in the time table. This has been the main argument against my going. If I could leave Wednesday noon I should try to go. I am sorry this is the case, and will send you literature by Mrs. De Garmo.

I greatly appreciate your interest in the Reading Course, and hope you will always let us cooperate with you in your efforts wherever we need it of any assistance. I believe it is better not to combine too lessons too much, since the more one thinks upon one of



Oct. 2, 1903.

Dear Sir :-

I enclose herewith the two tickets which I failed to take with me to the Shakespearean play on Wednesday evening, and I want to thank you for your courtesy in allowing Mrs. De Garmo and myself to take our seats without presenting tickets.

Very sincerely,

Oct. 3, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Fernald :-

Your kind letter is before me, and I appreciate your consideration of my welfare. I would be willing to go so far as the tax upon strength is concerned, but there are other things to be considered. The Extension Department is ready to bear the expense of such trips, providing they may be made to do a sufficient amount of good to warrant it. The meeting at 8:15 would naturally be small, and I doubt if it would be wise to take the trip for this conference. However, we never can tell how much good may be done with a few, or even one. Sometimes richer returns have come from a group like this than from a larger audience. Another difficulty seems to be that it is necessary to leave here at 7:00 in the morning in order to reach Stamford by 6:00 o'clock. I consulted a time table when I wrote you first, and found that I could leave at noon after my Wednesday class, arriving at Stamford at 6:00 o'clock. I could then plan to return after the morning meeting Thursday. Mrs. Wood tells me that there has been a change in the time table. This has been the main argument against my going. If I could leave Wednesday noon, I should try to go. I am sorry this is the case, and will send you literature by Mrs. De Garmo.

I greatly appreciate your interest in the Reading Course, and hope you will always let us cooperate with you in your efforts wherever we can be of any assistance. I believe it is better not to combine the lessons too much, since the more one thinks upon one of these subjects, as Saving Steps for instance, the more good one is

capable of getting from it. We have five lessons each year, and advise our clubs to devote two meetings to each lesson. We have thought of suggesting other meetings and topics for discussion in connection with the lessons, and are ready to do so if desired. I wish you would urge upon them the desirability of using the traveling library. A group of women can unite, and with a very small amount from each woman, secure a library for their use during six months' time.

I shall feel that you are a good help to us in presenting this matter at the convention, and that you will do it just as well and perhaps with more effect than I would.

I give up this trip with much regret, and hope that you will all have a very pleasant and profitable time. I know that section of the country to be delightful, and only regret I cannot be with you all the week.

Very affectionately,  
 I have promised that I may have the November Number out in time to reach the meeting. Although we have had numerous, diverse, sundry and various obstacles, not to mention many others, in getting the October Number on time, they promise to be ready promptly with the November Number. I want to use your article "The Toad's Advice to the Hen", or something of that kind, in this November Number. Can you arrange to secure for me the cut of the picture which was attached to it? I infer that it was one of Thompson's. In order to have this come out well it might be the best thing to have them have their engraver make a cut from the original. Kindly let me know as soon as possible regarding this as I want to have the cuts made before furnishing the material to the printer.

Very cordially,



My dear Mrs. Lyman :

I hope to see you at the meeting of the Federation. I believe I can be with you at the meeting of the Federation. I have named the chairman of the meeting to be Mrs. Wells. Oct. 5, 1903.

subject, although I dislike very much to do so.

My dear Mrs. Wells:

I wish we have arranged with Mrs. Lyon to unite with her in the use of a table at the Mothers' Congress. I have written to know what she would like to do regarding a person to manage it. I appreciate your suggestion in regard to this matter, and perhaps you are the one who we may appeal to suggest some one to take these subscriptions. If Mrs. Lyon has no one in mind, I should like to ask you to select some one, if it is not too much trouble.

The printers have promised that I may have the November Number out in time to send copies to this meeting. Although we have had numerous, diverse, sundry and various obstacles, not to mention many others, in getting the October Number on time, they promise to be ready promptly with the November Number. I want to use your article "The Toad's Advice to the Hen", or something of that kind, in this November Number. Can you arrange to secure for me the use of the picture which was attached to it? I infer that it was one of Thompson's. In order to have this come out well it might be the best thing to have them have their engraver make a cut from the original. Kindly let me know as soon as possible regarding this as I want to have the cuts made before furnishing the material to the printer.

My dear Mrs. Seymour :

Will you at the Round Table take a few moments to discuss the desirability of joining the Federation, and the duty of club presidents and club members in trying to extend the work of the Federation?

I have just learned that Mrs. Petersen is ill at a hospital in New York City. I am extremely sorry to hear this, and hope she will soon be better.

Very cordially,

Oct. 8, 1903.

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My dear Mrs. Larned :-

In reply to your letter let me say that I believe I can be with you at Utica on Tuesday, Nov. 10th. I have promised the chairman of Forestry to speak for three minutes on that subject, although I dislike very much to do so, as I do not know the subject. I am looking forward with much pleasure to the trip to Toledo. I wish we might travel together. Mrs. Dunn had suggested it, and I wrote her to let me know your plans when they were matured. My natural way to go is over the Lehigh to Buffalo, thence to Toledo. I do not know when I am on the program, and possibly you will be going before I can leave. I would like to be here until after my Wednesday class at ten o'clock A. M. I would procure a substitute for my Friday class. I have not seen you in a long time, and am looking forward to it with pleasure. I judge, that might be done along this line. I Very affectionately, it, but just how it should be done I do not know. Some one with business ability and an ambition to make something of it, might take it up successfully. I am glad Miss Ladd is still interested in the Federation.

One suggestion which has come from clubs is to have this question discussed : "How may clubs become interested in Federation topics ?" I would like to call upon you to express your opinion on this question at the Round Table, as you have the matter in your hands.

Oct. 10, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Seymour :-

Will you at the Round Table take a few moments to discuss the desirability of joining the Federation, and the duty of club presidents and club members in trying to extend the work of the Federation ?

I have just learned that Mrs. Peterson is ill at a hospital in New York City. I am extremely sorry to hear this, and hope she will soon be better.

Very cordially,



Oct. 10, 1903.

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Mrs. W. F. Smallwood

to Roy, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Shuler :-

My dear Mrs. Smallwood :-

Miss Ladd has outlined her plan for a departmental meeting for each club. I hardly approve the plan, and will and I am looking with envy upon it for the benefit of our W. F. F. you be kind enough to present it to the Round Table at the time of Federation. You will not be surprised at this, since such fine our meeting. I write you now that you may have time to get the material would be a great honor to the Federation. I hope we might, matter in shape. Lockport once had such a departmental meeting, too, reciprocate and lend some inspiration to your club. The next and it was a success. She also proposes the compilation of the Annual meeting is to be in Ithaca, and as Roy is so near Ithaca, club Year Book. There is something, I judge, that might be done that it would be pleasant for us to have more clubs in this part of along this line. I have often thought of it, but just how it should the state. Will you not kindly give the matter consideration, and be done I do not know. Some one with business ability and an if you think best, bring it before your club to be voted upon. ambition to make something of it, might take it up successfully. I enclose an application blank. It would be fine if your applica- I am glad Miss Ladd is still interested in the Federation.

One suggestion which has come from clubs is to have this ques- tion discussed : "How may Clubs become interested in the Feder- This Round Table is Saturday, Oct. 17th. I wish you would be pres- ation topics ?" I would like to call upon you to answer that question at the Round Table, as you have the matter in mind better Perhaps it would be well for your club to send you on that occasion than anyone else. as sure you will do all that is possible for you to "spruce up the land."

Very cordially,  
Very cordially,

My dear Mrs. Smallwood:

In your last letter

may do some good

Oct. 10, 1903.

Medina, N. Y.

Mrs. W. E. Smallwood  
Le Roy, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Smallwood :-

You have a splendid Women's Club in Le Roy, and I am looking with envy upon it for the benefit of our W. N. Y. Federation. You will not be surprised at this, since such fine material would be a great honor to the Federation. I hope we might, too, reciprocate and lend some inspiration to your club. The next Annual meeting is to be in Ithaca, and Le Roy is so near Ithaca, that it would be pleasant for us to have more clubs in this part of the state. Will you not kindly give the matter consideration, and if you think best, bring it before your club to be voted upon. I enclose an application blank. It would be fine if your application could be acted upon at the time of the Executive meeting, to be held on the evening before the Presidents' Round Table in Buffalo. This Round Table is Saturday, Oct. 17th. I wish you might be present, even if your club has not become a member of the Federation. Perhaps it would be well for your club to send you on that occasion to "spy out the land."

Very cordially,

Hoping that

road officials



Oct. 10, 1900.

My dear Mrs. Rogerson :-

I am very glad of the suggestions contained in your last letter. I have written Mrs. Smallwood, and I hope it may do some good. I do not know whether there are any clubs in Medina, but I will ask Mrs. Seymour if she can find out about it and gain an interest there. Perhaps Mrs. Parkhurst will report to you the condition in that place. I wish we might gain several clubs in our part of the state before the June meeting. The amount five dollars should be changed to three dollars upon the application blanks before they are sent out. I am glad the fee was reduced.

I am looking forward with pleasure to meeting you in Buffalo at the Round Table.

Very cordially,

Mrs. Clara E. Bloomer

788 Seventh St.,

Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Bloomer :-

I imagine nothing can be done to secure a reduction of rates for the meeting of the Round Table, as so few would come from each place. However, I think it would be well to make some arrangements for the Single Subject meeting, as well as the June meeting. I am sure you will do all that is possible for the clubs in this line, and appreciate your undertaking the responsibility.

Hoping that your efforts will meet with favor with the railroad officials at all times, I am,

Yours very cordially,

Oct. 10, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Harrison :-

Buffalo, N. Y.

In reply to your letter, let me say that the only objection to my coming to Herkimer on the 18th or 20th is the fact that it is difficult to work up another appointment in connection with the Herkimer meeting to warrant the expense of travel. If the expense is borne by this department it would be best for me to put the Herkimer appointment with some other one. I am to be in Utica Tuesday, Nov. 10th. Could I give my talk in Herkimer on the evening of the 9th, or would your club at that time be interested in the State Federation, to be held in Utica? I had thought that when a date was decided upon for Herkimer, I should try to make some other appointment, but I doubt if there would be time for this date which you have mentioned. I am sorry not to respond favorably to your request. The Federation gives your association a place which it should receive in this light. Very cordially, I hope you will be at the Round Table, and there it may be that light will be thrown upon your question.

Very cordially,



Oct. 10, 1901.

Mr. Chas. S. Deane,  
 225 Broadway,  
 New York City.

Oct. 10, 1901.

Dear Mr. Deane:-

Miss Alice G. Owen:-

Gratwick Laboratory,  
 Buffalo, N. Y.

I enclose a letter from Miss Owen. I believe

My dear Miss Owen:- of answering the question which she has proposed, as you are. I was particularly glad to receive your letter, and to have an opportunity of saying that the Federation has great reason to be proud that so noble an organization as yours is a part of the Federation. You are actually doing things in the world to make others happy and comfortable, as no other class of women can do. The preparation and skill which you are obliged to have, makes you honored members as well. The benefit to your association is, I think, somewhat in this line. It is desirable that nurses be recognized as scientific workers, whose lines of education, although different from those of many others, are extremely valuable. Joining the Federation gives your association a place which it should receive in this light. I hope you will be at the Round Table, and there it may be that light will be thrown upon your question.

Very cordially,

Mr. Chas. S. Deane  
350 Broadway  
New York City

Oct. 10, 1903.

Dear Mr. Deane:

My dear Mrs. Cooke :-

I enclose a letter from Miss Owen. I believe you are very capable of answering the question which she has proposed, as you are of the profession and know the Federation. I would like to have the nobility of the profession dwelt upon, and think that is one reason why such a club should identify itself with the Federation in order to have their merit known and in order to give the members of the Nurses' Association an opportunity to get out of their trying environment. I think, too, it is an honor to the Federation to have such a club as a member of the Federation. I am particularly glad that they have joined. Will you in five minutes present this subject, please, to the Round Table on Saturday, Oct. 17th.

Very affectionately,

Oct. 13, 1903.

Mr. E. F. O'Connell

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst., and am glad to hear that the plan suggested by me was so satisfactory. I am glad to hear that you have decided to write your article as you have suggested, about the first of November.

I have no more to write at present.



Oct. 13, 1903.

Mr. Chas. S. Deshon  
258 Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Deshon :-

My dear Mrs. Page :-

I regret that I have not been able to send you any information regarding the boarding place of your boys. I do you a letter by my own hand. Perhaps that indicates that it is not one in excellent standing. I watched them since there are so many in Ithaca. It is Chautauque, and only regretted that I was in another part of the city, and could I but learn the name of the owner, I could make inquiries more easily. I met John not long ago, since I returned from Chautauque. He said they were getting along very nicely, and he certainly looked well. Should you learn the name of the persons who have this place, I shall be glad to hear from you in order that I may learn something about it to tell you. considerable enthusiasm even the work, and I think it will get itself.

Very sincerely,

In your letter you asked if I had received your various and sundry epistles from the Adirondacks. If I could look into your face I should know whether that was a joke, or whether such epistles had lost their trail.

I sincerely hope your outing gave you new life for this year's work, and that it is going very smoothly with you.

Oct. 13, 1903.

I am not doing any Institute work, but have some scope in work. And as to Toledo, another to Guelph, Ontario, and one to Detroit. I shall be in Buffalo next week.

Mr. E. F. Olmsted

Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Olmsted :-

I like BOYS AND GIRLS. I shall be glad to see them, and I hope to see them. Let me thank you for your letter of the 10th inst., and to assure you that the plan suggested by you will be very satisfactory. I shall be glad to write you again regarding it, as you have suggested, about the first of November.

Very sincerely,

I hope you are not entirely out of the picture.

With much love to you, I am,

Very affectionately,

Oct. 13, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Page :-

I have waited in vain for an opportunity for sometime to write you a letter by my own hand. Perhaps rather than to wait longer I will send you a typewritten one. I watched your movements with interest after you left Chautauqua, and only regretted that I could not join you. It has been quite impossible for me to get away. I have been out of the city but once, and that for a day, since I returned from Chautauqua. This is a good long time for me to stay at home, but I like it well. The work in the University has begun, and I find my lectures will not be so difficult for me as I had feared. I have a class of only ten, however, which for a beginning is considered very good. We are having considerable enthusiasm over the work, and I think it will go nicely.

In your letter you asked if I had received your various and sundry epistles from the Adirondacks. If I could look into your face I should know whether that was a joke, or whether such epistles had lost their trail.

I sincerely hope your cutting gave you new life for this year's work, and that it is going very smoothly with you.

I am not doing any Institute work, but have some trips in view. One is to Toledo, another to Guelph, Ontario, and one to Utica. I shall attend the Federation Round Table in Buffalo next week.

I hope you like BOYS AND GIRLS. I think the November Number will be an improvement, and I hope each month we may gain upon it. It has been slow indeed getting out, but it is one of the things that is to live if it ever gets onto its feet. I shall have to go without sealshin and a few other such things, no doubt, in order to pay printers' bills.

I hope you are not entirely out of patience with me for my long silence.



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With much love to you, I am,

Oct. 13, 1903.

Very affectionately,

Messrs. White & Burdick  
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Sirs :-

I enclose herewith an envelope left with me nearly a year ago by Miss Johnson. It contains change which she said was due you. Either you should charge me interest, or I should charge you storage. At any rate, I am sorry it was not sent to you before.

Very truly,

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Oct. 13, 1903.My dear Mrs. Dow :-  
Springfield, Ohio.

Dear Sir :-

I want to thank you for the very attractive Year Book of the New Century Art Club. It seems to me you have a work of art in the Year Book, as well as in all that it suggests of the work done during the year. You and your club are to be heartily congratulated, and I take pleasure in doing so.

Very cordially,

Very sincerely,

Oct. 13, 1903.

Holiday Publishing Co.,  
27 East 34th St.,  
N. Y. City.

Oct. 13, 1903.

Messrs. White & Burdick  
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Sirs :-

I am writing you earlier in the day I have received  
copy of the "Holiday" magazine, and wish to congratulate you upon it.  
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year ago by Miss Johnson. It contains change which she said was  
due you. Either you should charge me interest, or I should charge  
you storage. At any rate, I am sorry it was not sent to you before.

Very truly,

Oct. 13, 1903.

Mr. D. J. Thomas  
Springfield, Ohio.

Dear Sir :-

Will you kindly advise me to whom bills should be sent  
for the remainder of the of the amount due me for the year's work on  
"Home and Flowers."

Thanking you for this, I am,  
Very sincerely,



Oct. 13, 1903.

Holiday Publishing Co.,  
27 East 22nd. St.,  
N. Y. City.

Oct. 13, 1903.

Dear Sirs :-

Since writing you earlier in the day I have received copy of the "Holiday" magazine, and wish to congratulate you upon it.

Wishing you success, I am,

Very truly,

Our hearts have been full of congratulations and love for you and the price of your heart ever since we learned through Dr. King's letter of the arrival of a fine boy. I thought he is just the best boy that was ever born, and were he here we should all take pleasure in knowing that we thought so. Dr. King's letter came just as Mrs. De Sano and I were leaving to go to Chautauque. I intended to take it with us in order to answer, but slipped it into the wrong pile of papers, and was away without your address. Since coming home the time has been very very full. It has not occurred to me to the least to feel that you have slighted us, and I do not think we ought to expect you to write many letters now, since your time is so absorbed. I never had much experience, but I imagine mothers take about all the time mothers can spare. You must take good care of yourself however. We are pleased that Dr. King has given a special position, but we felt and indeed to have you give up Chautauque. We shall think of you very often, and will be always glad to hear from you.

When you have the baby's picture taken I wish you would send it to us. We may see that. I forwarded the picture several days ago, and had Charles follow, since that was the most convenient way.

Oct. 14, 1903.

My dear Mrs. King :-

I have been waiting in vain for an opportunity to write various letters that I prefer to write by hand instead of using a machine, and yours is one. However, I am unwilling to postpone it longer, and I hope you will forgive this mode of communication. Our hearts have been full of congratulations and love for you and the pride of your heart ever since we learned through Dr. King's letter of the arrival of a fine boy. I expect he is just the best boy that was ever born, and were he here we should all take pleasure in showing that we thought so. Dr. King's letter came just as Mrs. De Garmo and I were leaving to go to Chautauqua. I intended to take it with us in order to answer, but slipped it into the wrong pile of papers, and was away without your address. Since coming home the time has been very very full. It has not occurred to me in the least to feel that you have slighted us, and I do not think we ought to expect you to write many letters now, since your time is so absorbed. I never had much experience, but I imagine babies take about all the time mothers can spare. You must take good care of yourself however. We are pleased that Dr. King has won a pleasant position, but we felt sad indeed to have you give up Cornell. We shall think of you very often, and will be always glad to hear from you.

When you have the baby's picture taken I wish you would send us one that we may see him. I forwarded the picture several days ago, and had charges follow, since that was the most convenient way.

While I cannot expect you to write often, it will be a great



There is no other expense connected with it.

We are getting along nicely. Our tables are full, and the first of the year before all of the summer people had gone, we did not know what to do with every one.

Oct. 14, 1908.

Mrs. Emerson, unfortunately, has no boarders, nor has she

rented her rooms. She has taken Alfred to the Nova Scotia School,

My dear Mrs. Brewster :-

sent Edith to Chicago, and her husband to California. She has her

niece with her from Chicago, to whom she is giving music lessons.

I have your pleasant letter, and regret very much that you cannot be with us at the Round Table in Buffalo. I wish some member of the Inquir-

I think she has a pretty good music class, and is feeling quite are Club might come, although if they could come but once, possibly the Single Subject

meeting in January would be more interesting. I think, however, our meeting Saturday

The De Garmes are usually well, except that Mrs. De Garmo has day will be a very pleasant one and instructive.

been ill with a cold for a couple of weeks. She is better now

I like the suggestion which you have made. I realize that there is need however.

to overcome this difficulty--that of getting the women to talk. I believe it will

We are still buying artesian water, and do not know when we come with experience, but we need to start ourselves, not only on account of the

are to have anything else. They are still at work upon the artesian benefit derived, but because it is so much easier for the presiding officer if women

will express themselves. I shall propose this question as one to be answered at the

James and Fannie are as faithful as ever. They both send Round Table, and hope there will be a good newspaper account of this meeting.

My cordial greetings to the Inquirers Club. you their kind regards, and James says, "That boy must be a star in

Dr. King's crown." I guess James knows how to say things better than

Very cordially,

we do. He says he is waiting for Fannie to get her picture taken,

and that he will send them to you some day. I will see if I cannot

get Fannie to go down town and have them taken. We have plenty

of help, and I guess more than we actually need, but some day we may

not have enough.

While I cannot expect you to write often, it will be a real

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pleasure to hear from you when you have time and strength for writing.  
 Mrs. E. F. Harrison  
 Elmira, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. With much love to you and the baby, and with kind regards to  
 D. King, I no doubt you have received my letter by this time, and I re-  
 gret very much the delay occasioned. Very affectionately, I attribute it entirely to you to  
 decide whether I shall come to you on the 19th. I could not well be there the  
 20th, because I am obliged to be at a class here by ten o'clock on the 21st. I  
 will look up a time table as soon as I can secure one on the Central, and tell you  
 probably before mailing this letter, whether it would be better for me to go to the  
 schools in the afternoon or the next morning. I certainly would  
 do this, and will so arrange it, and I will also be able to tell you before my arrival  
 on what train I will come.

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My dear Mrs. Freeborn :-  
 on what train I will come.

I have your pleasant letter, and regret very much that you  
 cannot be with us at the Round Table in Buffalo. I wish some member of the Inquir-  
 ers Club might come, although if they could come but once, possibly the Single Subject  
 meeting in January would be more interesting. I think, however, our meeting Satur-  
 day will be a very pleasant one and instructive.

I like the suggestion which you have made. I realize that there is need  
 to overcome this difficulty--that of getting the women to talk. I believe it will  
 come with experience, but we need to exert ourselves, not only on account of the  
 benefit derived, but because it is so much easier for the presiding officer if women  
 will express themselves. I shall propose this question as one to be answered at the  
 Round Table, and hope there will be a good newspaper account of this meeting.

My cordial greetings to the Inquirers Club.

I shall say as soon as I can. Very cordially,

I am sorry you have been so much troubled to receive answers  
 in order to make our program, but thus it is ever.

Very affectionately,



Oct. 14, 1903.

Mrs. S. E. Herron  
Herkimer, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Herron :-

No doubt you have received my letter by this time, and I regret very much the delay occasioned in sending it. I leave it entirely to you to decide whether I shall come to you on the 19th. I could not well be there the 20th, because I am obliged to be at a class here by ten o'clock on the 21st. I will look up a time table as soon as I can secure one on the Central, and tell you probably before mailing this letter, whether it would be better for me to go to the schools in the afternoon or the next morning. I certainly would be very glad to do this, and will so arrange it, and I will also be able to tell you before my arrival on what train I will come.

Thanking you very cordially, and for your kind remembrance, I am,

Very cordially,

Oct. 15, 1903.

Mr. S. E. Herron  
Herkimer, N. Y.

Oct. 15, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Trueborn :-

My dear Mrs. Dunn :- In my letter today I neglected to thank you for the four books. I shall go to work at once on the slides, but you will see when you hear the talk what I mean by saying that it is not a very smooth talk. I will be with you on Thursday evening the 5th. It is not worth while to adjourn to the High School. I shall stay as long as I can get away. Your book is very artistic.

I am sorry you have been so much troubled to receive answers in order to make out your program, but thus it is ever.

Very affectionately,

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My Mrs. Edward W. Parker  
Lockport, N. Y.

Among other subjects proposed for the Round Table is the following: What arguments can be used to induce outside clubs to enter the Federation.

My dear Mrs. Parker :-  
I want to congratulate you and your club upon the fine Year Book which you have acquired for the Lockport Parliamentary Club. It is a very interesting piece of work, and very attractive. I am sure you are to have a very profitable year, and I wish I were where I could have the benefit of the work, for I suppose that now I must know something on this subject. You ought to be training an army of presidents, and I hope you will all hold the gavel some day, and use to good advantage the excellent training you have had in the club.

I shall be glad to see you this week.

Thanking you most heartily for your kind remembrance, I am,

Very affectionately,

Very cordially,

Oct. 15, 1903.

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Mr. G. C. Creelman  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

My dear Mrs. Freeborn :-

I am sorry to say that in my letter today I neglected to thank you for the Year Book of the Enquirers Club. I think you have a very delightful year's work before you, and I wish I were where I could attend the meetings. Should I ever be near Randolph at the time of the meeting I shall surely ask to be invited. The program presented is very attractive, and the Year Book is very artistic.

Anticipating the pleasure of a visit to Guelph, I am,

Very sincerely,



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My dear Mrs. Seymour :-

My dear Mrs. Seymour :-

Among other subjects proposed for the Round Table is the fol-

lowing : What arguments can be used to induce outside clubs to enter the Fed-  
eration. May I ask you to answer that question,--at least to start the ball rolling  
upon you, and made a mistake in not making a note of each one of these. I am exceed-  
ingly sorry that this has occurred, because it was neither kind to you nor to our-  
selves, although I imagine you were relieved not to be called upon.  
for the Round Table, and think it will be an interesting meeting. Another question  
was what clubs can do to extend the advantages of Federation to other unfederated  
clubs. I have thought of you in connection with the trying circumstances under  
which you are passing, and hope you will not be worn out before they are through.  
asked Mrs. Cooke to answer the following proposed by a Buffalo club : Of what  
mutual assistance can associations such as the W. N. Y. Federation and the Nurses  
Association be to each other.

I shall be glad to see you this week.

Very affectionately,

Oct. 19, 1903.

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Home Publishing Company  
Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. G. C. Creelman  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Mr. Creelman :-

I am trying to state my topics so broadly that  
when the time comes I may give whatever I may desire. I would give  
for a subject Monday evening,--The Farm Home. Tuesday,--Woman's  
Work.

I suppose you will have to put me down as plain Miss, but I  
can't help it this time.

Anticipating the pleasure of the visit to Guelph, I am,

Very sincerely,

Oct. 19, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Saunders :-

I was very fearful yesterday that I should omit something, and I certainly did. Under discussions by chairmen of departments I had planned to call upon you, and made a mistake in not making a note of each one of these. I am exceedingly sorry that this has occurred, because it was neither kind to you nor to ourselves, although I imagine you were relieved not to be called upon.

Mr dear Mrs. Reading :-  
I have thought of you in connection with the trying circumstances under which you are passing, and hope you will not be worn out before they are through. the work of the Household Economic Department during the coming club year, but it is always wise to give up these things when one is not able to do them. I know who will have that committee I shall be glad to refer her to you for literature. Mrs. Spuler and Mrs. Allen are to see a Buffalo woman regarding it. I cannot at present recall her name. We all regret that you cannot be a part of that work

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next year. My dates are quite uncertain, and I will let you know as soon as possible in regard to Nov. 2nd. I have been asked to go to Tonawanda Oct. 29th. It would be better if our both trips so near each other. It would be better if our date followed the other immediately. I fear, however, I shall have to forego the

Dear Sir :-  
Tonawanda

I have been sending you until recently copy for the magazine "Home and Flowers" for the Well-Ordered Household. My contract was for one year, and I received payment from the Floral Publishing Co. for nine months. There is no remaining three months to be paid for, regarding which I shall be glad to hear from you. I discontinued sending articles inasmuch as I had written you that the time for which I was engaged had elapsed, and I should not expect to continue without hearing from you. I think I probably said Grand Rapids instead of Toledo.

Very truly,  
It is there Very truly, not to look into your face.

Very sincerely,



Oct. 22, 1903.  
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Mrs. Hattie Church Rex  
410 Stalp Ave.,  
Syracuse, N. Y.

Oct. 19, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Rex :- I do not have the pleasure

I am glad to have your letter regarding the Mothers' Congress, and  
Mr. T. B. Reading with any plan which is suited to you and Mrs. Lyon. Mrs.  
226 Anderson Place,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Lyon's secretary and I will make arrangements for this, and I will say that we

Mr dear Mrs. Reading :- Should things turn greatly in our favor I should be in favor

of making it \$3.00, but I was very sorry indeed to learn that you are unable to take up  
the work of the Household Economic Department during the coming club year, but it is  
always wise to give up these things when one is not able to do them. As soon as

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would be impossible to take both trips so near each other. It would be better if one  
date followed the other immediately. I fear, however, I shall have to forego the

Mr. Dear Mrs. Dunham :-  
Tonawanda meeting.

In reply to your request I am sorry that I cannot give you the  
Very cordially,

which you desire, but I have to refer your letter to Mrs. Spuler

Genl, who is chairman of the Reciprocity Bureau, and she will

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you will hear from her.  
My dear Miss Hunt :-

I was very glad indeed that you were present. I have done a crazy thing evidently. I have had Grand Rapids in

I may meet you at other meetings of the Federation.  
mind for other reasons of late, and that is the reason I probably said Grand Rapids  
instead of Toledo. It is there that I expect to look into your face.

Very sincerely,

Oct. 22, 1903.

Mrs. Nettie Church Fox  
438 Stolp Ave.,  
Syosset, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Fox :-

I am glad to have your letter regarding the Mothers' Congress, and I will gladly conform with any plan which is suited to you and Mrs. Lyon. Mrs. Lyon's secretary had written me to make arrangements for this, and I will say that we will allow \$2.50 a day. Should things turn greatly in our favor I should be in favor of making it \$3.00, but I will agree to make it \$2.50 anyway.

Mrs. Wells will see to getting some signs printed for this, and have them ready for you. I will send you magazines, and should there be anything else which you desire, please let me know. I not only hope that you will be successful, but that you will find much enjoyment in the work.

Very cordially,

Oct. 22, 1903.

Oct. 22, 1903.

Mrs. John K. Patton  
101 Clinton St.,  
Tombauqua, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Dunham :-

In reply to your request I am sorry that I cannot send you that which you desire, but I have to refer your letter to Mrs. Shuler, our first Vice President, who is chairman of the Reciprocity Bureau, and who has these papers. I think you will hear from her.

I was very glad indeed that you were present at the Round Table, and hope that I may meet you at other meetings of the Federation.

Very cordially,

Regretting this greatly, and wishing you all a very happy trip.

Very cordially,



Oct. 22, 1904.

Oct. 22, 1903.

Mrs. James Parks  
My dear Mrs. Smiler :-  
Buffalo, N. Y.

I enclose a letter from Mrs. Dunham which I have told her I am referring to you as I do not have the blanks.

Through some carelessness of my own the question proposed by the Scribblers was omitted in our list of questions last week. We talked about the date for the Single Subject meeting after you left the Council, but did not like to decide it without knowing your choice in the matter. and I hope it will be answered either at the Single Subject meeting, or at the annual meeting. It touches upon a broad economic question, which I think you will may decide upon. Kindly let me know before you announce it, because I have dates ahead much attention. I am very sorry indeed that it was overlooked at the annual even in February. So far as I know I am free in January, so that you can decide upon. I want to thank you for the help which you gave us on that occasion, and this to suit yourself. Let me know, too, if there is anything I can do to assist you in arrangements for this meeting.

Very sincerely,  
Very cordially,

Oct. 27, 1903.

Oct. 22, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Allen :-

I return to you Miss Squire's letter, as you may need it for Mrs. John K. Patton. I am glad she has consented to act. I think she will do well. 101 Clinton St.,  
Tenasawanda, N. Y. the women enjoyed the Round Table. They responded beautifully.

My dear Mrs. Patton :- you to send me copy of some Buffalo paper which gave a good report of the Round Table. I am very sorry indeed to have to say that it is going to be impossible for me to come to Tenawanda on Oct. 29th. as I have tried to arrange it, but do not succeed. I hope, however, I may be able to attend some meeting of your club during the year, and know more of your good work. I had some dates arranged for about that time in the month, and for that reason was unable to tell until I came home and looked them up, whether I could be in Tenawanda. It now seems to be an impossibility.

Regretting this greatly, and wishing you all a very happy time, I am,

Very cordially,

Mrs. James Parke  
43 N. Pearl St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Parke :-

Through some carelessness of my own the question proposed by the Scribblers was omitted in our list of questions last week. It is an excellent one, and I hope it will be answered either at the Single Subject meeting, or at the Annual meeting. It touches upon a broad economic question, which I think is one worthy of much attention. I am very sorry indeed that it was overlooked at the Round Table.

I want to thank you for the help which you gave me on that occasion, thus doing much to make the meeting a success.

Very sincerely,

Oct. 27, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Allen :-

I return to you Miss Squire's letter, as you may need it for further reference. I am glad she has consented to act. I think she will do well. I am pleased to know that the women enjoyed the Round Table. They responded beautifully. May I trouble you to send me copy of some Buffalo paper which gave a good report of the Round Table. I would like to put it on file with other reports, and I did not happen to see any printed report. I enclose stamps for the paper, and am very greatly obliged to you for your trouble in getting it. You will know what one did the best by us.

Very cordially,

I am glad to hear that Mr. Spencer is to be with you. He will carry with him an even goodwill and enthusiasm that it will be an inspiration to your boys and girls.

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girl. I think they will think so in the main, but that is very tangible  
what they see.

I want to have said that until the June meeting there will be nothing of a  
public nature regarding the Department of Pedagogics, unless Mrs. Shuler wishes to call  
for it for the Single Subject meeting to be held in January. The June program will

Miss Mary J. Squires, Spring, and you will hear from me at that time.  
155 Chestnut St.,  
Leekport, N. Y.

Very cordially,

My dear Miss Squires :-

I want to say first of all that I am delighted that you have  
consented to act as chairman of the Department of Pedagogics in the Federation. You  
are particularly qualified for this position, as you are closely identified with clubs  
and your life work lies in the line of teaching. I think it wise to interest clubs  
to work for some particular good for their home schools. Your own plans will be best,  
but I would like to suggest that you issue a letter to clubs, making suggestions by  
which clubs may be of material benefit to a school. They are not expected of course  
to take any special interest in the classroom work, but there are ways by which they  
may cooperate with teachers to encourage the latter, and secure results which teachers  
alone cannot. Should you wish to draft a letter to be sent over your signature, I  
should be glad to have it mimeographed, and sent to the various clubs, providing you  
will send me the necessary first copy as you wish it made. I mention this since I  
have a mimeograph to use, and it is at your disposal for this purpose, if you desire.  
I was very glad indeed to suggest your name to the Council, and they were especially  
pleased to hear of some one who would do so well in the work. At your earliest conven-  
ience, with I want to thank you for securing a boy to interest himself in getting sub-  
scribers for BOYS AND GIRLS. I hope he will be quite successful. I have placed his  
name upon the mailing list for the coming year, and take pleasure in placing yours upon  
it also.

I am glad to know that Mr. Spencer is to be with you. He will carry with  
him as much good-will and enthusiasm that it will be an inspiration to your boys and

girls. I think they will think he is not a myth, but that he is very tangible when they see him.

I meant to have said that until the June meeting there will be nothing of a public nature regarding the Department of Pedagogics, unless Mrs. Shuler wishes to call for it for the Single Subject meeting to be held in January. The June program will be made out before spring, and you will hear from me at that time.

I was indeed glad to hear from you. I had known only recently that you had returned from Porto Rico. If you know how many times it was remarked that you and the Doctor are missed in Ithaca, you would be sure that your feeling of loneliness is shared by those here. We feel it more and more, and I have felt quite unreasonably as the plan which has deprived us of your presence.

The recent news from Ithaca regarding the sudden death of Professor Thurston will shock you as it has all of us. It is a severe blow to the University. I wonder if you have the Ithaca papers. I shall venture to send the "Herald" occasionally, thinking that you may not have it. The papers show that we are still in serious doubt about what we shall drink. I really do not know how it will work out.

Our family life is extremely energetic, as our table is the first of the year we had to turn away several. New things are being added.

Buffalo: Optical Co., began with the desire of Prof. Bailey to send a pair of glasses to Buffalo, N. Y.

subject. He thought he had the opportunity of doing so to the subject of the subject.

I have twelve fine young women in my class. I send you herewith all that is left of my eye glasses demolished by a recent wind storm. If there is anything worth saving, will you please add to it the University as in other lines. I hope it is the needed parts according to my last prescription, and mail to me at your earliest convenience, with bill for the same.

I am glad to know that you have received the bill for the glasses. I am glad to hear that you have received the bill for the glasses. I am glad to hear that you have received the bill for the glasses. I am glad to hear that you have received the bill for the glasses.

I wish you would send me an article for an early edition of the Journal, or for the children. I have said that I would be a great help to the children.



Oct. 27, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Gilford :-

I was indeed glad to hear from you. I had known only recently that you had returned from Porto Rico. If you know how many times it was remarked that you and the Doctor are missed in Ithaca, you would be sure that your feeling of loneliness is shared by those here. We feel it more and more, and I have felt quite unreconciled to the plan which has deprived us of your presence.

The recent news from Ithaca regarding the sudden death of Professor Thurston will shock you as it has all of us. It is a severe blow to the University. I wonder if you have the Ithaca papers. I shall venture to send the "News" occasionally, thinking that you may not have it. The papers show that we are still in serious doubt about what we shall drink. I really do not know how it will work out.

Our family life is extremely energetic, as our tables are quite full. At the first of the year we had to turn away several. Now things are more normal. My course in Economics began with the desire of Prof. Bailey to make a start of this

subject. He thought he had the opportunity of doing so in the Agricultural College. I have twelve fine young women in my class, and call it the "home life class." There are two lectures a week at ten o'clock Wednesday and Friday. Credit is given in the

University as in other lines. I hope it is simply the beginning of regular work. Of course two hours a week can give but meagre work. After the holidays Mrs. Comstock takes it up, and treats the subject of Home Literature. I am then relieved.

I am glad to know that you have received BOYS AND GIRLS, and hope you will see an improvement each month. I am glad, too, that you have spoken of material. I wish you would send me an article for an early number, which will be of special interest to children. I have felt that it would be a good thing to tell about what child-



Mr. Hamilton Mabie  
337 Fourth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mabie :-

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I am spending herewith the article on "What Farmers are Reading", about  
men are doing in other countries, or to give them something which would enlarge their  
ideas of geography, or of ways of doing things. Maybe it would be well to tell them, be-  
about the Porto Rican children. I am sure it would be interesting. I need the  
material on the first day of the month preceding the number in which it is to appear.  
For instance, material for the December Number must be ready by the first of November.

I do not pay very high yet, because I am struggling along, bound to keep the thing  
alive until it can nourish itself, but I pay something these days, and later shall  
be more generous. Six subscriptions came in one letter today, and I nearly fainted  
away. However, this will all come about right in good time. The picture which you  
sent me is very interesting. If you have photographs with which to illustrate your  
article, so much the better, as pictures are a great help to the magazine.

The Campus Club held a business meeting a few days ago, reelected Mrs.  
Schurman president. I do not remember the name of the secretary or treasurer. They  
are to have a business meeting soon to determine what will be done during the year.

My brother and his wife are still here. He is clerk in the College of Agri-  
culture in place of Mr. Butler, who has employment elsewhere. I think he will enjoy  
the work after he becomes accustomed to it.

Mrs. De Garmo says she is delighted to hear from you, and that time does not  
atone for the misfortune which she feels in your being so far away. She sends a  
heart full of love to you. herewith my check for New York Life Insurance for the coming year.

Please give my love to May and Emily. You will surely have good times  
this winter. I shall be glad to know when you change your place of abode, if you do  
so, but I hope it will not be far away.

With much love,



Oct. 27, 1903.

Mr. Hamilton Mabie  
287 Fourth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mabie :-

I am sending herewith the article on "What Farmers are Reading", about which we have had some previous correspondence. I hope this article may be as near as possible what you may desire. I have quoted largely from the farmers' wives, believing that it could not be more acceptable in any other way. Should you wish to have this article changed in any way I shall be glad to do so.

Very truly,

My dear Mrs. Mellon :-

I believe I owe you \$30.39 for butter. If this is not correct please advise me. I enclose check for the same.

Very sincerely,

Oct. 27, 1903.

Mr. John A. McCall  
New York Life Insurance Co.,  
New York City.

Dear Sir :-

I enclose herewith my check for New York Life Insurance for the coming year.

Very truly,

Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1903.

Oct. 28, 1903.

Mrs. W. A. Taylor

32 Richmond Ave.,

Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. Mary E. Lake

Gowanda, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Taylor :-

My dear Mrs. Lake :-

I am delighted with the Year Book presenting the study which your club has planned for the year. It promises a rich treat to all the members, and be our recording secretary, and that we shall be associated in work during the next two years. I feel that this is a very strong move on the part of the Council to elect you to that position, and I hope your duties as secretary will give you a great deal of pleasure. We shall not have another meeting of the Council unless something unusual occurs, until the evening before the Single Subject meeting. We are not holding a large number of Council meetings this year in order to save travel, but I feel that we are in line to do good work.

Very cordially,

Mrs. W. A. Brownell

Warsaw, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Brownell :-

It is a great pleasure to me to know that the Warsaw Monday Club is desirous of joining the Western New York Federation. I know it will be a most excellent thing for the Federation, and I trust that it may be also for your club a source of pleasure and benefit. I enclose herewith a form for application, and will send you a copy of the constitution. Our next public meeting, to be held in Angola, is in Randolph, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1903. The Annual meeting in June, is in

Dear Mr. Litchfield :-

I see by the Randolph paper that it is time to pay the school tax. Will you please advise me the amount due from the Jamestown St. policy?

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly,

Yours very cordially,



Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1903.

Mrs. W. A. Taylor  
52 Richmond Ave.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Oct. 30, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Taylor :-

Mrs. M. E. Elliott  
Cattaraugus, N. Y. I am delighted with the Year Book presenting the study which your club has planned for the year. It promises a rich treat to all the members, and I am sure you will have an exceedingly prosperous year. The Year Book is most artistically gotten up, and I congratulate your club upon all that it indicates. With cordial greetings, and a hope for a most prosperous club year for the English American Reading Class, I am, for many reasons, convinced that it is not eligible to the Federation. I assure you I very cordially, as a rule, is there not a Women's Club in Cattaraugus that might join the Federation, and I believe Oct. 30, 1903, extremely fortunate for us could we obtain a Cattaraugus Club. I will send you some circulars which Mrs. J. R. Brownell libraries. They may be of value to you. We do not send out weekly programs, but our Bureau of Reciprocity sends out programs upon various subjects.

My dear Mrs. Brownell :-  
to clubs belonging in the Federation. This interchange stimulates to excellent

work and helps many who are trying to formulate a program. It is a great pleasure to me to know that the Warsaw Monday Club

is desirous of joining the Western New York Federation. I know it will be a most ex-

I assure you I think of my experiences in Cattaraugus County with a great excellent thing for the Federation, and I trust that it may be also for your club a source of pleasure. My work as School Commissioner there has helped me very greatly

in performing my present duties among the farmers' wives. I like to feel that I

you a copy of the constitution. Our next public meeting, to be held in Angola, still belong in that County, although my work seems to take me back and forth there.

is the Single Subject meeting, lasting one day. The Annual meeting in June, is in

Thanking you for your letter, and assuring you that I regret greatly that Ithaca, and I sincerely hope there may be a representation from your club to visit

your club cannot be federated, I am, Ithaca and attend the Federation at that time. Your application will be acted upon

Very cordially, at the next meeting of the Executive Council. In the meantime if there is any ser-

vices whatever that may be rendered by any member of the Council, I trust that you

will let us know.

Yours very cordially,

Oct. 30, 1903.

Nov. 1, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Wheeler :-

I have your letter, and in reply I see no reason why Jan. 28th is not a good date for the Single Subject meetings. Of course it is early for any of us to know just what we will want to do at that time, but it is to be settled, and so far as I know that is as good a time as any. I will present the subject which you Mrs. M. D. Elliott  
Cattaraugus, N. Y. Ithaca Club to the President, and hope they may be able to

Dear Mrs. Elliott : They have plenty of good material, but no one can take the trip for

I assure you that I have not forgotten you, and that I am very glad indeed to hear from you regarding the Federation of Clubs. I will gladly send you any information possible, but I have to say at the very start that while I heartily approve of a mixed club and prefer it for many reasons, a mixed club is not eligible to the Federation. I assure you I did not make this rule. Is there not a Women's Club in Cattaraugus that might join the Federation, and I am sure it would be extremely fortunate for us could we obtain a Cattaraugus Club. I will send you some circulars which I have regarding libraries. They may be of value to you. We do not send out weekly programs, but our Bureau of Reciprocity sends out programs upon various subjects to clubs belonging in the Federation. This interchange stimulates to excellent work and helps many who are trying to formulate a program.

In reply to your letter of the 22nd. let me say that my work did not appear in "Home and Flowers" until November '02. I have sent twelve numbers during the year, the last one appearing in November '03. There was no article of mine in deal of pleasure. My work as School Commissioner there has helped me very greatly in performing my present duties among the farmers' wives. I like to feel that I still belong in that County, although my work seems to take me much away from there.

Thanking you for your letter, and assuring you that I regret greatly that your club cannot be federated, I am,  
Very cordially,

I should like to have them returned, and would be greatly obliged to you if you will tell me whether they are in your office, or whether I shall ask the present publishers for them.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly,



Oct. 30, 1903.

Nov. 4, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Shuler :-

I have your letter, and in reply I see no reason why Jan. 28th is not a good date for the Single Subject meetings. Of course it is early for any of us to know just what we will want to do at that time, but it is to be settled, and so far as I know that is as good a time as any. I will present the subject which you mentioned regarding the Ithaca Club to the President, and hope they may be able to send some one. They have plenty of good material, but no one can take the trip for less than ten dollars, and it is therefore difficult to secure some one to go. However, I hope some member may be prevailed upon.

Mrs. DeGarnac was anxious to go to the Presidents' Round Table in order to get into touch with the clubs regarding libraries. I have not consulted her regarding the Single Subject meeting, but think that she will feel that some one else should go, if possible.

Unless I hear from you, I will reserve Jan. 28th.

Very cordially,

Mr. D. J. Thomas  
Springfield, Ohio.

In reply to your letter of the 22nd. let me say that my work did not appear in "Home and Flowers" until November '02. I have sent twelve numbers during the year, the last one appearing in November '03. There was no article of mine in July '03. It appeared in August, however, and that is the reason there is one in November '03, as I have sent but twelve numbers in all. I do not know why the omission was made in January.

There are still some pictures which I sent to Home and Flowers, a number of which have not been used. As most of these belong to the Extension Department, I should like to have them returned, and would be greatly obliged to you if you will tell me whether they are in your office, or whether I shall ask the present publishers for them.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly,

Nov. 4, 1903.

Dear Mr. Malligan :-

I enclose herewith your son's bill for October. He seems to be well, and getting along very nicely.

Very sincerely,

Nov. 4, 1903.

Dear Mrs. Collin :-

I enclose herewith your son's bill for October. He seems to be well, and getting along very nicely.

Very sincerely,

Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1903.

My dear Friend :-

An application was received a few days ago from the Warsaw Women's Club, and Mrs. Shuler, Mrs. Allen and I met in Utica, and as three formed a quorum, we held a meeting about two minutes long, and voted in the club. We did this in order that this application might not have to wait until the January meeting. We hope this will meet with your approval. Had I not felt sure that it would, we should not have held the meeting without giving due notice. I was so quick to act that I could not have time to think of it. Very cordially, not to send it. I want to thank you for this business and tell you that it means much to receive this encouragement for BOYS AND GIRLS at this time. Will you not please give your satisfaction in knowing that perhaps you have helped in a way which I hope some day you will be proud of.

Very sincerely,



Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1903.  
Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1903.

Mrs. A. M. Goodwin  
322 Myrtle Ave.  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Goodwin :-  
I enclose herewith the names of two women who would like to be members of the Chautauqua Club, together with their dues, twenty-five cents each. I saw Mrs. Wiles in Utica, who said that she has sent her report to you, and it would be better if you will try among your friends to get some more. I thought it too late for me to send the names to you direct. I had thought of it too late to take membership dues, but I thought possibly they would be start upon next year's membership. It would be well if members and retain 25 cents for your own committee. I have their names I send you from the Western Federation. They have their club offers. Possibly dues will be paid for them. It gives them membership count so as to cover the June meeting. It gives them more interest in it, and it is easier to get a representation from the Chautauqua Club.

I hope you are well.

With much love,

Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1903.

Prof. S. E. Marsh  
Spencer, N. Y.

Nov. 15, 1903.

Dear Prof. Marsh :-

Your most generous response to my letter makes me feel as though perhaps I was not quite so audacious as I felt I was. I wrote the letter quickly and mailed it so that I could not have time to think it over and decide not to send it. I want to thank you for this response and tell you that it means much to receive this encouragement for BOYS AND GIRLS at this time. Will you not perhaps gain some satisfaction in knowing that perhaps you have helped along an enterprise which I hope some day you will be proud of.

Very sincerely,

Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1903.

Mrs. A. J. Goodwin,  
3226 Mt. Vernon Ave.,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Goodwin :-

Your letter to Mrs. Comstock has been referred

to me, and in reply I want to say that it will please me very much if you will try among your friends to secure subscriptions to BOYS AND GIRLS. I send you copies of the November Number, together with some circulars. You may take subscriptions at 50 cents each, and retain 25 cents for your own commission. Notice please the club offers. Possibly these will please you more. Books would be offered also if you wished to have them in preference to the premiums suggested. I hope the magazine will please you. University.

Very cordially,

Very cordially,

Nov. 16, 1903.

Miss Maud Gilchrist  
Agricultural College, Mich.

Nov. 16, 1903.

Dear Miss Gilchrist :-  
My dear Mrs. Swan :-

In reply to your letter of Nov. 11th regarding the exhibit I enclose herewith check for three dollars from the Warshaw Club, in Domestic Science for the St. Louis Exposition, let me say that the matter of part of which I wrote you a short time ago. The sent me a postoffice money order. Hoping that you are well, I am,

Very cordially,

while there is no doubt but that we will cooperate. It is not possible at this writing to say anything definite regarding it. When the plan is matured, I shall be glad to write you again.

Very sincerely,

*William Howard Taft*



Mrs. Ellen H. Richards  
Institute of Technology,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Richards :-

I want I received your letter some days ago, and have the freight  
artificial for the exhibit. I have no doubt it will be here very soon. The exhibit  
up will be placed in a room in the University where it will be seen by the women of the  
University, by the wives of the Faculty, and by city women as well. I will make  
with special effort to have it seen by the club women, in whose interest Mrs. Morse  
they wrote you. We would like to keep it two weeks at least, and should it be more  
be convenient for you to leave it a longer time, it will be well cared for, and I will  
await your advice as to shipping it later. This is of special interest to us,  
since for the first time we now have a class in Domestic Science in the University.  
I am very glad indeed to have it, and believe it will be a means of inspiration  
along these lines to the young ladies of Sage College.

Very cordially,

Nov. 16, 1903.

Miss Maud Gilchrist  
Agricultural College, Mich.

Nov. 19, 1903.

Dear Miss Gilchrist :-

Mr. K. K. Klock  
East Rensselaer, N. Y.  
In reply to your letter of Nov. 11th regarding the exhibit  
in Domestic Science for the St. Louis Exposition, let me say that the matter of partic-  
ipating in this exhibit has been referred to a committee from this University, and  
while there is no doubt but that we will cooperate, it is not possible at this  
writing to say anything definite regarding it. When the plan is matured, I shall  
be glad to write you again.

Very sincerely,

Very sincerely,

*Martha Van Rensselaer*

Mrs. Maudie Jean Nisbet  
175 W. Main St.,  
Hamilton, Ont., Can.

Dear Sirs :-  
My dear Mrs. Nisbet :-

I want to thank you for sending me the paper giving the kind of article of which you are the author. It is a very enterprising and well gotten up article, and I congratulate you upon it.

I was sorry not to meet you at the Round Table, but I had a fine visitor person with Mrs. Walton, and it was a pleasure to us all to have her present. If she thought she did not meet me personally, it was because she had some other one in mind, because I talked with her before she had been in the room two minutes.

I expect to see your Dominion in the early part of December, as I am to speak at Guelph on the 6th and 7th of that month.

Hoping to see you at some future meeting of our Federation, I am,

Very cordially,

Nov. 19, 1903.

Mr. K. K. Flock  
East Randolph, N. Y.

Dear Sir :-

Can you ship me soon one-half dozen hams of the best quality, and send bill for the same? Please let me hear whether you can do this, in order that I may depend upon them.

Very sincerely,

Martha Van Rensselaer.



Gerrish Livery  
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Sirs :-

I enclose a bill which probably you meant to make out to me instead of to the one whose name is in the bill, as she is not living. I ordered at your stable, probably on the date you mention, a carriage to take two from the Ithaca Hotel to the Campus. We stopped at 811 E. State St., and picked up two other persons. Doubtless that is the charge--\$1.50. I have no idea what the other charge refers to. Will you kindly explain it? If you prefer, you can call me by the bell phone.

Very cordially,

Very truly,

*Martha Van Rensselaer*

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1903.

Mr. Geo. B. Smith  
Jamestown, N. Y.

Dear Sir :-

In reply to your letter let me say that the date of the midwinter meeting of the W. N. Y. Federation is Jan. 25th. <sup>in error</sup> You are nearer in regard to the place where it is to be held. It is Angola instead of Angelica.

Very sincerely,

*Martha Van Rensselaer*

My dear Miss Squires :-

1558 Broadway, The committee of which you wrote me is not the one which  
New York City.

you are on. You are Chairman of the Pedagogical Committee. You may select

My dear Mrs. Hall :-

any members to assist you that you desire throughout the Federation. You, with

I have sent your request to our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs.  
their assistance, will plan the work which you want to suggest for them to do  
Allen, and have no doubt you will soon receive from her copy of the Western Federation  
along the lines of pedagogy, as showing wherein clubs may be helpful to the  
Directory. I have but three or four, and as she has whatever supply there is, I  
schools.

have thought best to ask her to send to you direct.

I hope I may meet you at Angola, although I suppose it is a school day with

Wishing you success in the work which you have undertaken, I am,  
you. I refer to the Single Subject meeting to be held there Jan. 28th. I

Very cordially,

would suggest that you send a circular letter to the clubs, stating wherein club  
women may be a help in their school affairs. This letter should be mimeo-

graphed, and not necessitate your writing it out for each club. If you will

get up copy of letter I will have it mimeographed. Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1903.

Very cordially,

Mr. Geo. B. Smith  
Jamestown, N. Y.

*Martha Van Rensselaer*

Dear Sir :-

In reply to your letter let me say that the date of the midwinter meeting  
of the W. N. Y. Federation is Jan. 28th. You are ~~nowhere~~ <sup>in error</sup> in regard to the place  
where it is to be held. It is Angola instead of Anglica.

Very sincerely,

*Martha Van Rensselaer*



My dear Miss Squires :-

The committee of which you wrote me is not the one which you are on. You are Chairman of the Pedagogical Committee. You may select any members to assist you that you desire throughout the Federation. You, with their assistance, will plan the work which you want to suggest for them to do along the lines of pedagogy, as showing wherein clubs may be helpful to the schools.

I hope I may meet you at Angola, although I suppose it is a school day with you. I refer to the Single Subject meeting to be held there Jan. 28th. I would suggest that you send a circular letter to the clubs, stating wherein club women may be a help in their school affairs. This letter should be mimeographed, and not necessitate your writing it out for each club. If you will get up copy of letter I will have it mimeographed for you.

Very cordially,

*Martha Van Rensselaer*

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Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Shuler :-

I handed your letter when it arrived to the President of the Women's Club, and she said she would give the matter immediate attention. I had already asked her to do so, and had dismissed it from my mind, supposing that some one had written you from the Club. I hope the woman whom she expected might go, has decided to do so, for various reasons. She is a good speaker, and is president of another club, which I hope some day will come into the Federation.

I trust your plans are maturing favorably. Let me help you in any way possible. I hope people will respond so that you can get the program out a little in advance of the meeting. You certainly have begun in time, and everyone ought to be prompt, although I must confess that has not been the case here.

I have just returned from a Canadian trip, with a high idea of Canada and Canadians.

Very cordially,

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1903.

Mrs. T. M. Dowd  
Salem, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Dowd :-

I want to express to you my appreciation of the Twentieth Century Club Book which has just been received. I do not know when I have seen a Year Book which has been so attractive to me as this one. It looks as though you would have a year of exceeding interest and pleasure in club life. The program is exceedingly attractive, and the book itself is very artistic. I want to thank you for sending me this program.

Very cordially,

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 17, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Brown:

I have read the enclosed letter with much interest. There is no doubt but that such a room, if made suitable and attractive, would be profitable to those who had the management of it. I have seen Mr. H. H. H. doing else to do, and had plenty of money. I wish to see if I can get up in business, if she can do what she says she can, but I have much work, and less money, so it does not appeal to me personally, and I am sorry I do not know whom to suggest. Perhaps it would be a good club enterprise. The object of raising the people interests we greatly, because I am very fond of them, and see all sorts of methods. I have my notions regarding it, which I have tried to carry out in my present home, but high prices make it almost impossible to do what one would like to do.

I wish I might give you more information regarding this.

Very cordially,





and she who knows the rural school. That parson is not one who has been educated in a city school, but whose experience has been confined to a public or private city school. A most interesting article, with fine illustrations, might be written by one who has seen something of the manner of conducting a rural school. My observation is, that girls and boys who have received instruction in these schools, and who go out into the world into higher schools, stand as good a chance in the long run, but they are sadly in need of better training along certain lines. The adjustment is most interesting when a young man or woman from the country goes to a high school or college. I do not think whether our Section No. 9 of the Farmers' Girls' Reading-Course, or the Rural School, would suggest any ideas to the author on this article, but I send it to you herewith. I was school commissioner for one year in the State of New York, where I had supervised all the primary and high school districts, over a hundred of which were rural. I believe there is a great field for work in New York State, and possibly in other states. I have been greatly interested in what the competition has offered to do for rural schools, and how little much has been, and will be accomplished.

A farmer's daughter's social advantages is another interesting subject. The Revere Society as much to any girl, and possibly the nature of the social function within her reach is as wholesome as that of the city girl, but I doubt it some. Many of us have been led to think that dancing and card-playing were not desirable, and I have always thought that the girl or boy who had them to learn at a country party, was not so well off as the one who



this form of amusement. Ideas of chaparral and the  
 niceties of social life are not as well known to the country girl  
 as to the city girl, but should we say that her mind is narrow  
 and she is free from the evils of social life? I think not.  
 A useful writer, who has a large comprehension of what a  
 girl needs, and of country life, might do your girl readers a  
 large amount of good. She should be encouraged to remain on the  
 farm, where that life may be better for her than factory life, but  
 she needs to be in harmony with her environment. I do not know  
 just how this subject should be treated, but these are a few sugges-  
 tions. For her reading, and I cannot get rid of it, that you

I will send you as soon as I can an article on The Farm  
 Daughter's Opportunity for Making Money. Would you rather I  
 write it immediately, or through my correspondence with the farm-  
 ers' wives of this state, try to get some experiences from them  
 which may be incorporated into an article,-- perhaps an article  
 not unlike one which I prepared for the "Outlook" of Dec. 5th on  
 "Earning in the Farm Home". I could get these experiences before  
 the middle or last of February. However, if you wanted the  
 article sooner, I would write it without them.

Very cordially,

I do not know whether these suggestions are of any value,  
 but you certainly are very welcome to them.

Very truly,

Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1904.

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Editor "Christian Advocate"  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir :-

The subscription of Mrs. H. K. Van Rensselaer expires  
the first of January. Mrs. Van Rensselaer died last February.  
Will you please discontinue the paper at the expiration of the term.

Very truly,

Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 4, 1904.

Dear Mrs. Mullen :-

I have thought for two or three weeks that I  
would write to you regarding the butter. It has not been as good  
of late, and several objected to using a part of that which was  
in the last wooden tub. The cook, too, likes to have the best of  
butter for her cooking, and I cannot get rid of it in that way.  
The difficulty seems to be that it is strong. It would not be  
wise for me to have any more of this I am afraid, as we are pretty  
particular about our butter. I am sorry about this, because I am  
sure it is no fault of yours, and it is easy for such accidents  
to occur. I believe it will be best for me to try some other  
butter for the present at least. I hope you will not have any  
trouble in disposing of it.

I enclose check to pay for that which I have had.

Very cordially,









Albany, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1904.

Miss Ellen M. Barker  
No. 1, 195, Genesee St.,  
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Miss Barker:-

I should have been better pleased to go to your home, but  
am unable to do so. We have no room at present, which tells it is  
not very large, but perhaps be satisfactory. It is the only  
one we have. It is on the second floor, next to the main room.  
The price of the room is two dollars per week, and the price for  
board is \$4.50. We should be very glad to have you as a member  
of our household, and would suggest that you come here soon  
and see the weather board and room are satisfactory.

We are very much the stay of Mrs. and Miss Sheldon.  
I had not the pleasure of meeting your father and mother, as I  
was away at the time they called.

Very sincerely,  
I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
Albany, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1904.

If I go through at 11:00, I shall be at 11:00 in the morning.

11:00, Jan. 7, 1904. I shall be at 11:00 in the morning.  
Hamilton, Ontario, Ont.

My dear Miss Barker:-  
I shall be at 11:00 in the morning, and will

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Do you know Mrs. Pratt at Rose Arden who  
may have written me, asking me to come and speak before their club

when I was in Quebec? Rose Arden was the only address given.

I have been very busy, and have not had time to write you, but I have

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Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1904.

Mr. F. F. Klock  
 Randolph, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose \$10.00 in payment for the hams which came  
 sometime ago.

Will you please send me six more?

Very truly,

Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1904.

Mrs. F. H. Johnson  
 172 Norwood Ave.,  
 Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Johnson:-

I find that the next date, Feb. 8th, will  
 be satisfactory to me. I shall leave Ithaca at 7:35 in the  
 morning and reach Buffalo at 11:40, if the train is on time.

If I am through at the meeting by 4:00, I can take a train at  
 4:15, which will allow me to reach Ithaca at 9:50 in the evening.  
 As I would like to be here at that time, I shall try to do so, but  
 do not wish to interfere with the usual time for meeting, and will  
 not ask you to change it.

I appreciate the kind invitation of the ladies of the Board,  
 and shall be very much pleased to attend a luncheon at the Ander-  
 son Tea Room. Probably it will be best for me to go directly  
 to that place upon my arrival.

Very cordially,

*Muriel Van Rensselaer*



Athens, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1904.

Miss Annie J. Nicolet,  
175 W. Main St.,  
Hamilton, Ontario, Can.

My dear Miss Nicolet:-

I was pained indeed to receive the news of your mother's death, and feel that I can well extend to you sympathy, since it is not yet quite a year since my own mother died. This is a great loss, but in the memory of a good, sweet mother we are both rich, and have much to live for, for their hope for us, our prosperity, happiness and goodness goes right on, may we not believe.

I shall write Mrs. Pratt tonight and explain why she did not hear from me. I went to Guelph early in December, just after Mrs. Pratt's letter came. I, of course, went through Hamilton, and had I known where Rose Arden was, possibly I might have arranged to stop. However, there are other days before us, and should the opportunity present itself I should be pleased to come.

I want to thank you for the program, and for the notice regarding your mother. It is an excellent one, and indicates a fine knowledge of my very family with the name Belmont, although I had no acquaintances in the family in Chautauque County. My home has always been in the adjoining county,--Cattaraugus--until I was very young, and our families have been near neighbors.

Very cordially,

what he said. I have not asked to have created in the garden  
the "Garden" that I am that this he returned, as it is  
only one.

I wish you great success, Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1904.

giving of you of this kind for you, as I have very well how  
much it is doing for that Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1904.

I would like to see the interest of having very

Miss Matilda G. Campbell, The Council, and while I am glad to  
1909 Parkwood Ave., Ill.,  
Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Miss Campbell:

Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1904.

First let me thank you for your cordial

good wishes for the New Year. Nothing makes me want to have a

good year more than to know that one's friends desire it. And as

also to return this favor with the hope that this year will be

the best of all for you. I have always enjoyed Indian music,

as I have would like very much to have received for some time

whereby this is a subject not often treated since I have not

have some at all in contact with it. I thought it

Possible, hope I may have the pleasure of meeting you upon the

Angel's trip. The program seems to be an interesting one, so long

that I shall not be able to attend the dance if I cannot

that I have, talked it over with you. I hope it is so

helping the cause, and for doing the farmer and his family good,

that you can go.

you are called upon.

and I am sure it will be far from Ithaca as many of our Federation

members, I think a simple talk on outside may be an excellent

idea, and I hope a number of club women may come to the Annual

meeting. I think this subject will be better understood by

that we shall do all that we can to make it an

interesting one for the women.

and this farmer have been considering the nutritive value of

these for stock. They more readily comprehend these things

from that familiarity than they would if they had not heard the

terms applied to matters so familiar. I think I will send you

some of the material I gathered for the purpose of other, showing



what the Farmers' wives had asked to have treated in the Farmers' Wives' Course. May I ask that this be returned, as it is my only copy?

I wish you great success, and hope it is only the beginning of work of this kind for you, for I know very well how much it is needed, and that the farmers' wives will appreciate the work.

Very cordially,

*Martha Van Rensselaer*

Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1904.

My dear Mrs. Rogerson :-

It was very thoughtful of you to send me the account of your paper as given in the Rochester paper. It is exceedingly interesting. I have always enjoyed Indian music, as I have heard it sometimes upon our Cattaraugus Reservation. I fancy this is a subject not often treated, since many would not have come at all in contact with it.

I hope I may have the pleasure of meeting you upon the Angola trip. The program seems to be an interesting one. I expect to go the day before, and attend the Council meeting in Buffalo at Castle Inn Wednesday evening. I hope it is so that you can go.

Le Roy is not as far from Ithaca as many of our Federation homes, and I hope a number of club women may come to the Annual meeting in June. We shall do all that we can to make it an interesting trip for the women.

Very cordially,

I am intensely interested in your work.

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Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1904.

Dear Doctor Denton :-

I realize fully the interest of having very desirable women chosen upon the Council, and while I am glad to write to you about it, and would be more pleased to talk to you, I do not feel that a member of the Council ought to take any part in the candidacy of any one. I am not interested to suggest any one for the sake of favoritism. It seems to me there are two or three things to keep in mind. First, to select women who will be large minded and progressive along educational lines. Second, we want women who will not indulge in petty prejudices, and who will refrain from expressing opinions which are unkind. There is so much chance for jealousy and misunderstanding, and I feel that leaders in the work must be those who will rise above it, and who will display a large amount of charity. Third, it is most desirable to select women who will have presence and refinement, which together with the best of feeling for other women will make them strong leaders among those club women who need inspiration to higher things. I do not mean necessarily money and social position, although good social position follows such a character.

I believe the Western Federation should be recognized as a strong educational factor, and there is a field of work before us which must be worked, and which can be if we do not spend time in trivial affairs, which among men might be called politics. I am intensely interested in the work as a factor for the educational advancement of Western New York women. We must not



simply do the things which have been done for years, but every year should find some advancement. This is coming about slowly, they but it is better than great bounds which perhaps may not avail as much as steady growth. If you can find three women, if that is the necessary number, who can meet these requirements, I shall be delighted. There are brilliant women in Buffalo, who have developed fast, and no doubt there are in other places within the Federation. It would seem that there could be selected those who would be in earnest in regard to the motive of the Federation, and who will be charitable toward other women. It requires, of course, those who can give some time and who can afford to attend the meetings. However, there are those who are willing to spend in this way even their small amount allowed for pleasure, and who are not women of wealth. We must avoid getting under the Council those who would be indifferent or are not aggressive as regards

Mrs. Seymour, whose term of office expires, while she may not be very aggressive, is a level-headed woman, whose judgment may be relied upon, and who is considerate of the feelings of others. I hope she will be retained on the Council. I do not know how she feels about it. You have a Buffalo woman whose spirit I admire, and I have wondered why she would not be a good member of the Council, but if I mention her name I shall do what I think perhaps is not wise, because I do not want to misuse my position. My acquaintance with her is slight, and you will know better whether she would make the all-around good woman on the Council that is desired. I refer to Mrs. Wertimer. There are others whom I have had opportunity to be more friendly with, and who I should like to favor, but selfish interests are en-

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Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 32, 1904.

Dear Miss Benson :-

Friday Mrs Bishop telegraphed you that there was  
tiredly out of place. There are those whom I care much for, who  
are bright women, but who are not most to be desired, because they  
are too easily troubled by other people's failings. One meddler,  
or one who will not represent others fairly on the Council, may  
do a world of harm. I have done just what I said at the start  
I would not do, and that is suggest any one's name. As I have  
no personal interest in the matter, from not being privileged  
with a close acquaintance with the one mentioned, you are free  
to give this suggestion no attention if you think there are  
objections. I am glad you are on this committee, because you  
will consider the highest interests of the Federation. The  
time is ripe for making it more educational, and much depends  
upon the members of the Council. If I were on a committee, and  
women were suggested, I should consider first her spirit, not  
only as regards her loyalty to the Federation, but as regards  
her delicacy in speaking of women, and I should consider whether  
she would help in the educational movement of the Federation.  
I appreciate your letter, and wish I could help you more.  
I regret that I did not have the pleasure of meeting you in Buffalo.  
I understand fully how devoted your life must be to others, to the  
extent that you may not know when your time is your own.

Very cordially,



Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1904.

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Dear Miss Beach :-

Friday Cora Bishop telegraphed you that there was a good place with her if you could come immediately. Cora is working for me, and recommends you highly. If you are at liberty to leave your present place, I would be very glad to secure your services. She does not know how you are situated, and I should not want to urge you to leave a place where you are under obligations to stay. If you can come, I wish you would write me immediately when you could do so. The wages for the work which I want will be five dollars a week. I am oversight on my part that my name was not in. Very truly,

The newspaper women will not be blessed unduly,--in fact, where letters to the editors were not. Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 23, 1904.

I desire to know to whom I may send notices and reports, and copies of communications, so that the Federation may come before the people

We opened one of the jars of butter today, and as its work merits. If we did not manage in the best way this find we cannot use it on the table, although we were obliged to time. We shall know how to do better next time. Whatever unpleasant do so tonight as we had no other on hand. I am wondering if near there may be which you refer to, must exist there, because we this is butter which has been secured from some one else. If have no feeling here regarding the matter, although it seemed to us it is, you have not the good butter that you ought to get for that even if we were not in Buffalo, that the Federation represent what you pay. I do not know whether the other crook is like ed Buffalo women to so large an extent that our efforts to enter it or not, but if it is all of the same making doubtless it is. I am sure would be of some interest in a Buffalo paper. The more

Very cordially,  
they talk it over doubtless the more unhappy they will be, and yet if they will simply refer to my letters to the editors, they will find the only statements I have to make concerning the affair, which were intended to be entirely kind and business-like. Some of them think they did all that was due, and that is all that we can ask of them.

Regarding the time and place for the Council, it is impossible to announce the day as yet, but it will be held probably at Chautauque. We are still in New York City, and the meeting with the approval of the other

women. We have for some years held the meeting at Chautauque, in the summer, and this year seems quite fitting, as we have four members in that immediate vicinity. While I may be there some this summer, I think I shall not be ready to go until later, but will be My dear Mrs. Allen:

I am very glad you mentioned Mrs. Rites, for it would be a bad omission, and it did not occur to me when I was writing you. Her address is Mrs. F. M. Rites, 518 University Ave. She entertained us royally, and it was an oversight on my part that her name was not included. I am very glad you mentioned Mrs. Rites, for it would be a bad omission, and it did not occur to me when I was writing you. Her address is Mrs. F. M. Rites, 518 University Ave. She entertained us royally, and it was an oversight on my part that her name was not included.

The newspaper women will not be blamed unduly,--in fact my letters to the editors were not a reflection upon the women. I desire to know to whom I may send notices and reports, and copies of communications, so that the Federation may come before the people as its work merits. If we did not manage in the best way this time, we shall know how to do better next time. Whatever unpleasantness there may be which you refer to, must exist there, because we have no feeling here regarding the matter, although it seemed to us that even if we were not in Buffalo, that the Federation represented Buffalo women to so large an extent that our efforts to entertain them would be of some interest in a Buffalo paper. The more they talk it over doubtless the more unhappy they will be, and yet if they will simply refer to my letters to the editors, they will find the only statements I have to make concerning the affair, which were intended to be entirely kind and business-like. Some of them think they did all that was due, and that is all that we can ask of them.

Regarding the time and place for the Council, it is impossible to announce the day as yet, but it will be held probably at Chautauque very early in July, if this meets with the approval of the other



women. We have for some years held the meeting at Chautauque, in the summer, and this year seems quite fitting, as we have four members in that immediate vicinity. While I may be there some this summer, I think I shall not be ready to go until later, but will be there for a Council meeting at an early date. If you have any choice as to the date, please let me know. I should like to have it before the 4th of July, if it is possible, and will suggest now that it be upon the first day. Saturday generally offers excursion rates from Buffalo. I need to be here the following Wednesday, which is another excursion day, and the following Saturday is pretty late. If you will kindly advise whether you can be there on that day, I will let you know immediately whether to call a meeting part of the city where women may drop in and have home-like ing.

Very cordially,

Large number of boys in this institution on that part of the boarding houses are taken care of by them, and women visiting there have few places to go to. It is a fact, however, that prices there are very high, and there is not as much money in the community as there would be if a person were where the money was. It is in part from her own garden and poultry, part from the work she does at least part of the work. It is clear that such a business would require some capital. There are high prices for the work, and there can be something made. There are many places where a house as many are making things. There are many places which could be occupied by women, but it is not in mind at present. If you were there, it would be interesting in this, and it is not in mind at present. It would be better than the work of the women, and it would secure a house. However, if you were there, it would be interesting in this, and it is not in mind at present.

There is a very excellent High School in Ithaca, and it is especially adapted to preparation for university work.

I will be glad to render you any assistance in my power, and should you come here, I will be glad to see you at 311 E. State St. I can then talk the matter over with you.

Ithaca, N. Y., June 20, 1904.  
Very sincerely,

Mrs. George B. Dusenberre  
Blenville, N. Y.

Ithaca, N. Y., June 21, 1904.

My dear Mrs. Dusenberre :-

Dear Mrs. Morse :-

I have read your letter with much interest.

I send you the state directory, and am sorry that and wish that I might be able to give you good advice regarding the I have kept it so long.

problem suggested. I believe that Ithaca affords an opportunity

Your note expressing cordial interest in my welfare is much appreciated. I will try to follow your good advice, but it

for two special lines at present. One is to have boarding houses where women may go, and another is to open a tea room in the busi-

ness part of the city where women may drop in and have home-like touches as in a work point, for no matter how many other things

I lack, I do not seem to lack an insatiable desire to go ahead. I lack food, with neat and comfortable surroundings. There is such a

large number of boys in this institution that most of the boarding and do things, though my latest pleasure is in shopping to do

things instead of executing them, although I must say I like to see houses are taken possession of by them, and women wishing board

have few places to go to. It is a fact, however, that provisions

are very high, and there is not as much money in the business as

there would be if a person were where she could supply her table

in part from her own garden and poultry yard, and where she can

do at least part of the work. Both plans which I have suggested

would require some capital. Rents are high, but by careful man-

agement there can be something made. This is a good time to se-

cur a house as many are making changes. There are, no doubt,

places which could be secured already furnished, although I have

none in mind at present. If you were able, or the ones who

would be interested in this, are able to come and look things

over, it would be better than to leave it to some one else to

secure a house. However, if you could not come, I could put you



There is a very excellent High School in Ithaca, and it is especially adapted to preparation for university work.

I will be glad to render you any assistance in my power, and should you come here, I will be glad to see you at 311 E. State St. I can then talk the matter over with you.

Ithaca, N. Y., Mar. 3, 1905.  
Very sincerely,  
Ithaca, N. Y., Mar. 25, 1905.

Dear Friend:-

Ithaca, N. Y., June 21, 1904.

One of the special privileges of the Western Feder-

Dear Mrs. Morse :- is interest taken in smaller clubs in their efforts

to obtain a list. I send you the state directory, and am sorry that I have kept it so long.

Your note expressing cordial interest in my welfare is much appreciated. I will try to follow your good advice, but it touches me in a weak point, for no matter how many other things I lack, I do not seem to lack an insatiable desire to go ahead. Arcade and do things, though my largest pleasure is in planning to do things instead of executing them, although I must say I like to see things done. I sent direct to the President of the Arcade Club.

This I am hoping that you are to take some of this advice to yourself, and that you will be very wise until you get quite strong.

I have wanted to say that I thoroughly enjoyed the work with you this spring, or rather, thoroughly enjoyed seeing you work this spring, and believe that you executed the plans for the Federation as I had never seen it done before.

Very sincerely,

Very sincerely,

Walter H. Thompson

Ithaca, N. Y., Mar. 3, 1906.

Martha F. F., Mar. 3, 1906.

Dear Friend :-

One of the special privileges of the Western Federation has been the interest taken in smaller clubs in their efforts to obtain a library. Each year for some time some club has been especially benefited in this way. The Arcade Club is endeavoring to form a library, and it is deemed by this department of the Federation, of which I am chairman, to centralize our efforts in this direction. I want to ask you to bring the matter before your club, asking for contributions in the way of books, to be sent to the Arcade Club. As a means of facilitating the work an arrangement has been made by which Mrs. J. F. Lewis will receive books for this purpose, or they may be sent direct to the President of the Arcade Club. This may be done as a club or individuals may send the books as is preferred.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am,  
Yours very cordially,

I wish you a great deal of success, and believe you will not regret taking up this work.

Very sincerely,

Martha F. F.



Ithaca, N. Y., Mar. 28, 1905.

Miss Zohedie Allen  
89 South St.,  
Auburn, N. Y.

Dear Miss Allen :-

I am pleased to say that I have a very high idea of the American School of Household Economics, and believe that it would be very advantageous to a woman who wishes to prepare herself for the position of a house-keeper or matron. Certainly it is better training than many have who hold that position. It is difficult for me to say how much value the certificate which they grant will be in securing a position, but it certainly will be a great commendation, since the work implies thorough and accurate study of the subjects treated. I am personally acquainted with several of those who have charge of the work, and am very favorably impressed. I have registered in the course myself, because I want the benefit of the knowledge which these women have upon the various subjects treated.

I wish you a great deal of success, and believe you will not regret taking up this work.

Very sincerely,

Martha Van Rensselaer

Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1905

My dear Mrs. Williams:

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and this week, but I have been so busy that I could not do so until now.

Mrs. Richard Williams  
254 Franklin St.,  
My dear Mrs. Lewis (Buffalo, N. Y.) is obliged to tell me and through the pleasure

Dear Mrs. Williams: As you are to be at the State Federation for next week, and I want to ask if you are so busy that I am sorry indeed to learn that you will be unable to be with us at the meeting in Buffalo of the Executive Council. As we are to decide at the meeting that day much in regard to our program, I cannot give you a very good idea of it until after that time. That is, we have not yet decided upon the exact days

the meeting will be held, but it is for two days the first week some day in the first day of the month, on Thursday, I am

pleased to hear that you will go over until the next week, although I be in Buffalo during the day and in Rochester in the evening. If you

Ithaca either on or before, and would not have done so had I known it.

and myself. It is a time of year when I like to see our friends, although I am

situated at present so that I should treat you as a member of my own family and not as

a guest, because my University work is on in full force. I hope you will not object

to that arrangement.

Very sincerely,

Martha Van Rensselaer.

for the Council meeting



Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 22, 1905.

My dear Mrs. Shuler :-

I have intended all the time to come to the Presidents' Round Table. I was scheduled sometimes ago to speak at a Teachers' Institute near here was Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 22, 1905. day this week, and had it nicely arranged so that I could go to Buffalo, but it was

finally decided to make a Cornell Day at this Institute, and it suited the other speakers My dear Mrs. Lewis :-

best to go on Tuesday. Therefore I am obliged to fall in line and forego the pleasure that I would have in coming to this meeting.

I notice that you are to be at the State Federation for some work, and I want to ask if you are to be a delegate from some club. Mrs. Vincent has asked me to act as delegate from the Chautauqua Women's Club, but I cannot be away all the week, and I want to arrange to have you appointed alternate in case it meets with your approval. We can then talk it over, and you will no doubt be the main one most of the time. I hope to see you at that time.

Another appointment which I must meet near Ithaca for speaking occurs on the same day as the Presidents' Round Table in Buffalo, so I shall have to forego the pleasure of being there. I have to be in Rochester that evening, and had planned to be in Buffalo during the day, and in Rochester in the evening. If you can stop in Ithaca either going or coming from Binghamton it will be a pleasure to both Mrs. Daganzo and myself. It is a time of year when we like to see our friends, although I am situated at present so that I should treat you as a member of my own family, and not as a guest, because my University work is on in full force. I know you would not object to that arrangement.

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I am sorry I have not been able to reach the particular work on which you kindly give my greetings to the members of the Council at your meeting, and hoping that it will be a most enjoyable occasion, I am, Very Sincerely,

pleasures to be derived from farm life--those to occupy space in different issues of the Companion. I did not understand this from your first letter because it had not occurred to me that it would do any more than make one article. Since giving the matter more thought I believe it would make a good series, provided different subjects were taken up in detail both for the entertainment and instruction of the readers. I therefore submit the following list :

With pole and line.

With gun and dog.

With hammer and saw.

Around the fireplace with nuts and apples.

In the field and wood (I have reference to hunting birds' nests, picking berries, gathering nuts, etc.)

Farm work with pleasure attachments (I have in mind riding hay rake, plowing hay, hunting eggs, driving pigs, etc.).

Farm pets.

Do you wish me to take one of these subjects? I think farm pets would appeal to me the most of all, and should this please you I will be able to send you an article without much more delay.

Very sincerely,



Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1905.

Mr. Wm. H. Rideing,  
Youth's Companion Office,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Rideing :-

I am sorry I have not been able to reach the particular work on which you wrote me, but I think I can take it up now, and I infer from one of your communications that you would like a list of subjects which would have reference to the pleasures to be derived from farm life--these to occupy space in different issues of the Companion. I did not understand this from your first letter because it had not occurred to me that it would do any more than make one article. Since giving the matter more thought I believe it would make a good series, provided different subjects were taken up in detail both for the entertainment and instruction of the readers. I therefore submit the following list :

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My dear Mrs. Rogers :-

I return to you the original copy of your paper. I had some typewritten copies made which I gave to Mrs. Morse for use at the meeting. I quite enjoyed doing this because of the value of the paper, and I wish I might pass on to you the compliments which were received for it. I am sorry you could not have been there to have them at first hand. It was a most interesting meeting, and this session was spoken of as the best part of the week. The women like to have something of a literary nature along with the business and social features.

Hoping you and yours are quite well, I am,

Very sincerely,

*Martha Van Rensselaer*

Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1905.

My dear Mrs. Vincent :-

I received your communication containing the receipt, and had no trouble whatever in getting the necessary badge, etc. I was able to be there during the time necessary for voting, and was really glad to be a delegate. The meeting was a very good one indeed - better than any I have attended, or at least it seemed so to me. Mrs. Decker made a masterful address, and placed the subject of women's clubs in a most sane way before her audience, without having to say very much about Mr. Cleveland. I will try and have some sort of a report ready for you next summer, to be used when you want it.

I hope you are well.

With much love,

*Martha Van Rensselaer*











