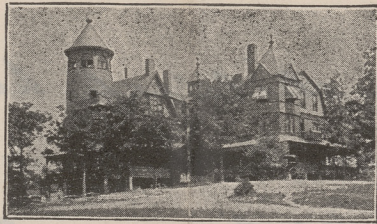


that changeableness
I claim, & so on is not
the evil influence, but
the unclean air of the
cities -
Sincerely
Dear Mother,

Aunt
I am has understood
Cathy, so I
suppose it
is going on
well



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I have had quite a
sheaf of letters yesterday assuring me that
all are well - Conrad seems over come
with homesickness, poor little child,
it may do him good, but I don't like
to think of his being miserable. Also they
tell me Miss Vaul is ill, & Mr Taylor
not better if this is the case. Con certainly
must come home it - we never do to
add to Marys troubles by such an alien
element as a boy, well you please
try & see about this - I am every
sorry for Mary - she has little strength
to come & go on - I wd have written
to her directly, only the accounts I
got were so second hand - Clara said
she met the Elliotts I, & that Gertrude

looked very childish her hair all
hanging down, & so on - I hope you
& papa are keeping well - we went
for a long drive on Monday, by the
Kinnilworth & up Beaumont hills
& then we seemed to go down &
up hill after hill & make a tour
round the town only passing
through a quarter of villas which
seemed set here & there right into
the forest. Every one complains of
times being dull here - Mr Vexeler
built palace is still slowly building
he has in his employ a german farmer
who is planting out trees in acres
& experimenting on the possibilities of
the country in that direction. Also
has an excellent dairy which at
present supplies milk to the Kinnil-
worth Inn - there the practical American
preps are - The mountains are most beau-
tiful in the clear intervals, heavy rain
has dispersed the smoke - but it has been
equally & stormy the ther is at 39° this morn-
g against - 80° on Salisbury, wh. all goes to show