

## Galatad

September 30 - 1809.

My darling Boy -

When the request came to  
Drill and to Perry from Mr Mac Alpine for  
a confidential letter about you - Drill felt a  
little queer about saying your income was  
but 750<sup>00</sup> - when he had understood there was  
more - He felt that you did not realize that  
money was worth money - and that you  
were getting this 100<sup>00</sup> from the U. without  
interest - So that you could receive interest  
I explained to him how you felt - and to  
make us all feel better I have written to Mr

Mac Alpine the following letter -

"Since signing the request for remission of  
taxation for my son, Wilder Pinfield, I have felt that  
you should know all of the facts in the case.  
He is entirely dependent on my father. Our  
school here is in its infancy and for a year  
or two, at least, I shall be able to do nothing  
for him. My father is not a rich man, is old,  
and cannot trust anything to the future beyond  
what he can see. He has arranged his affairs so that

Wilder shall have an income of 750<sup>00</sup> a year for four years. Aside from that he has put in his name property that brings in an interest of 180<sup>00</sup> a year. Wilder can use that if necessary, but his grand father has made a strong plea, that he shall not touch either the principal or interest - unless compelled to do so, until he leaves college. He wants to feel, if he should be taken away, that Wilder has a little money to work on until such time as he should be established in business. The money is his, and he can use it. And yet he feels that, morally, he has no right to use it - if he can get along without it, without too much scrupling. He could not see how he could do it, until he learned about this chance of remission. Under the circumstances he felt justified in stating his income to be but 750<sup>00</sup>.

I believe he will do the best work he is capable of doing, for he is very much in earnest.  
Very cordently &c

Grandpa is really making sacrifices in sending you - but you understand all of that - as well as I do. Now if you will go to Mr Max Alpine and tell him that I have written you that - I have written to him - and talk it all over with him. I think there will be no doubt but that you will get the remission - and you and Will and I will feel better

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about having signed the request when we knew  
there is no chance of any question in regard to  
their understanding of your circumstances -  
I felt queer about signing it - though I under-  
stood your position and think it all right -  
I do not know how Perry feels about it - Will  
wanted me to write you the way it looked to  
him - and let you do what you thought best  
about seeing Mr Mac Alpine - but when I told  
him what I thought of writing he felt as tho it  
would be better for us all for me to write it - in  
that way - I think the matter has troubled you  
a little bit; although from your stand point - I think  
you were justified - I have at last made the  
curtains - not that they were much work  
but things have crowded so - The doing up the  
many injuries keeps me fairly busy - Perry  
says he never had a football team so willing  
to work - and Robert is so pleased - "No one  
kicks this year" - even the run after a hard  
tussle is all right - and they have had some  
hard practice - I am so glad to be kept so  
well informed about your doings - I had a postal  
from Albert today - Mary busy keeping the fashions

from being bored and homesick. From inside  
information I hear that - Weeks is 'getting his' at  
Princeton - you have not heard that - is homesick  
have you? -

I must write some other letters. I

hope you will see some of the Professors soon.  
Evidently the College Authorities appreciate the  
fact that Freshmen are too busy getting adjusted  
to be able to take in any thing in the way of lectures  
at first. Princeton spirit? Why bless you, your  
letter is so full of it that I get so excited and  
enthusiastic I forget - I am not a college boy too.  
Oh I hope. I hope you may make the team!  
Thanks to John Humbird & Starkey - is not the  
latter a sophomore? No, I am not afraid for  
you - but then, if you can make for any cause  
perhaps I should worry - but I seem to feel  
that you are able to care for yourself.

I shall want to know all about the Bible class.  
I wish I could attend it -

Your loving Mother.

Friday A. M.

Mother dear - such a lovely long letter from you! I cannot really answer it now - Grandpa has been unconscious since yesterday noon - all of the time. It is a matter of hours now we will send a telegram when it is over - Of course you will not think of coming home.

I suppose Uncle Tom sails tomorrow =

I have not thought of Ruth's coming until just as I wrote her now - I think I will have the best telephone her to come

down tonight - if she  
can leave home - I know  
Grandma wants her  
and I have a sudden  
overwhelming desire to  
have her here -

I love you my darling  
boy. I love you -  
Mother -

I need this  
page for the  
letter by  
mistake - Clara  
parson slots.  
Each under  
his care.

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A SCHOOL FOR BOYS  
HUDSON, WISCONSIN

Sunday, Sept 26, '19.

Dear Brother mine -

I was married when I was  
Twenty - not six teen, as you would have it - and  
I am six, not two, years older than you. More-  
over, to sum up, I will be Twenty five my next  
birth day - three months from today. But I will  
forgive you, for it is flattering to have my young  
brother say I am only Twenty.

You have pleased and surprised me, for I did  
not know you could write such interesting

letters. It is such fun to get them - we are all so  
eager to ~~read~~ get them, for you give us a splendid  
idea of everything. How you must be enjoying it all.  
It seems so queer to have you in a place we have  
never seen, and to have <sup>your</sup> make friends that we can't  
know. I think we almost feel jealous. I'm so glad  
you found some congenial friends from the very  
start - how fortunate you were.

Yesterday Jack and Mr. Curtis left before six am.  
drove around in search of a cow, landing at Roberts  
at noon where they saw the McDrays for a few minutes.  
From there they hired a team and drove on to Archwood  
to see the N. S. play Cumberland, getting back about  
9:30 after having driven about 50 miles.



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Here's a new joke to us - hus bond - with a sigh - How I wish  
you could make bread like mother used to make!  
Wife - with greater sigh - How I wish you could make  
dough like father used to make!

I suppose mother wrote of the visits of the graduates  
- Cash, Dory (?) Allen, Babcock & Dody. It was interesting  
to see the difference in the receptions given the  
boys. When Dory appeared he was simply noticed, no  
more. When Dody landed the foot ball practice was  
halted and such a rush and loud shouting and  
grinning and talking all at once. It did seem nice

to look him back - and Allen, too. Allen has gone to  
Portland, from there he is to go into the woods with his  
father until Christmas when he returns home  
and then goes thro the woods in Mississippi.  
just to learn the business.

Say, wife, how much paint did you get on your  
new corduroys? I'm burning with curiosity to  
know. As soon as the hordes told us you were  
going to paint the floor I began wondering what  
you'd wear.

You'd better send us, before Dec., a list of little  
things that would be useful or pleasant to  
have. You might just as well lose things that  
you want as a lot of truck you don't want.

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Here I am prattling along aimlessly and harm-  
lessly without telling you any thing interesting.  
But my days are all alike, with little of interest  
to anyone but myself. ~~Rears~~ The children, feed them,  
put them to bed, with much loving, scolding,  
and some spanking thrown in.

We all love you and think of you often. Mother  
never talked of you so much - it is wilder this & wilder  
that, and she has quite forgotten that you have  
any faults. You almost wear a halo -

Lovingly

Arthur.



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keep things going - This afternoon - after a talk with  
Mell - on his own suggestion - Douglas came over  
apologised in a very manly way to me - I was so  
thankful he did. He looks as white as the he had been  
ill. I went to church - taught the class - went to Mrs  
Baker's for ~~break~~ dinner - met Mr & Mrs Severance  
with Prof. Burton & wife - home at 4:30 - rested and  
got ready for Bible class this evening - After the class -  
the teachers took the quiz sections. I hope it will  
work out - all right - Some of the boys went to  
New Richmond to see see the game with Cumberland -  
not much of a game - and some went to <sup>Minneapolis</sup> St Paul to see  
the Minn. game with Lawrence - I went on a trip  
on the houseboat - Mr Curtis & Percy started out  
before breakfast to look for a cow - went to U. R.  
and got home about 9:30 - I believe they found no  
cow - but they saw the game - started with Leon &  
then took another <sup>one</sup> a team - Not a very economical  
trip - Sidney Gould comes tomorrow to work, I believe.  
Herbert's birthday is Tuesday - I go to St Paul to the  
Dental - in the morning - home at 2:35 - and Herbert  
& Mame have dinner with me - also - Percy & Ruth  
and Eliot - in my room - Tomorrow I have the

Seniors - did not leave the Saturday as I intended.  
Ead many gone - Winifred's friend, Miss James comes  
tomorrow.

I love you very much - Mother -  
Have you met Hildruth yet? - How did John  
Humbird find you out? - Have you met any  
of Mother's friends yet? - What kind of a  
rug could you have bought for 30¢? You were  
"stung" on the chairs? - Then they cannot be very  
good ones - The weather here is so cold - Every one  
has a cold - except Mother - If I get the curtains  
we were looking at - and make a single width for  
the bedroom window will that be right? and  
cut it in two for making two narrow ones for the  
double window? - It is really a sash curtain  
you want for those small windows I should  
judge - I wish I could see them and see  
how they look, and what they need - If you  
answer all of my questions, adding to them  
something of the Church services of yesterday - I  
shall have a good long letter - Winifred & Ruth  
think you get more on a postal than any one they  
ever knew - Mother - on Monday evening -

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September - 26 - 1909.

My dear, dear, Boy.

So the "doings" have begun!  
And you think it fun do you? I shall be  
eager to know about the cannon work.  
John Humbert - Tom is his father's name. Is he  
a Sophomore? Well, I am glad he should  
his friendliness - in spite of the fact that you  
did not appreciate his services -

Ah dear - I have thought of you some today.  
Do you want me to correct your spelling when I  
write, the same as we corrected each other's  
grammar? Some of it - surely is bad - yet  
I know that you know better - like your  
birth to Chicago - we speak of the birth of a child  
but - a birth in a train. You are more careful  
than you need to be. What is a soccer team?

One of the family knew there was such a game  
but did not know what it was.

My but - your windows are tiny ones - you must be  
way up in the roof with dormer windows - Will you

have light-and air enough? What-kind of  
heat-is there in the building? Are you going to be really  
very comfortable? A student's lamp will be better for  
your eyes than electric lights-provided it is kept  
clean & bright-I wish I could see your rooms-  
A room mate-would help to make things cheaper  
and pleasant-I should think- Have all the

suits of rooms a fire place?

Do you have a corduroy coat-or jacket- & wear  
with the corduroy trousers? I should have thought-  
you would have painted with your old clothes on-  
or rather your glad Galahad clothes on- The poor  
silk soft-shirt!!- I am glad you did not buy  
much here at-home- Tell me if Chester and  
Stickney near well- Last night- Louise & Tenn

were ironing in the laundry- The Mac Quarrie table had  
a marsh mallow roast in their room- Ruth & I  
were invited and we were playing games when of a  
sudden-a knock-and in walked the girls all  
excited- and told Mr Mac. to come to the laundry  
that some of the boys were "talking nasty" to them- they  
were scared and angry and tearful- The only one caught  
was Hunter- Will shook him and kicked him etc-  
Some one else was mixed up in it- but who? - This morning  
at breakfast things were a trifle strained- Had I tried to



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Thursday -

My dear, dear Boy -

Perhaps no one but your own  
dear self can appreciate what the postals  
mean to me - Bless your heart - I am  
so glad you have found two such nice  
(little!) friends - and right away just when  
you most need them - Can you not  
change your rooms? Can you not room  
with Chester? or has he his room quite engaged?  
The room will make such a difference to you  
don't be afraid of asking for what you think  
you ought to have for the money - I am  
glad his pocket-book and yours agree  
as to size for that - will make it easier  
for both of you - Did his mother go on  
with him or was she there? How old  
are he and Stehney, and when are they from?  
Frank Cash came yesterday morning

He will wait for Doty who comes either  
this afternoon or this evening and will  
stay over night. Frank Babcock was here  
for dinner last evening but went on  
to Madison on the 9.20. Allaw was  
here Tuesday for dinner. He has gone  
West with his father. The Websters were  
here for lunch Monday, as well as Mrs  
Abramow. Long John wont be gone  
until November. Has had scarlet fever  
after which he was blind for a while, and  
is now very careful of his eyes and  
yet he is doing good work in the 8<sup>th</sup>  
grade, better work really than Martin  
and some others who look down on him  
with contempt for his greenness.

Melville and Marshall hurt their  
right shoulders yesterday. so they could not  
sleep last night. I put on hot water and  
rubbed in Baume Analgésique and bound them  
up and again this morning after Dr had seen

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them. Marshall is the worst - as he seems to have loosened the tendons.

Eliot comes over every night - and stays for a few moments. He started the time o'clock lunch Tuesday - many but not all of the boys take advantage of it.

Tea and sandwiches so far. Tea and cookies today. I believe it will be a good thing for the boys.

I went to St Paul yesterday the dentist did a lot of work - but I shall have to go there times more. He told me I would have the tooth ache yesterday - and he was very right. I did not sleep much last night.

I think of you so much - and miss you, dear, but am so grateful that you can be there. I will write grandma what you write me and ask her to send to me what you write her. When I am sure of your address I will send a little package to you - you left me or his things.

Bridgeman is here. Will be 20 in April - a

"Man of the world" type of boy. The upper  
dormitory, <sup>boys</sup> have broken in the teachers' door,  
have been throwing all sort of missiles, and  
roughhousing generally. Martin and  
Hunter - egged on by Jones, who keeps in the  
background, seem to be the principle mes-  
sengers. Everything is moderately quiet down stairs.  
Mr Wright seems to act as the red cloth  
shaken at the bull. Will is at his wit's end  
and being unsettled and sick he seems quite  
discouraged with it all. If he could take her  
Wright by the coat collar and shake him up  
a little he would be glad for he does not  
seem to blame the boys very much. Percy  
does not feel so strongly but he does not  
have the dormitory. It may end in  
getting a new teacher, putting him in full  
control and bringing the others "Mr W & Mr B."  
our men in the north west rooms.

I must get to work. Keep on  
letting me all about things - first impressions  
etc. - your mother -

out - very unapologetically -  
that - claudin - God bless  
my boy - Nat - & Mother  
New - York - on Saturday  
might - my - again - orders -  
some - thing - may - be - doing -  
I - wish - I - could -  
settle - your - room -  
for - you - let - me -  
know - what - you -  
may - need - I - am -  
hoping - and -  
I - will - pass - the -  
word - to - your - mother -

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September 20 - 1909.

The breakfast-bell will ring shortly -

I can say "good morning" - and write the rest after  
breakfast. Will keep me informed of about - when  
you are. Yesterday as he was starting off to church

he called "Mother Jean - your clock is slow, Wilber  
is just - leaving Chicago" - There seems to be any  
few people here now - you have left - so big a  
hole. Saturday night - I slept - well it rained,

thunder and lightning and I never heard it -  
Yesterday my brain seemed addled - everything  
was - well my boy had gone, you see, and I was  
tired. I don't - mean that - any one was cross -

simply that - everything lacked flavor - And during  
church I could scarcely keep the tears back - but  
I shall get - robust - and things will set - to running  
all right - and oh but - I am so thankful that  
you can go to Primitiv - so thankful we do  
not - have to worry about the necessary money -  
so thankful that - I do not - have to worry about -

your conduct - or your studies - so  
thankful that - you are well and strong and  
clean - a Christian gentleman. I am very  
happy about that, my dear.

Davy came over for the day yesterday - he  
drove me to church - Jack Gilchind - stayed  
to S.S. with Ned - and drove me home - I went  
to see Mrs Andrews and take the flowers to her,  
before church - the young people's choir sang yesterday  
that - seemed to please the boys - I had the Review  
and it was not a success - I did not go to the  
funeral - Will has bronchitis - went to the Dr  
yesterday - and feel pretty bad.

Bridgman from Duluth comes today - and we  
are to have a new teacher I suppose - we sat  
up until three and after talking about it -  
could not agree on the man - Percy wants a  
math. teacher plain & simple - Will and I insist  
on athletics - hoping for a disciplinarian - and I  
insist on public speaking and debating being one  
of the qualifications - if possible. Mr Baker &  
Mr Helms were afraid we would not quarrel enough  
and I guess we have not - in times past - but this year <sup>we</sup> ~~we~~

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Jan 2. 1910

My dear boy -

I don't know how long you are to be in Washington - but I have in my mind the idea that you will be in Princeton again by Wednesday - so I think I will send this letter there. I do not feel that I have been very close to you the past few weeks. I have been so busy it has been something like a dream - and some way your letters have not told me all. How is your arm? how are the boils? How are you feeling? - Have you been having a really good time? Have you been giving Mrs Price a good time? Is the boarding house something like the stories one reads? A city boarding house is queer - wouldn't you hate to spend your life in one? - The World's S.S. Convention meets in Washington in May - Will and I have decided that the Presbyterian Church would better send me as delegate. I would be willing to pay part of the expense - myself - for instance - my fare from Washington to Princeton - and your fare from Princeton to Washington - wouldn't it be fine to plan for? - But it would take away from the going abroad fund. Tell me about your arm - is it -

like Mills when he went to wrestling? or like Francis?  
Eberl & William came over to see me this afternoon -  
Eberl seemed to me to smell of tobacco - I hope not -  
for he cannot afford to do anything that will hurt  
his brain power - William seems very thin - They  
are nice boys - and I do think much of them -  
He may have them - possibly four <sup>two</sup> boys next week -  
The fourth one will fear me do not want - Better  
on Summit Ave. St. Paul - went to Culver two years  
with Sullivan - and has been going to 2 that -  
Cascadillo? this year - but wants to change - 17 years  
old - Will think it does not look right -

Mr Sammond of Milwaukee is talking of sending  
two boys - 15 years old - and 12 or 13 - a Strauss  
from Iowa 13 years old and "the second year of  
high school - that looks well - I hope we get  
them - twelve or fifteen hundred - and five hundred  
saved in the teachers will count on paying bills -  
I told you he was to do without - both Mr Marlowe  
and Mr Wright? I have two new girls - also  
seem to be nice girls, for second girls -

Mame has a bad cold - Jean has croup -  
and so Herbert was not at S.S. Some mischief  
has been going on over town - such as breaking into  
the church - ringing the bells - leaving door and  
windows open to the weather - since Fred went home -  
and every one thinks he is to blame - he certainly



has a black eye over them - and I am afraid  
he deserves it - he is so careless - so irresponsible.  
He acts like a silly of fourteen instead of being  
seventeen. I mean, at fourteen one could say - "oh  
well, he will out-grow it" - but - at seventeen one  
begins to fear. It is a great relief to them to have  
him over them. I am sure of that.

Earnest - Isaac Quamie sent me a book "The  
Dawn by Galilee" by Ralph Connor - with Connor's  
autograph - Was it not dear of him? - I came  
today - I have not heard one word from  
Ruth since she reached Santa Ana - Do not  
know when they reached there - or in what  
condition.

I am sorry your Christmas was so late in reaching  
you - I hope you received the Tray Will made  
for you. I wanted, and expected, to make  
my gift - 25<sup>00</sup> - but - other things came up - and I  
could not. Tell me all about yourself - You had  
20<sup>00</sup> in cash to spend - that - was not bad - I wish  
it might have been more.

Elizabeth is quite happy - but - the darling does take  
up a good bit of Minifredo's and my time - of course -  
I have to go to St - Paul this week on Galahad business -  
and a lot of work is to be done this week. How we  
miss you!! - Will said "Wife spoiled us - he used to  
come around and ask 'what next?' when he had finished

his job - nobody else does - yes Carl did - but  
these fellows don't - I should say they didn't!

May God bless - guide and teach you, my  
darling boy - Mother.

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Jan 11 - 1910 -

My darling Boy -

I am not trying to answer  
your last letter - I am too hurried for  
it - is half past nine o'clock and I must  
write Ruth, too - before you goes down town.  
After the postal I sent you I know you  
will be anxious to know how things are  
going here - Clara, Anna & Louise came  
back last night - It is good to have them  
in the kitchen again. I need another  
girl - but Mrs Pinnigher comes to the  
front - in fine style - and we are doing  
all right. Busy Bee is cutting out  
pictures here in the floor - Winifred  
is very far from well - and some  
arrangements will have to be made  
to relieve her of the laundry - How surely  
do problems of one kind or another arise

continually to keep us busy with brains & bodies - Will thinks school start-out fine. The boys are all glad to be back and are in good spirits -

Stair has been the dominant-spirit in school - in his bulldozing, dominating way. At the afternoon teas - for instance - he takes the seat ~~the seat~~ at my (our) desk - and should any other boy be sitting there when he comes in - he gets up without a word said by either one, and stair takes the seat. Well, before Christmas, there grow up - gradually & quietly an opposition party - led by whom do you imagine? none other than little Louis Benjamin - quiet and unobtrusive Louis - and really he seems to wield a greater influence than almost any other fellow in school. It started by Stair's blushing up and ordering Louis around. And Louis would not stand for it - and offered to fight it out. Stair would not fight - of course - Stair is Captain of the basket-ball team - <sup>Lewis</sup> Louis and several others refuse to play under his

management - Query - will their  
loyalty to the school prove greater than  
their dislike of Stair - whom the boys elected  
or will there be no basket-ball team,  
or will Stair see his mistake and  
use more tact in his handling the  
boys? Mill is to try for that -

Mr Wright and Mr Marlowe are not  
here - Mill says his programme works fine.  
I have not seen the others to ask them.

Mill is in Study Hall for all of his  
classes except the his Manual Training  
periods - the first thing in the morning  
and the first thing in the afternoon.

After Study Hall last night the boys  
went out for a game of indoor baseball -  
they slept like tops afterwards -

I must write Ruth now - then is  
an editorial that may explain itself - for  
one week - Ned was kept in the house

from Tuesday until Monday morning when  
he was sent out here - except the three  
times he had to go into court. Mother  
and Les Peterson were mixed up in it and  
Patric held the horse - as I am informed.  
Although Patric told his mother that he  
was at Gulahed when the bells rang - but  
he was not - Poor kid - will he ever

learn self control - and Roger is worse -  
so those who know him think - because he  
is more malicious -

God bless you and bless  
all who are kind to you -  
your mother -

I had a letter from poor little Grandma  
Jefferson tonight. - Grandma a lather of  
nothing but - expenses - and she thinks  
that it is one man - But it is so homelike,  
you know how he can run on - and  
how uncomfortable he makes it for  
her - The trouble is - Grandpa is far  
from well - is getting old - and has  
nothing else to think of - And Grandma  
is worried with his worrying - and  
her anxiety for him - she has been in  
court - fear ever since she left - here  
and she shall not go away alone with  
him - again - It is dreadful to some old

Galveston -

February 23-1860.

My dear Wilder -

I received your letter  
of Sunday a while ago -

Yes - it was much better for you  
to tell me how you felt - about  
my letters than to become so  
annoyed that you <sup>would</sup> not  
care to receive them - Forgive  
me - dear - I did not realize  
what I was doing - You see  
I have no one but - you to talk  
to now a days - that is to talk  
out - to - and I guess I forgot  
that - you were but - mine here and  
I - fifty - two - I never have been

quite so much alone - in some ways -  
as I am just now - and your mother  
is the most dependent woman - in  
some ways - of any woman she ever  
knew - So I will stop preaching - by  
and make my letters more interesting  
and newsy - At the same time -  
I shall take the mother's prerogative  
sometimes - and give my son a warning  
when I see that he needs it - you  
won't object to that - will you dear  
Mr Curtis is in bed, tonight - I hope  
not for long - Poor boy he is always so

nervous about himself.

Cal had plays Wednesday, Thursday, down  
town they have not practiced for a  
week or more - Stair is back after  
a week's illness - has bronchitis now  
but is in school - cannot play any more  
basket ball - and as the Kouagle  
withheld a while ago - I do not know  
how they will come out - Gilchrist  
is doing very well - a fine guard - but  
do not know how he will play center.

It has been and very cold the past  
week and still is bitter - but probably  
it won't last long now.



and Haines tomorrow afternoon and to  
Mrs Slater tomorrow evening (Mrs Haines  
just telephoned me she would put him off  
until Saturday - but I prefer Mrs Slater's)  
will tell you what  
plans later -

Again -  
your mother

For so few seem to do it - probably  
cool ground - that - O may -  
Will come up from -  
for over summer -  
I had another nice letter  
from Dady. He has been  
spending his winter holidays  
socially with his three sisters -  
visiting one in Prairie & the  
another in some other school -  
and the mammal one in  
Salemburg. He did not try  
for barbed-wire - Will & wife  
he was not very promising - Frank  
did and Dady thinks he made  
the team. He is going to send  
me a couple photos for the book



My darling Boy.

This is Washington's birthday - This is the  
22<sup>nd</sup> - This is the day we have been  
looking forward to - This is the day of the  
great-wrestling meet - and I am  
thinking of you - I hope you will win,  
but if you do not win the match - you  
have put your best efforts into it - and  
that is success - the real success -  
and if you do not win - the other fellow  
will be happier than if you do win - So  
we will not be unhappy after all - You  
want your memorials though - and  
I hope you will get them - bless your  
dear old heart.

I am reading President King's  
address to young men "How to make a  
Rational Fight for Character" - the sanest-  
thing I have ever read on that subject -  
and I am giving it to the boys - by putting  
at the morning bath this week - I hope to send it to you

I am going over to Herbert's to lunch today - and  
mean to get a picture for you. Some time ago -  
weeks ago - Roy Smith sent his photo to you -  
I showed it to Herbert - (I took the liberty of  
opening it - I wanted to see him) - and the  
rascal has kept it - said you did not need  
it! - They are busy getting ready for moving  
the first of April. The house will then be  
fixed up - ready for Grandma & Emma & I  
one - when they shall come back - May 1st -  
or perhaps earlier - if the spring is an early  
one -

We have a new boy - Frederick Hammond, of  
Milwaukee - a dear boy - he seems to be -  
he cannot get above the 30 mark - however -  
and finances are troubling us - as usual - at  
this and all times of the year. Ray was  
seen from five o'clock Sunday afternoon until  
ten o'clock Monday morning. I wish we had  
a business manager like him at - Galahad -  
for - Willie boy - a business manager is what we want -  
what we need - and what we must have for before  
we succeed financially - If I were what I used to be  
in energy etc - I could help by nagging more  
persistently - but - I can not do more now.

The boys are annoyed as you now - and I can  
not blame them - but I told them yesterday  
they would have to endure it - I knew it was  
not my business to call the meetings etc -  
it was not pleasant for me to be told -  
"when I want a teacher's meeting - I will call it"  
"when the President called the meeting we would  
have it" - I did not like those slaps - but the  
meetings must be held for the good of the  
school - and therefore they would have to put  
up with my nagging - and I suppose I would  
have to put up with their slaps - unless they  
would attend to it themselves. Plain talks  
must begin sometimes - and those who don't  
boys are so roused they let the things slide  
that do not have to be attended to - these  
business meetings must be held - I am  
not complaining of them - for we had our  
spat - and were as good friends as ever - It  
just shows that I have my work to do here.

Well - Mrs Pennington is so weary the  
janitor, Martin !!! - Now what do you  
think of that? He has three children - and she  
has money - He is a brute - but he is a man.  
I mean by a "brute" no fine feelings - does not know  
when he is impertinent - and no regard for the

feelings of any one - Poor foolish woman -

I shall be so thankful when this nastiness  
is over - do keep off the mats then - when you  
sit against those chairs - oh I can feel how  
it hurt you - Tell me about the boils and  
the other skin disease - How many boils  
have you had? -

Your loving mother -

To look for the best in them - being sorry  
for the things that make them - and  
wanting to be of service whenever possible.  
We cannot help any one - as we would  
like to do - for every one must listen to you  
and me - I suppose some news there is  
some one to help each of us - if he is  
faithful. But, dear, do not become  
so accustomed to swearing and strong  
talk that it becomes a habit - with  
you. Those strong words do not show  
the cultivated gentle man I want my  
boy to be. How did you like Mozart?

Here is our latest - Heine went to a little  
fire they had in North Hudson last night.  
It was cold so he dressed accordingly.  
Edward's crimson cap was perched on the  
back of his head on top of his curly shock  
of hair. A yellow slicker so stiff with  
the cold he could not move his arms and  
kid gloves! The boys laughed and joked  
"Fire Chief Holts" until the men who were  
working in the fire thought they were being  
made game of - they grew angry and  
made a few remarks which made  
the boys laugh still louder -

I guess I told you that the freshmen were  
boasting that they could beat any basket ball  
team Galahad could put up? and they  
played with the little Pages - and were  
beaten 13-4!! They don't like being  
beaten about it. And now the Pages  
are so muddled up about it - they have  
challenged the Hudson freshmen, whom  
our freshmen beat 25-7. The Hudson  
freshmen are so big our little pages would  
be able to touch them -

Perry was up and heard his classes  
in the cottage today - but he went to bed

Galahad -

February 16. 1910.

My Boy -

I have just written 25  
the mallets - and now - I  
mean to say a few words to you  
before beginning to put mealy for  
bed. So you are going to bed  
all - the - o'clock with after the 22 =  
Good idea - How are you feeling?  
Have you any more sails - Can  
you any more skin boots?  
I think about the other fellow  
man! good - I am glad -



I can see his side, of course - but -  
Ruth is feeling pretty well. We  
are making plans here - as usual -  
for the summer's work. so many new  
plans - some practical. some not -  
some possible - some impossible, but  
necessary if we had the money -  
It does no harm to plan - and planning  
many things makes us ready for the  
right one when the time comes.

I must go down and see  
Perry - Good night - dear boy -

Mother -

before dinner, and glad enough  
to go - He looks very white and  
feels very weak. The thing that  
interests him most is the looks  
of his hands - they are pink & white,  
clean, he says - so that he can  
scarcely recognize them for his -

Father thinks now he cannot  
come home this summer. His  
happiness is the trouble, I think -  
he does not want to go to Bayfield  
and he cannot stay here - and  
he cannot bear to think out  
a new plan. But Mother can  
not bear to stay there - oh I  
don't know what will be done.

not-worry. you are only nineteen - your  
voice is barely settled. you have not  
used it - enough to have learned the  
use of it - and you have had no practice  
in reading. The voice is then - the  
true ear is then - the love of music  
and appreciating music is then. And  
if your Mother is blessed as I know  
she is and will be - you will have  
the opportunity. This year may be too  
soon. I am glad you are ambitious -  
I am glad you want - to get - to the front.  
But - Steel-head - is not - her temptation?  
Is it the devil to make the most of yourself

Salute -

Tuesday Evening.

My Boy -

100 - you have 15 more

for what - you get - and, I  
thank God that - you have a  
great - deal - you and Carl

Mathew's were very different -  
how easily things came to him -  
how glad he would go to class  
with a half learned lesson,  
trickling to his mind with -  
get - like through and remain  
he would make a much more  
brilliant - scholar than you, who

had studied hard - and in athletics -  
slow quick he was - why he would  
be there before you had really started  
but - now you are getting them - when  
is he? - Ah the danger then is having  
the ability to do things without - working  
for it -! Well, dear, I have spoken to  
you often of my desire to have you sing  
well - so you know I sympathize with  
you in your longing to be able to sing -  
you can do so much good with a  
voice - you can give so much pleasure -  
you can reach hearts with a consecrated  
singing voice that - cannot be reached  
by the ordinary voice - The wonderful  
power of a singing voice that - has been  
given to the work for the kingdom of  
God! - And I want you to have it -  
And you can have it - Your father  
had a really wonderful voice - he  
never made any use of it - With his  
higher ideals sent his desire to sing -  
Strange - Did God give him that  
gift - to use for Him - and when he had  
no thought for Him did the gift - pass on  
him? - I wonder - however - do

your work this time I cannot find out  
from the catalogue. Perry was taken sick  
Sunday. a terrible headache and high fever.  
He is still in bed - but temperature is normal  
this morning. weak and dizzy - however -  
Mrs Mrs The real one here yesterday it  
was a sunny, hand day for several days.  
Miniford had a meeting down town - and  
Mrs Pennington was gone all day. so things  
piled up. I am reading the Crisis to Perry.  
God bless you - my boy, my boy -  
Mother.

the nation, the ability; how has  
since you, or is it the desire  
or satisfaction others that makes  
you work and dig as you do?  
You got in the blind ranks in Hell.  
You did the best you were capable  
of just now - did you not?  
Bill got in the first ranks - gone  
Are you not lonely and sincerely  
glad and happy for him?  
Did he not work for it? and  
possibly, did he not need,  
just that encouragement - just now?  
Rejoice with them that do rejoice  
You are not a nation to feel any  
jealousy - I know that: I know  
you do rejoice with others' success.

But - you are inclined to berate yourself  
too much for not getting first - in every-  
thing - I want you to learn to be  
willing to take a second or even lower  
place in all trials - provided you have  
conscientiously done the very best you  
could - That is the crucial test - That  
is question you must answer - Not - did  
you win against - Lou, Dick or Harry -  
but - did you make the most of the  
ability God gave you - Then, again -  
many of the strongest, most capable,  
most useful men have been slow in  
developing - a meteor rushes in one  
direction - a well developed man is  
a man developed equally on many  
sides - I would rather have you that -  
steady - thoroughly reliable - thoroughly  
equipped - well furnished for the  
battle of life wherever placed - even though  
slow - why it must be slow to be  
thorough and permanent -

The catalogue came Sunday -  
second grade as against - 18 - for Math. is  
five. Fourth in the Latin that is as hard  
for you is five too - What do you have in

of rest - not now.

It is a delightful rest - I have. I go up before now - have a hot-bath, a salt-rub & a pinching & spanking - lie down & have the oil rubbed into my face - rubbing out the worry and tired wrinkles, relaxing the muscles - then I drink two glasses of milk and crawl into the softest bed - and sleep about three hours. Then I very luxuriously turn over and study my S.S. lesson for an hour - more or less - as I feel like. Then I think - pray or sleep some more until 9.30 when the door opens "How is my lady now? Are you hungry? - I am ready whenever you are" - and I put on my under wear & kimono and go down to the

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My dear Boy -

This is the time I

usually spend in getting ready for the evening Bible class - but - I mean as late a little of the time and talk to you - I received your letter yesterday - and am going to read them - It has been a long time since you have had a reading - are you not - tomorrow for me? - No I would - read after- all - for your enjoyment

at hearing of my fall and the  
natural irritation that must come  
with those coils - (I am so sorry you  
are still leaving them) are to blame  
for the curse I want to reproach you  
for - but, but - my boy -

Well, I did fall - and fall hard  
right in the back of my head - but  
how thankful we are that I did not  
wrench my back or hurt myself in  
a way that would hurt for long time.  
I saw stars - I was jarr'd all over -  
my head ached for a few days - and

as I had been talking of this plan with  
Mrs Splain - I thought I would put  
it off no longer - Now there is nothing  
for any one to worry about - I am  
doing this to keep myself fresh  
and tide me over a critical time in  
my life - Now that I am being careful  
and sensible in trying to avoid any  
break down - trying, and succeeding,  
I am sure, to take extra precaution  
and real - before it - becomes necessary  
why do you all worry about me - ? the  
time to worry was before I began the treatment



Dear prayers are often like that - Elizabeth asked to  
go over to Auntie Wayner's - "Can't I go, can't I go" -  
Elizabeth, listen - I tried to tell her Auntie W. was  
going on with the horse & wanted her to go - but  
she turned so fast - I had to say no - then  
when she cried I had to put her in the  
other room to get over it - before I could  
get a chance to tell her she could not go  
over there because Auntie W. was planning  
to give her a greater pleasure - That is  
like many of our prayers - We do not listen.  
See Jesus' temptation - "I will <sup>shall not</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>lead</sup> ~~me~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~temptation~~  
alone - but by every word that proceedeth out  
of the mouth of God - Learn God's words - that  
we may know this language - Jesus said

Dining room - oil - shows 25 cts  
Set of all alone - cut-glass & china  
and fine silver chandeliers - (and  
electric lights in the house) and the  
I am served 25 cts the special - dinner -  
Chicken, fried potatoes - peas - bread  
& butter - (in something equally cheap  
and delicious -  
A salad - Tea -  
A dessert - Sweets & light-  
cake - perhaps - 25 cts the one  
meal - or rather 15 cts - dinner -  
Then I go up stairs - study my  
lessons for an hour or two -  
then go to bed and see called  
at - time or look the next morning -  
when I have an equally delicious  
breakfast - still in kitchen - then

I dress and am ready to pay my 20<sup>00</sup>  
and leave the house about eleven or  
twelve o'clock - rested, relaxed and ready  
for more sleep. It is the quiet, the  
relaxation from any responsibility - the  
chance to think and pray the Sabbath  
quiet - It is a great thing. Do not  
worry any more - do not feel or say  
"Cure it" any more.

Buy a rat trap - or a box of rat <sup>down</sup>  
Did you find the fudge Blanche sent you  
in the box?

This morning in aid it struck me of a  
sudden - why I hear the S.S. review and  
you know my class are not studying  
the same lesson. They had the Lord's  
prayer - and I would like to give you what  
was given me to say.  
First - there never was such a thing <sup>known</sup>  
as a non praying Christian. All men who have  
done big things in the world that have been of  
lasting benefit - have been praying men. <sup>invariably</sup>  
give it. The disciples asked Jesus - "Lord teach  
us to pray - so he gave them this form. What does  
praying mean - Did anyone ever ask you  
a kindly question about your health or work or  
then for the faraway look in their eyes you saw  
they were paying no attention to the answer?

"If ye abide in me and my words  
abide in you -

Hallowed be thy name - thy  
kingdom come. John preached  
"Repent for the kingdom of heaven is  
at hand" - Jesus preached about  
the kingdom - talked about the  
kingdom - in the sermon in the mount -  
gave the character of the citizens of  
the kingdom - Forgive as we forgive  
the character of the citizens -

Power to give - "If ye being evil know  
how to give good gifts - how much  
more will your Father which is in  
heaven give the Holy Spirit - to them  
that ask Him" -

"I am the light of the world"  
Let your light so shine before men

that they may see your good works and  
glorify your Father — "If ye abide in  
me & my words abide in you - ye shall  
ask what ye will & it shall be done unto  
you" for herein is my Father glorified  
that ye bear much fruit -

Pray <sup>for</sup> your daily bread all the things  
necessary - pray for forgiveness of sins -  
"lead us; - not into temptation, but deliver  
us from the evil," of the world about us for  
there is the kingdom (and we are citizens  
of that kingdom) there is the power (to  
make us good citizens) - and there is

the glory (that we should be good citizens  
and let our light shine for them) -  
what do you think of the interpretation?  
Tell me now about Jack Dummer -

I am so glad you are on going well -  
God bless and help you in all  
your right endeavours -  
your Mother -

Saturday -

Gilder, Darling Bay -

I send you more love than you know for  
your 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I sent the box off this morning - It  
had to be packed so hurriedly - I hope things  
will go all right - and last - all right - when  
they reach them. I sent some butter and a  
little flour thinking perhaps the Clunker  
would taste better Creamed in your chafin  
dish - get a little milk - (I should have  
sent a salt cellar) and a few oysters to  
put with it - and it will be improved -  
You have your little cook book - though  
you have not mentioned it. The cookies  
both kinds - and the jelly are from Mamma.  
She wanted to send some pickles - but I feared  
they would leak. The fudge for Blanch - and  
the other things from Mill & Winifred - Perry  
and me. And the espresso is mine - of  
course - I wish I could send oh so much  
more - but now I am planning to spend all  
I can get hold of on myself - It does not -

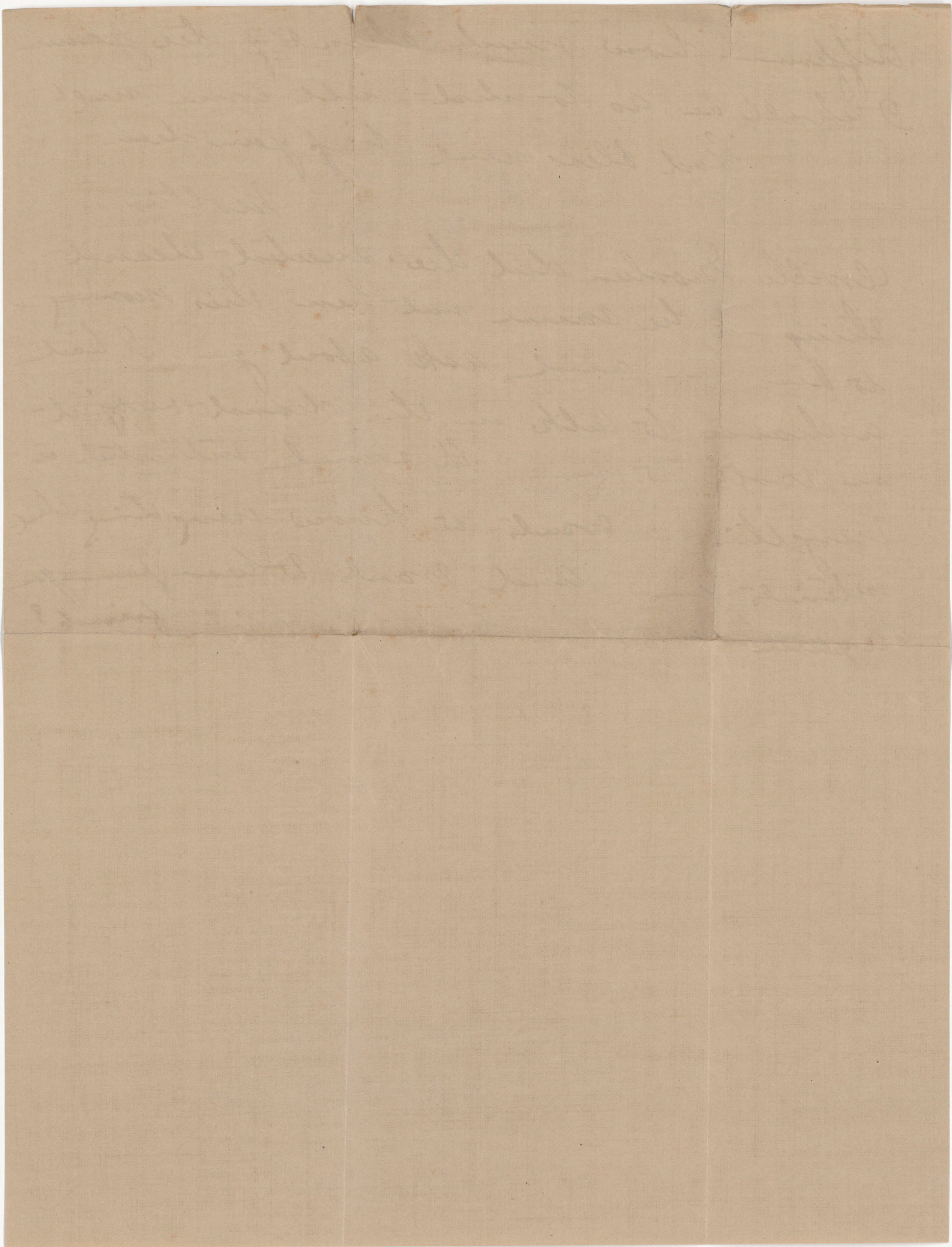
seem quite right - but - snow tulle -  
and a new coat - etc - etc - and I am  
going, once a week to Mrs Splain's  
have a hot-sea salt-bath and rub - and  
go to bed for 24 hours at a stretch -  
Taking a Sabbath rest - for body and brain -  
I began last-Thursday - If I can wholly  
relax once a week - I shall feel it better  
than any vacation.

My coat - ? Did I tell you? I was in  
St-Paul with Mamma - she was buying a coat -  
and they showed us some heavy long-plush <sup>black</sup>  
coats lined with old gold satin very cheap -  
warm - just the thing for riding - and with  
fur & man. So I took the plunge & bought  
it - when I set straight out - again - after  
my desperate plunge into the dangerous sea  
of "spending money" (for I did other things - such  
as ordering a pair of shoes made 11<sup>00</sup>  
the price & I will consult my bankbook  
and the general outlook for accumulating  
more of the "filthy lucre" - and see when I stand  
if I come out ahead - well - it will make a

differs how much ahead of the game  
I shall be as to what will come next -  
God bless and keep you dear -

Mother -

Arville Mosher did the sweetest - cleanest  
thing - he came out - here this morning  
to see me and ask about you - I had  
a chance to talk on the cleanest - subject -  
on earth to me - He seemed interested in  
everything - wants to know everything that  
interests you - And wants to hear from you  
again - do you know any of his friends?







You can see now what-a help one fellow  
can be to another - Well - may we be  
able - with God's help to be of help to all of our  
boys here - I wonder if that-is the right-  
attitude after all - Our Father has work to be  
done with these boys who have been entrusted  
to our care - May we have the conversation  
necessary to do for them what-he has for  
us to do - I don't know but that-we are  
apt- to look about-us and see things that-  
need doing and rush in to do it - asking  
God to help us with our work for him - rather  
than saying "what-will-thou have me to do  
Lord" - My beds need making and my clothes  
need mending sometimes but I would not want  
Anna or Clara to learn their cooking and  
come and do this other - I would want Martha  
to do that - However - May our dear Lord give  
us all wisdom here to do the thing he would  
have each one of us do - At present my work  
with the boys is teaching that - Sunday evening  
Bible class - and giving them afternoon teas and  
little dinner parties and fighting the itch-  
and keeping down expenses - and perhaps  
cheering Bill and Perry - especially Will who  
seems quite depressed. His fight-against

broken pledges and evils of different kinds is hard.  
nearing work - and teaching several periods to boot -  
Then too, Winifred's health is delicate - as last  
spring - and I think Will is a little inclined  
to worry as to the outcome - she is happy over  
the prospect of a little one coming to her in August -  
but so fearful lest something may happen.  
Gray is about the same - still in the asylum  
and being watched very carefully.

Will thinks these Bible classes are the best  
Sunday evening work we have attempted yet - and  
how I have had to struggle to get them started!  
Eliot & Moor would join the church with little  
urgency - I have talked with Fred Babcock -  
and mean to have real heart-to-heart talks with  
all - as a postscript offer. do I know how to  
present the subject - out of class - then  
again - if it is my business - the Holy Spirit  
will direct me - I am so tired of ordinary  
Christians - but perhaps boys have to become  
ordinary ones before they can become extra  
ordinary ones -

Yes - Will told me about "Till" and I  
meant to beg your pardon - but all right  
has no les - all right - Dear, the boy of Judge  
was right on top of the boy - that was from Blandin.

Could some one have taken it - after the boy was  
opened - did it go to find your watch? -  
The cookies - sugars & oatmeal men from Mamma -  
Pie - fried cakes & <sup>potatoes</sup> (could you eat them?) chicken  
flour - butter & <sup>brown</sup> <sup>bread</sup> <sup>peanuts</sup> - was that all? - I do not  
remember - Another time if you want a little  
spread get wooden plates - paper napkins -  
Egyptian lobster - shrimp - or canned chicken &  
cream them - and send in crackers - if you like -  
What will you do between Tuesday & Wednesday?  
wrestle? - I am so glad the repairs are going so  
well - Jack was pleased that you sent the questions -  
Hope you will send them all - Fine, about -

Prof. Meehan - How is your skin disease? -  
Dear Lou - What would I do without you? -  
I had a letter from Albert - Mosler which I will  
enclose - Mrs Wilcox told me he was in very  
bad shape - physically - kidneys - lungs - liver  
heart - - every thing vital in shape to have any  
bad trouble get fastened on him - I am glad he  
is going to stop right now.

Mr Baker was so pleased with your letter -  
It was good of you to write him -  
In all love you - especially your  
Here all of the boys you invited  
to your "fun" festival? Can you not - Mother -  
show Adams some attention some time?

Mr Melon & then for than opportunity to  
talk with some one who has been through  
some time ask about him -  
Boys are coming in for medicine  
and a little something to eat - some of  
them do eat so much at - wrong times -

Joe is ready to go -

Good bye dear

Mother

Calahad Jan 20 - 1910.

Dear Boy.

How I wish I knew how  
you are this morning - if you met  
Logan again on Tuesday - and all  
about - you.

We had a game with Hudson  
yesterday on level - 28 - 23 - Mill  
says they have the best team he  
has ever seen them beat. Therefore  
our boys are doing pretty good  
work. The practice counts.

Stair is playing better at center  
than he did last year - Scrim  
and Ross forwards - Herne &  
Robert - guards - and five men too.  
Ross is the weakest - tho' he is  
throwing baskets very well - Scrim  
made 7 or 8 - Herne 1 or 2 - there  
was some misunderstanding about

that. Ross & and ~~Robert~~ - & stair 1. ~~the~~  
stair had had luck so many of his  
balls going around the rim of the basket-  
and falling the wrong side. The game was  
played out - her. No admission charged.

We are having a pleasant - & experience now  
with the it. imagine! - Jones brought it  
her. at - Thanksgiving - Ross and Hal - have  
contracted it. Ross about - our it - and  
Hal - at - home being cured: we are watching  
developments -

I had a letter from Mr Ward - which  
I enclose. please send it - on to Ruth -

What - an opportunity it - would be for you  
to go abroad! if we could only do it -  
It - would not be as pleasant - as our  
plan of going together. but - as far as the  
education - the chance at - French and  
German - the getting close to the people - the  
learning from the trip just - what - you need  
of course there is no comparison - and  
if it - could be done - and I could see  
you in May - and again at - Christmas -  
I think I should rejoice greatly - for,  
I know I should - I will write him  
more about it - at - any rate -

What - do you think of the new view of

a beautiful day - and I was glad -  
You know I have much to make me  
happy - I am getting ready for Mrs  
Spains - Mrs Cummings is gone - and  
Josephine not here until Tuesday - very busy  
with my 8 helpful - but getting a little  
tired - the new pond is being built - and  
the arch is being cut - then believe Ruth  
sitting room & nursery -



I like this  
see the plants?

A new door is being put in for the pond into the  
sitting room - + a door from the bedroom into the  
10 x 16 ft. porch - almost all of Esalahul could sleep re-  
store - God bless my dear son - and thank

you dear  
Mother -  
I am sending  
the address  
no "mush"  
about that -

Saturday A.M.

Just a moment  
dear Boy to tell you how  
much pleasure your "Tracer"  
did me - Bless you, yes,  
I received the love all right,  
though I did not think  
you had remembered the  
actual birthday - Your  
your Sunday letter came  
on Wednesday - so, tho you  
did not speak of the birthday  
I considered that part of the  
birthday pleasure - Mother &

Ruth each sent me something  
"soo full" for the week. Dr. King &  
Will brought over with much  
ceremony a thermometer that was  
in stock & they had promised to  
bring over since Christmas - so  
they remembered, and I accepted  
it as a very welcome gift from  
Galahad. Herbert & Mame  
forgot, entirely until I told them  
in the evening - Herbert was so very  
chagrined - as he need not have been.  
I had pineapple ice for dinner - and  
as a surprise the girls made a  
lovely cake frosted with pink &  
white tiny candles for decoration -  
"Whose birthday?" and when I said "mine"  
the word went around & the whole  
room clapped - Then, when I left  
the dining room, they clapped again.  
and several congratulated me & thanked  
me for the dessert - & some shook  
hands - pleasant, was it not? It was



I must have told you that before - also that  
Sachie is coming here to do the office work -  
coming this week -

We are house cleaning - I am taking  
an inventory of everything in the storerooms  
and closets - And working on prices etc -  
The raspberry bushes and grapevines have been  
transplanted - The stable manure has been  
put in the garden and ploughed under  
The whole yard has been raked and burned  
over. Flower beds are being made - The sand  
pile by the Mac's cottage has been leveled -  
(Winifred was blessing you for the work you did  
around her cottage) The two old oak trees that  
have been the subject of so much talk have been  
cut down - Mr Bakke is cleaning the  
dormitory - Miss A Hill is cleaning the  
cottage - going through everything in attic &  
closets - and the girls have cleaned the  
storerooms etc. So much to do yet - Sunday  
is Wednesday, already -

Tonight - the woods at the north of us are  
all on fire. A strong south west wind makes  
us safe - but they all worked pretty hard  
raking and fighting to keep it from spreading  
to our barn & straw stack. The thermometer  
stood at 78 on the north porch today -

Do you realize that we have five cows, four  
pigs, fifty hens - two incubators almost ready  
for the hatching & eggs getting ready for another

setting? Quite a jam - And we own the 6<sup>95</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
acres of Champlain's south 40 - Major Urban  
owns the Cuckoo's property - now.

Pill has 150 white-leghorn eggs. 150 Wyandotte -  
And will set some of our own and set some  
white Plymouth Rocks for me! - He and Bertha -  
have each made a girls brooder -

I see the bayonet - the 9<sup>th</sup> school closes the 10<sup>th</sup> -  
You go over to play cards with a stomach ache! -

Money when does it go to - I wish you could  
have seen Helen, Mary, Alma and Maria  
Prinnie too. The same trouble was visited on by Spudger.  
I think I should have voted for any of the others <sup>than</sup>  
rather than Melan. It was all good.

May you have a happy vacation - May the great  
Fog of the first - last be over - Mother.

Galahad

March 23. 1900

My dear, dear Boy -

Yes, this is vacation  
time - and being one is as busy  
as usual - I think I take it a  
little more easily than I have,  
other vacations - because I have such  
good help -

Today you are in New York? I  
hope you write or telephone Uncle  
Tom as I suppose he is back there  
by now - for a few weeks -

The two Scrivens, Emmet and  
Eliot are here. Herrmann went  
to St. Paul yesterday - will be back  
in a day or two -

The safe is moved!!!! See the office

All good.

LIBRARY BENEFIT.

The National Pageant,

ARMORY HALL, Hudson, Wis.,

MARCH 18

PROGRAM.

PART I.

The Temple of Fame.

THE CAST.

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| The Goddess      |                  |
| The Herald       |                  |
| The Crown-bearer |                  |
| The Attendants   |                  |
|                  | Mrs. Heritage    |
|                  | George Bailey    |
|                  | Ruth Arnquist    |
|                  | Six Young Ladies |

THE CONTESTANTS FOR THE LAUREL.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Portia                    | Miss Winnie Norton          |
| Queen <del>Isabella</del> | <del>Miss Etta Karras</del> |
| Spanish Dance             | Miss Florence Fall          |
| Mrs. Wiggs and family     | Mr. Robert Mosher           |
| Sapho                     | Mrs. Gridley                |
| Mary Queen of Scots       | Lucy Thomas                 |
| Topsy                     | Mrs. Arnquist               |
| Zenobia                   | Agnes Johns                 |
| Mrs. Parkington and Ike   | Helen Clarke                |
| Ophelia                   | Bess Malloy                 |
| Pocohontas                | Meta Hansen                 |
| Frances Willard           | Hazel Fall                  |
| Florence Nightingale      | Alma Johnston               |
| Martha Washington         | Mary Andersen               |
| Maud Muller               | Mrs. Mosher                 |
| Ruth and Naomi            | Nora Michalson              |
| Joan of Arc               | Mrs. Arnquist               |
| Miriam                    | Miss Ketchum                |
| Her Maids                 | Winnie Norton               |
| Mother Goose              | Marion Cray                 |
| Marie Antoinette          | Elsie Goldberg              |
| Sister of Charity         | Agnes Johns                 |
| Cleopatra                 | Pearle Mayer                |
| Marc Antony               | Della Decker                |
|                           | Mrs. Virginia Bradley       |
|                           | Alma Johnston               |
|                           | Mr. James Andrews           |

Awarding The Laurel Wreath

PART II.

WHERE BROOK AND RIVER MEET.

|                                      |                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Spring Song                          | Marion Cray                  |
| Garland Drill                        | Six Young Ladies             |
| The Message of The Violet            | Florence and Hazel           |
| Fall and Mr. Mosher                  |                              |
| The Message of The Red Rose          | Winnie Norton,               |
| Hazel and Florence Fall, Mr. Mosher. |                              |
| Grandma's Minuet                     | Ruth Arnquist                |
| Minuet                               | Twelve Young People          |
| Narcissus                            | Marion Cray, Charlotte Clark |
| Rock me to Sleep                     | Elsie Goldberg               |
| May Dance                            | Eleven Young Ladies          |
| Recitation                           | Bess Malloy                  |

PART III.

|                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Herbert A. 1. Behold The Governor     | 8. I Think I Hear   |
| John Skogmo 2. I'm The Kid            | 9. Gondoliers       |
| Mrs. Full 3. When Patti Comes         | 10. Oh, I'm So Shy  |
| Charlotte C. 4. Now Give Three Cheers | 11. Has Your Mother |
| Flora + Richard 5. Opera Selections   | 12. I Want You      |
|                                       | 13. Cupid's Chimes  |
|                                       | 14. Mendelssohn     |
| 7. Willie Off The Yacht               | 15. Grand Old Flag. |

FINIS.

|           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Pianist   | Miss Agnes Cray    |
| Violinist | Mr. John Howard    |
| Director  | Anne Hocking Smith |

Phil as aid was as good as I ever saw.

x Skogmo & Phil. joined with ...

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Joseph D.D.

# The Galahad School

March 16 - 1910

My darling Wilder

Would you just-the least-bit-rather I would use note-paper instead of the school paper when writing to you? Don't be afraid to say so - if you would. I have thought-sometimes that-perhaps you would - And I do not-just-know why I am not-writing you on the other paper instead of this, tonight?

Well, we seem to be having quite a thorough "Spring house cleaning" as Will calls it. Robert and Bridgeman and now Jack Gilchrist - He was not sent home but we all feel glad that he has gone - He was such a terrible "knocker" - found fault with everything under the sun - did not like any one here - The only reason he could give Will was he did not like study hall. But he knew he was on the suspended list - and felt that he was doing wrong - smoking and drinking - I think Louis is coming out all right - but Jones, Mc Neal & Hunter were smoking Sunday - Jones is in strict-bounds for four weeks, Mc Neal & Hunter for three weeks - Kernolt smokes - I know - but he denies it -

Will means to talk to Dr about it - and will  
write to the parents of the other three - If Sullivan  
and Stair were at home I wonder if the domestic  
would not be in pretty fair shape - Sullivan,  
we are sure is smoking - if not - and you  
know he is almost always growling about  
something = Then an other things that trouble  
us with some of the other boys - so - it is not all  
a bed of roses - you see - but - it will come out all  
right - Mr McConnel is not writing very nice  
letters to us - He seems to think we are entirely to  
blame for Robert's wrong doing - Sargent was sent  
home from Wisconsin, I hear - and both boys  
have gone West - I feel so sorry - though I am  
sure someday Robert will come to himself -

I am sorry about - Tom - and Meddy was counsel  
out of Wisconsin - Dody wrote to Perry that - Meddy  
had finished his college course - Lovette took part  
in the college glee club course - with the mandolin -  
Frank is doing well with basket-ball - Dody has done  
nothing with athletics but - baseball will soon begin -

Maime & George will come over tomorrow for the  
day - to see us some carpet - rags for Grandmother  
Your telling me about the way the freshmen  
organize for work makes us think something similar  
would work here - taking the four reliables for a

## The Galahad School

beginning - The queer thing is that every boy in school is absolutely afraid to be seen talking to any of us of the school - They are afraid to range themselves with the school - it is the queerest thing I ever saw.

It had done with much good to have you speak as you have since now about his having helped you - and he really needed the help the kind novels you bring - He says some one else will have to visit Duluth this summer - he does not -

It is spring like here too - the ice is still in the lake - so the chill is in the air - but it is beautiful - one of the boys says he heard a robin - but others pooh-pooh that - Give your robin a spring greeting for me -

Tipping with two ps and latest - with me & -

Dear boy -

I suppose those conditions in the negro shack are common in cities - is it not terrible? -

Chadler wants to know if you know Carl Jones?

His name is in the list of students qualifying for regular standing - And he is the artist for one of the papers - Chadler knows him quite well -

Oh dear - our banquet - comes the 9<sup>th</sup> of the Wilder  
Graves Puffball - if I once get you home -  
and get hold of you - — well I will be glad -  
So you dont - like your present! - Just the  
same - dear boy - here - last summer - if was  
becoming to you - circumstances and surround  
ings alter the look of things - you seem older  
than when you went away -

Yes it - was Mrs Spence who is now in Mendota -  
It was a dear little letter you wrote - Bessie Bee  
and she was greatly interested - The other  
night, when she was feverish, I rubbed her with  
alcohol - she objected and I told her how I used to  
like to have you rub me with it - "Why didn't - my  
mother rub you?" "Oh her hands were too little" - she  
laughed and laughed about that - and now she  
says so often - "Has my mother little hands?" - She  
chatters continually -

I am going to bed - it is very dark -  
I want - to see you - I suppose the Prose in  
is fine - You see I still want - to talk - we are  
short of help - in an all a bit - time -  
God bless my boy -  
Mother -



# The Galahad School

HUDSON, WISCONSIN

March 20 1910.

My Dear Boy;

I am over in the MacQuarriw cottage. It is so warm that the fires have all been let go out (oh what a sentence, but they were talking to me) and Will was cold, you know how much heat he always needs to be comfortable, so he said he was going to build a fire in the grate and for me to come over and use the typewriter instead of the pen and get warm; I was not cold but I came. Edward and Will are reading, Winifred is lying down, Charles is in bed in the south bedroom in the cottage not at all well, Eliot is in his room, Herrmann and Emmet have gone to church. I do not know where Percy is.

Father Inglis came down last night, went home this afternoon.

~~Mame's~~ Mame's mother came Friday night; and did I tell you that Sadie was coming here to be our stenographer? Comes the last of the week, I expect.

I hope it will be a success, but she is very fond of the boys, and has not had the training that Blanche has had; but I talked very plainly to Mame and to her when I wrote to her about coming. You know she has always been very anxious to come and I have not been very anxious to have her, for, to tell the truth, I was not very greatly impressed with her when I saw her at the wedding. But five years makes much difference, so, it will be all right I hope. Anyway, if she does not do all right there are enough of us in the family to correct her, poor ~~big~~ child.

You will be glad to get home? oh but wont I be glad to have you here? It seems a long while yet until June. There are so many things that I want to understand better about, things that you have spoken about but letters never can make things altogether plain, especially things that are new and not understood about.

We are very busy people as you have guessed, now that it is vacation time, but it is a different kind of busy, and so, a sort of rest too. We are busy planning too as well as working. Do'nt faint, but actually, the safe was moved into the office yesterday, and without Mr. Lee's help. Will says he wished they had known ~~how~~ how easy it was to move they would have moved it before and then he would not have to paint it as he will have to do now. "Procrastination is the thief of time."

Patsie Webster is another of the boys who is not doing well. He and Ned are too intimate. And Patsie was mixed up in a foolish performance at New Years time with Ned and Mosher, and lied so dreadfully about it. Poor Mrs. Webster is so troubled. Nina comes home tonight not able to keep on with her school work. Will not graduate.

We are planting our seeds in the boxes, as usual. It is so warm all this past week we have had doors and windows open. It does seem so good. The ice is not out of the lake yet, so there is still a chill in spite of the hot sun. The incubators are both running. The buds are swelling, the green things show under the leaves and the robins are here.

You intend to go on the crew practise? I am somewhat surprised, for you never thought you would care for that. You will run with a good crowd there, wont you? That is the way it always seemed to me; they seemed to be a finer set than the football boys, and yet, is it not rather hard on the heart?

Ruth says Grandpa is better but far from well. They will come home over the Santa Fe and by way of Chicago. Uncle Tom has gone back to New York for a month, hopes to be back in California in time to help them off for home. I hope he will be there for Ruth does so dread the trip.

*You may hear from him yet - You speak of Howell - how many things there,*

are so in that of never choosing friends - and yet - sometimes  
I think that - if we hold ourselves in the right attitude - it  
is quite possible that - it was intended that - we should give  
some help to the fellow who seeks us - he may need  
us - and we can turn to the fellow who can give  
us help when we need it - we are so dependent  
on each other in this world - And then it seems  
that - we are helped more by helping. One has to  
differentiate, of course - To give - when it is  
asked - to take all the good & the help for ourselves  
when we can - Yet strength comes in giving more  
than in receiving - Now that - is just a little  
moralizing - just a little talking my thoughts out to  
you as to myself -

To come down to cold hard facts -

I am longing to see my boy Wilder.

would you rather I write on Mother  
other paper?

The Galahad School

My dear Boy -

Vertical text on the left side of the page, including "The folks leave California Apr 2 & -" and "I will be home Friday Apr 29".

Vertical text on the right side of the page, including "I have been over", "I will go back to him", and "I have been thinking of you".

Main body of handwritten text: "I do get things twisted here - I have but a moment when you goes down town - I have, poor boy, has Appendicitis - Appendicitis - And how he has suffered - and still does, at times - Miss A Neill is doing most of the nursing - keeping ice on him, constantly, and injecting the food is all there is to be done - I read of him a good deal as it takes his mind off the pain. The Websters have been home for vacation - Last Saturday night - I had Helen K. Alma & Sattie - and the three Websters and had her for dinner - a nice dinner and a nice crowd - I have had a talk with Helen about Ned - and with William about Patsie - and well - I have been thinking of the one born of four -"

Friday Mrs Hutchcroft + Blanche planned for a  
surprise party for Mamma. Mamma had  
been very anxious to entertain before moving -  
she has been getting pretty tired so they found  
out whom she wanted to invite - and so forth -  
so Blanche invited them - Mamma + the children  
came over here for the day - Had to come early  
because Herbert had to bring them - Winifred  
was invited out - to Mrs Webster - to lunch!! -  
so she had to come to help them - There was a big  
ironing on hand and Mamma could not get  
a woman - so Sade had to come to help with that!!  
They were invited for the whole day - so I had to  
confess that - I had also been invited - to the  
same place with Winifred - and had promised  
to come at - them - so - while I had to hurry  
them + shorten our day I would have to do  
so - she was completely surprised - and  
could only say to me - "I am so glad they are  
here!" - You are having so wonderful a  
spring - Mrs leaving out - boys have been  
in swimming - already - I must get to  
work - God bless my boy -  
Mother.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF  
THE SECRETARY

March 31, 1910.

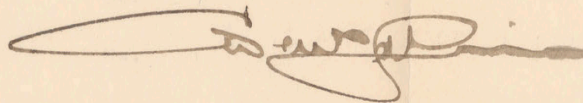
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If you will ask him to call at my office some time during the Spring I shall be very glad to talk over matters with him and if he should wish any advice I shall be very glad to help him.

Yours sincerely,



Secretary.

To

Mrs. Jean J. Penfield,

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Galesburg, Hudson, Wisconsin.

## The Galahad School

I am going to write Francis and the  
Websters to do the same so that - you  
will all come home primed for the  
work of organizing something here for  
your prep school. An alumni asso -  
will be the result - and a fine thing too -  
Busy Bee went to Bayfield with Perry -  
from Friday until Sunday night - she  
said she was as well - as she could be  
and did a lot of good.

I am reading the Whispering Pine by  
A. K. Green to Hrine -

Good bye my sweet heart -

Mother -

## The Galahad School

April 11 - 1910 -

My dear Boy -

I enjoyed the account of  
your first work in a shell - Geo - Mrs  
Hutchcroft - is here - came a few days  
before Sadie - Herbert - and family are on  
"the farm" - and they are all so lively - and  
in such a mess - and the boys get into more  
mischievous than ever before - Gilcher can do and  
does do all George does - he climbs into the  
ragow and goes wherever he pleases - unless  
some one gets after him - The house is very  
pretty and comfortable -

Tuesday Morning -

It is cold today and we  
need a little furnace fire - Kevin is getting  
along nicely - He has to be very careful of  
him, of course - he is not out of the woods,  
yet - Louise has gone and we are without  
a dining room girl - Missful takes care of Bessie  
she sleeps over then since Kim has been sick



The Galatia School

I am giving a mile for every one that  
 will give to do the same so that you  
 will all have some for the  
 work of organizing something new for  
 your help school. An album has  
 will be the result and a fine thing to  
 keep for you - to help with the  
 for printing and sending right. The  
 and did a lot of good.  
 I am sending the wrapping paper  
 to be given to them.  
 Good night my dear friends  
 Mother

## The Galahad School

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yet - Lucine has gone and we are without  
a dining room girl - Missiful. Iatus can't of Buzghe  
she sleeps over then since Him has been sick

and helps clear tables & sets them. Sade  
clears and wipes dishes - I wash or wipe  
dishes etc - so we are all at work and  
working - the boys wait on tables. Miss O'Neil  
takes care of home and the milk and the  
cottage - I read to home is all I do for him.  
And now - the folks will leave Apr 20 -  
getting here the 23<sup>rd</sup> and nothing done  
in the house - and so much to be done -  
we shall get along all right - provided I  
do not lose my head. Marie, Winifred  
and I went down and selected the paper  
for back halls & stairs and Grandmother's  
room - (partly - too) yesterday.

Will is still having times and times  
and a half with boys who have no honor  
that one can find - but I will reserve  
all that till you come - We will call on  
our Alumni for help - Find out all  
you can about how other Prep schools  
manage in the discipline - how the Galatas  
order are formed and managed - Find  
out from the boys what they would advise  
in a small Prep school like ours -

## The Galahad School

April 18 - 1910.

My dear boy -

The end of the warm weather came Friday - That night the thermometer went down to 27 - That evening I was filled to overflowing with the joy of beauty in looking at the wonderful plum trees - such a mass of white - I never saw them so wonderful - It snowed Saturday - (our first baseball game with Hudson. Hudson 11 - Galahad 7 - They made 7 the first inning - McLowan pitched, senior caught -) It did not freeze last night - nor is it freezing now - cloudy and damp. Delays in bud - trees in leaf - even apple trees in flower! -

I am thankful and so happy that you can tell me about your New York trip - that you feel free to do so and that you do not -

ful it - necessary to cover up any thing  
that - enters into your life - To be such a  
mother to ~~my~~ my boys as to be worthy of  
their full confidence is what - I want - more  
than I can tell you - And to feel that -  
I can fully trust - you is my glory -  
But - oh my baby - seeing the sights of the  
big City! - I want - to keep you innocent -  
yet - for perfect - innocence there must be  
knowledge - I suppose - Ignorance is  
not - innocence - and sometimes there  
is greater danger in ignorance than  
in knowledge - Do you see how the  
mother heart - of me is torn between  
conflicting emotions?

I cannot - until now this morning  
I am going down to the third street -  
house - Heine will be dressed for the  
first - time today -

God be with you -  
Mother.

## The Galahad School

April 27-1910-

My dear Boy-

We are having fine weather again after the cold snap that killed all of the fruit. My own tree leaves of the trees are falling - frozen - now the question is - will other leaves come out? Lilac leaves are dead and yet some of the flowers look as though they might still come out.

Grandma and grandpa look pretty well and I guess Grandma - at least - is glad to be at home - grandpa has been a little homesick for California - but that may wear off in time. Dear Dad - will you ever know how much good it did me to be able to tell him how well you are doing in college?

The Dalton School

To be so sure of you - to be so proud of you -  
if sons only knew what that means to the  
mothers - how much happiness we all  
can give mothers by just being loving  
and true - the Christ-life is so surely  
the only happy life it seems strange that  
we do not all understand.

Mr Clague was over from Minneapolis  
Sunday - (He has left Chicago and is trying  
"to make good" in a new place). He is so  
delighted with Eliot's change of thought and  
manner - "If he grows into a fine manhood  
it will all be due to you" made me feel  
proud - and very grateful to our Lord Jesus  
who put the thought <sup>in my heart</sup> and the power to  
bring him here just when he needed the  
right environment most - Now, I want  
him to be with you this summer as  
much as possible - I want him to have  
the advantage of companionship with a  
manly Christian fellow near his own

## The Galahad School

age to help him into the knowledge of  
something he needs now.

Joe is ready to go down town -

And I must stop before I am through.

I do not want you to worry about me.  
I did get pretty tired - but I am going  
to bed by ten o'clock - sleeping well -

getting up at 5:30 and walking over

to Galahad before breakfast - good for

my health - I really believe -

your mother -



The Palatine School

I have a receipt to go down town -  
 I will get pretty well - but I am going  
 to bed by the school - sleeping well -  
 getting up at 8:30 and walking on  
 the Palatine before breakfast - good for  
 my health - I really believe -  
 your mother

Hudson.

June 3 - 1910.

My dear Boy -

Just a few lines, dear -  
 Grandma's friend - Miss Wakeman - has gone -  
 I spend the day in St. Paul with her - I am  
 over here today so I can go home this evening  
 to be there in the morning. Besides I am  
 doing some necessary errands. Among them -  
 I had a talk with Mrs Stockwell and her  
 daughters - Mrs Stockwell drew a long breath  
 when it was over - "Oh I am so glad, Mrs Penfield  
 it was perfectly lovely of you to come and  
 talk with me" So that is done - fruit instead  
 of four - that is better - And the girls are invited  
 to the party.

Of course you can invite Dody - (must not  
 put his name in his name - you make Dot - in  
 stead of Dody) And you may invite  
<sup>any</sup> other boy you choose - Galatied is your  
 home - and Will and Perry want me to  
 emphasize that. Stop in Beloit - if you

like - though the moment-school is out - I shall be longing for you more than ever - Busy? oh I should say so!!

God bless and keep you -

Mother -

Your last-letter I am leaving to answer when you come - There is much I want to say -

GALAHAD:

HUDSON, WIS.

FEB. 28. 1910.

My Boy Wilder;

When I get a little nervous it is hard to use the pen and I am in that condition this morning. Why, is not to the point; but if you will excuse me I will use the typewriter on this letter. You were to practise on me with the typewriter but you wrote but one letter, why not?

Next year we are going to have a stenographer here; Mame, Herbert and Blanche want Sadie to be the one. Will fears she is too young and pretty, but they think that we can talk to her and she will see the sense of it and will have a sense of loyalty for the school and there will be no nonsense. We will see. I have always thot that boys had a larger sense of loyalty than girls, but I don't know-perhaps it depends on the boy. However we are coming to the point in this school when we must call on the loyalty of the boys and let the rest go. So far we are sure of Charles (He is a dear boy.) Trevor, and of all boys in school, (as it seemed at the beginning of the year,) Douglass Hunter. I don't mean that we can depend on no others, for there is Heine, but that is as far as Will has gone at the present writing. But drinking as well as smoking, and right in the dormitory. Some heads will fall soon. There are the poor mothers!

The weather is much warmer I am thankful to say.

Mr Curtiss has been sick in bed since Wednesday, Dr. feared, was quite sure, of tth typhoid yesterday, but this morning the temperature is normal and it probably is only a simple case of infection. He spent a few days in Duluth. Last year it was in St. Paul he contracted the trouble.

Helen Kermott is at home sick. Has been here for a week. Saturday her mother let her girl go and can get no one to help her in any way. We are on the lookout for some help ourselves. Mrs. Pennington and Martin are to take their departure; Martin simply has done nothing for a long time and at last Percy has come to see it and now he can not get rid of him too soon, but he is no worse than he has been for some time. We are needing a laundress too do you wish to apply for the place? I can recommend the family.

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I am in that condition this morning. I will not be able to do any work today. I will be in bed for the next few days. I will be in bed for the next few days. I will be in bed for the next few days.

I have always thought that I was a very healthy man. I have always thought that I was a very healthy man. I have always thought that I was a very healthy man.

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I rather imagine that Father will want to move Scottie to their home when they come back and I want to find someone for them who will take care of them all as well as cook etc. Some one who can care for Scottie when they are away for hay-fever. So you see I am a lookin'.

I have composed so many letters to you since your success that I really do not know if I have written any or not, I guess not. I did not know how anxious I really was until I got the news. Every one in school was so delighted for you. Practice for the Varsity? oh are you going in for any more? Look here, young man, you look *out-* for yourself, don't you feel that you must have all the honors flying around you see there are others. And I verily believe you begrudge others any thing they can get. Being a Freshman is good enough for you at present and there is no "hell" about it, besides such language is in very poor taste for a small boy or for a gentleman either. Some boys may be coarse enough to enjoy using "cuss" words, but my boy is too refined and cultured for that.

To show you how little you tell lately or how much you take for granted that we know. You said you were in the middle weight class and Ormond was the middle weight soph. When you began talking about McLean, the first was McLean threw Jack, Jack can throw me, so where do I come in? And what McLean had to do with you no one here knew. Please tell me what the "Town club" that meets on Tuesday is. Franz has charge of it but what does he do? What is it for? You said that Jack was one of the quartette in the Triangle club, but his name did not appear even in the double quartette. There are many other "mistakes of" Wilder's that you will have to explain later; that will do for today.

When you did mail that letter it took two stamps instead of one but I did not mind that. I was willing to pay the extra in order to get it it. A change in the fellows attitude? of course, funny but true every where. Jack is feeling pretty ~~well~~ well and so is Will. Easter vacation comes the 18th and we will be glad.

With very much love my dear

Your mother.

I have been thinking of you a great deal lately  
and wondering how you are getting on. I hope  
you are well and happy. I have been very busy  
with my work, but I always find time to think  
of my friends. I would like to see you very  
much. I hope you will write to me soon.  
I am always your affectionate friend,  
John Doe

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and wondering how you are getting on. I hope  
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with my work, but I always find time to think  
of my friends. I would like to see you very  
much. I hope you will write to me soon.  
I am always your affectionate friend,  
John Doe

Yours truly,  
John Doe

Galahad-

March 8 - 1910 -

My darling Boy -

The sun is shining - the sun  
March wind of Sunday and yesterday had died  
down. and, tho it is just- ten o'clock, I have  
just-had my breakfast-up in my room with  
Busy Bee who had varashe so that- we did  
not- get- really quiet down until about- two  
o'clock- <sup>last night</sup> I have a new girl, a friend of Anna's  
and Clara's, a good worker and one who may  
stay and do the cooking thro the summer  
coming next- Tuesday - and other things have  
happened so I am not get- quite as nervous  
as yesterday-

First- go with Howell (is not- his name  
spelled with <sup>his</sup> ls?) if you wish - do not- wait-  
for uncle Tom - he is still in the west - I  
don't- know when he will be east - don't-  
think he knows.

I am now about- to divulge the doings  
of the past- few days - if I can keep steady long  
enough - Wish I had the type writer here - but  
will had the temerity to borrow it - last night



I wrote you about Robert & Bridgeman - Louis  
decided to stay - but he is not himself yet - not  
happy or content - There is an undercurrent of unrest  
and almost-dissatisfaction all thru the school -  
do you know that - always crops out now or  
less this time of year? Thursday night I  
did not sleep until after three o'clock - wrote a  
poem!! earlier in the evening and my poor brain  
could not stand the pressure and having got  
started kept it up - Mrs Cline had a dinner party  
of 40 on Friday to say goodbye to the Carrs who  
have started on a long trip to Egypt etc etc -  
will be gone at least three months probably  
longer - He then requested to bring a sentimental to  
be read - then read many originals - and good  
ones too - Winifred had a fine one - I have not  
the copy of that - but then an Wills & mine -

After the party - I was so excited - had  
a beautiful time - I did not get to sleep until  
after two o'clock - (getting up at six every morning  
to get Busybee & self ready for the talk at breakfast -  
I was looking forward to my weekly rest at  
Mrs Splains - and - the Dr was here to take him  
back to Mendota - she was nearly wild - and he  
was raving - He had been near to killing her Thursday  
night when they were alone in that big house - He  
was taken to the jail - she was sent for - He would

beg and plead & love her & promise all sorts of things,  
and then say - "I hate you, I despise you" - call her all  
sorts of awful names - use the most dreadful things (and  
you know, even tho' I know he is not responsible yet  
it hurts to have him talk so" she said) then on his knees  
pleading to be taken home again - After enduring that  
all the afternoon I think of the poor woman's condition -  
I was so thankful I was there to welcome her when  
she came home at 8 o'clock - imagine what it would  
have been to come home alone to that big house in  
the dark - there are no electric lights to make things  
cheerful - I was glad I was there - but - as for real  
and great "ill" - I had a fine sick headache in  
the afternoon - vomiting pure bile - and since then I have  
been some nervous - I had nothing to eat for breakfast  
until nine o'clock at night - but that was not a  
bad thing - there I had a cold lunch - Sunday is always  
a hard day - and after the evening bible class I was a  
"deader" - Mr Curtis read an essay to me, while I rested -  
about 10:30 Will came over for his regular Sunday re-  
cup of tea - I had a scheme that had been concocted out  
of my sleepless nights - I proposed it - to Perry first - he  
always wants to think things out - so he had nothing  
to say - then I gave it to Will - he, poor boy, was so  
discouraged he felt there was nothing in anything of any  
use - my plan was low to slinks - so I comforted him  
and to do so, showed him I had a few little private  
worries of my own - when his harried mind was shaken  
out of the groove in which it had run for so long -  
he kissed me goodnight - "well try it - Mother dear"

Parcelon - I did not know this was here -  
and I cannot rewrite -  
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I had invited the four boys in school whom  
I could actually trust fully - Charles, Hermann,  
Trevor and Drine - to dinner with me for last  
night - to a second session - a plain talk - I asked  
if one of them was clerking for a man in business &  
another clerk was stealing for their employer &  
actually ruining his business what would he do -  
that - & actually what is being done here & we are loyal  
enough to make an effort to stop it - I talked  
plainly about the knocking of the Waterworks - the  
Wilcofs & now the Mc Goughs - for boys make up  
their own stories & are believed - They talked very  
freely - My proposition was to form an order of Knights  
Junior & Seniors only, being eligible and only after six  
months a semester being in school - (possibly a year) -  
this order to found an order of Esquires taking in  
Freshmen & Sophomores & new boys - also an order  
of Pages for the lower school - only boys who seem  
to be capable of trust - to enter any order - they  
will have been tested well - before entering the  
Knights - a few privileges given to the Pages - still more  
to the Esquires - and many to the Knights - as we said

"Some of this bunch you won't have next-year will  
you?" - "Not if I have any influence over Mr Mac."  
said another - "Could you boys go to Mr Mac.  
and talk more freely as an organization or as  
individuals?" - "Oh as an organization, for then  
we would not be letting tales as much as we would be  
when acting as a council" - That was the point -  
exactly. It was that best - to keep the organization  
secret - letting no one know there was such a thing  
until next-year - Some time ago I made a  
plan in Bible class for a leader amongst the boys  
to lead in the right direction - ~~saying~~ saying "we  
need a Moses - who will be one - of course the  
rascals took it up - and now if any boy  
comes to see me they sneer or laugh at him  
and ask if he is to be the Moses - so last night  
Bill said - if you ask just those four boys the  
others will smell a rat" - and soon enough  
"Moses" was shouted at them. I spoke of it - and  
the four showed that they had felt embarrassed  
by it - so I said - "I will have another dinner  
tomorrow night - whom shall I invite?" They were  
delighted - Gilchrist & Seetham - the sneers - Louis  
the sizer - Senior - (Stair would make it seem <sup>25</sup>  
excluded - Paul Miller - a goose) and Babcock as being  
neither one thing or the other - Stair seems to be

the great-stumbling block. Do you remember the  
history of Yankee Doodle? a song of contempt - changed  
by being adopted by the ~~Yankees~~ Yankees, is a glory -  
match the "Moses" - Of course there will be  
no "Moses Talk" tonight - I have written a long  
letter - I have given you something of an idea of  
what is doing - Percy came to me yesterday afternoon  
and said he approved my plan after thinking it  
over - last night when I gave a little synopsis  
of it to Will - he looked so pleased as he said "Thank  
you Mother Jean, I hope it will work out well -"  
Now you may have some ideas - I sense that it  
is a matter that must be handled very  
delicately - for boys - bless them - are so afraid  
of ridicule - Show your + what a lover of  
strength + I hope & pray for wisdom -  
God bless my boy -

Mother  
I wish there was a young man to run this  
thing rather than a nervous, impulsive woman -  
yet, I know it is my work to get it started -  
any way - Eva Huedern Ensign died in New York  
giving birth to a baby boy - It has upset me quite a little

me was been  
very much for  
same brown.  
Bury Bury's  
suth today -  
your loving  
Mother -

I wonder  
it will take  
you two days  
to read this -  
what - are you?  
what is more?  
what - believe?

Galahad -

March 2 - 1910 -

My dear boy -

I was so glad to hear from  
you today - Wilder boy - if anything should ever  
come between us - ever anything should happen  
that we should travel in different directions in  
our thoughts and desires - it would break my  
heart - that - I know - So tell you how much  
it means to me to be able to write you as I feel  
would be impossible - Do you remember how I  
used to go over the S.S. lessons to Herbert - before  
going to class? - Man all right - now -

Another thing - when you get dead lined  
things do fall on you - and I know you did get  
dead lined during your wrestling time.

Matrimonial Agency? - oh that - is not the word -  
Percy has been doing the work of three men - two teachers  
and a janitor - and Mr Curtis ill - and so  
many boys idle for so many periods - Will is doing  
the work of two men and then added to that - an  
investigation that has now him out - completely -

Last Friday - no a week ago last Friday night -  
many of the boys went home until Tuesday morning -  
but some did not - the men pity - Mr Brown  
and Mr Curtis both went away and the loving  
was left to itself - Will was about sick & <sup>Percy just getting well</sup> ~~will stay~~ -

there until every thing was quiet - at eleven o'clock -  
about two o'clock things began - mine flowed freely -  
a general rough house was the order - "drunken riot" -  
think of it - It was Frederick Sammonds first night  
here - Well, naturally he wrote home about it - apologizing  
all thru the letter - Well because he really tho't he  
ought to do so - mentioned no names - They sent him  
to Racine for a week - and took him out - because they  
had heard some of these things about Racine - and  
he felt they should know this was no better - yet he  
tried so hard to be loyal, too - It was a pitiful letter -  
Mrs Sammond sent it in to us - with extracts from a second  
one telling how well he liked the school otherwise - etc -  
Mrs Wilcox took Sleams out - because she had heard  
some things that were going on here - and would not  
tell us what they were - Mrs S. tho't we ought to know  
and would want to know. Which one was the real  
friend? - The investigation has been hard for the  
boys consider loyalty to ~~each~~ each other more necessary  
than loyalty to their school - But joining this, that - and  
the other together - getting a little here and a little  
there - Mc Donagh - Benjamin - Bridgeman - Giddings  
+ Sullivan - (Martin was not here that night) were the  
ones - The last three are frightened to death - but Will  
has not talked with them yet - Mc Donagh has been  
repelled - Bridgeman repelled himself - which was  
just as well - and Lewis swore & used very hard  
language last night - in the dorm - and said he was  
going - after a bath with Will - He had a cold and

after his need to bed he sent Winter over to me after  
some medicine I sent it over & also a message that  
he was to come personally and report - today - so  
after breakfast I asked him to come over - and then  
I put my hands on his shoulders and looked him in  
the eyes - "Lewis you have made a dreadful failure of  
your life here since Christmas - what are you going to  
do about it? Will you turn that failure into a success?  
When you read King address you will know on what  
lines I talked - I emphasized the fact that the boys  
all liked him & we all liked him - that he was  
the only man who had dared oppose Stair - that there  
had been two factions and he was leader of one  
of them - that if he had the personality to lead  
one he could again - he had injured us - he  
had injured the boys by what he had done - the  
only manly right thing to do was to turn right  
around and say "come boys lets do better - look  
around Cumberland and see how many failures there  
are - how few successes? Was it not because of lack of  
character? He had force enough - and he must make  
a positive effort - to make a character etc etc - Well  
Will had a follow up talk after he knew how he felt -  
You know Lewis is very affectionate - and likes to be loved -  
we can reach him that way - I have not heard from  
Will all about their talk - but he is to stay and  
is happy and pleased - Will said - Robert was so  
hard and ugly about it - He did well until after



football. I am beginning to think the loyalty of  
one boy towards all other boys is not altogether the  
right thing - If in a community there should be a  
physical leper - the case would be reported for the  
sake of others - in this school when a moral leper  
is found he should be reported by the best ~~element~~  
element for the salvation of the other boys - Poor  
Charles has been carrying a bundle - for some time.  
The older boys should be in such good terms with  
him that they would feel the interest of the school <sup>their</sup>  
interest. No, I don't think Cecil has made <sup>any</sup>  
frail - he comes up now in a while - was here the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
will be here Easter -

I think our Communion is on the 15<sup>th</sup> - Oh  
if you only could be here - Edward Senior has dreamed  
of you twice as smoking - and how disgusted it makes  
Chauncy - Milder smoke - what a terrible disillusion it  
would be for him - For he has you on a pedestal as his hero -  
Sir Galahad - he has a youngster been Willis March whom  
every one sort of dislikes - Winifred says he looks like a big  
fat-fried cake that is not done brown !!!

Ruth would not agree with you in your idea of  
Grandma & Grandpa -  
Your ideas <sup>of</sup> rooming with Bill suit me to  
a T. I will send the groups to you just as soon as  
I receive them - surely. So you started the Round Robin  
I did not know that - I never send you Albert Mother's  
letter - because I have not received - I began this letter  
after dinner it is now well on towards eleven o'clock - some

Lalahaed.

Monday Morning -

My dear Boy -

I have but a very few moments  
in which to write - I received your grade  
yesterday - I will copy -

Third General Group.

|         |       |          |
|---------|-------|----------|
| Latin;  | Group | 4        |
| Trig-   | "     | 3        |
| Algebra | "     | 2        |
| English | "     | 3        |
| Physics | "     | failed * |
| German  | "     | 2        |

\* Group 2  
when book is accepted.

It is very well pleased, indeed - he cannot  
understand why your book was not turned in - or  
rather - why you said you had not turned  
it in - Had you forgotten? But see, dear, when  
your Physics is in you will be averaged in group 3  
but in his studies you will be in group two - I think  
it is fine - and I congratulate you - and as -  
Medicine was counted out of Medicine this time.

I will write and tell you later why I am  
so nervous this morning - I am saying - "Now  
you must fight, or die" - that you will  
understand how when you read King's address.  
I have sent - for a copy for you -  
Mother -

## The Galahad School

May 4 - 1918.

My dearest of boys -

I cannot remember if I wrote you Monday - or not. The days are so full - but - just - as soon as I get rested from the work of the preparing for the family I know I am going to feel fine - I get up before five o'clock - leaving the house about 5<sup>30</sup> getting here about the time the whistles are blowing for tea - we have breakfast here at 6<sup>20</sup>. Now that I am having the morning readings - this week sometimes I sit down to breakfast - otherwise I eat my breakfast - most any when - then I wash or wipe dishes etc. - then get the menus arranged - and do all sort of Sunday things - lunch (or dinner, for we have the meat & vegetables etc, leaving the dessert until evening) at 11-40 - then dishes and

various and sundry - until I go over to the  
house which is - whenever it seems most  
convenient - I usually have dinner there -  
water my plants - play cards and go to  
bed - as early as I can get - there

I enclose a letter from Arville Morden  
which will explain itself - We are to have  
a meeting this afternoon to decide - I have  
telephoned Stephen Phipps asking if he & John  
would not unite with us in forming a  
Galahad Assn. it seems they two have been  
thinking of it - and meaning to talk with  
Will & Percy - so he will come over to  
the meeting - It would be a mighty  
good thing for the school - for the boys &  
for the ~~advertisement~~ -

We have a fine baseball team - from  
youngsters - most of them - but - Mr Curtis  
as coach is certainly good - and the  
head not certainly puzzles Hudson  
and River Falls - when men are on bases  
the opposition have no idea what is being  
done & get so rattled - it is funny -

## The Galahad School

We cannot go out for championships because Benjamin in 2<sup>nd</sup> is 21 years old - and John Young in 3<sup>rd</sup> is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader - Winter in 1<sup>st</sup> (although Red is perhaps better - but he has not been well enough to play) McLawran a "coming" pitcher - does good work - Scrivny is doing fine as catcher - McNeal - S. S. Martin, Trevor & Jones fielders -

I don't know what to say about the selling of the "Everwear" - It may be a good thing to try - but think of this - it is fine but expensive - and they have had agents through here at least twice to my knowledge - so that it will not be an easy job - but selling things like that is not an easy job any where - and it may be the experience will be good - ?

do not propose to throw cold water on  
the trial -

Herbert is very tired - Grandpa is very  
pessimistic - bless him - he wants to make  
it all just right - in just a minute - and  
he worries & lies awake nights & fusses &  
frets every one - Don't you see why I am  
trying my best to keep "hands off" and  
let my dear children work out their own  
salvation? - His own father fussed & fretted  
about him in just the same way -  
and I will not do it. I will try & save

my strength & some day have enough so  
that if one of them should fail - I could  
lend a helping at just the crucial moment -  
God bless you dear -

Mother -

Judge Clough died in San Diego last week.

When our friends go to Egypt, the pyramids' home,  
Where the mummies are sealed up in jars,  
If they ~~have~~ still have a god in that terrible land,  
We hope he'll "Look out for the Cars".

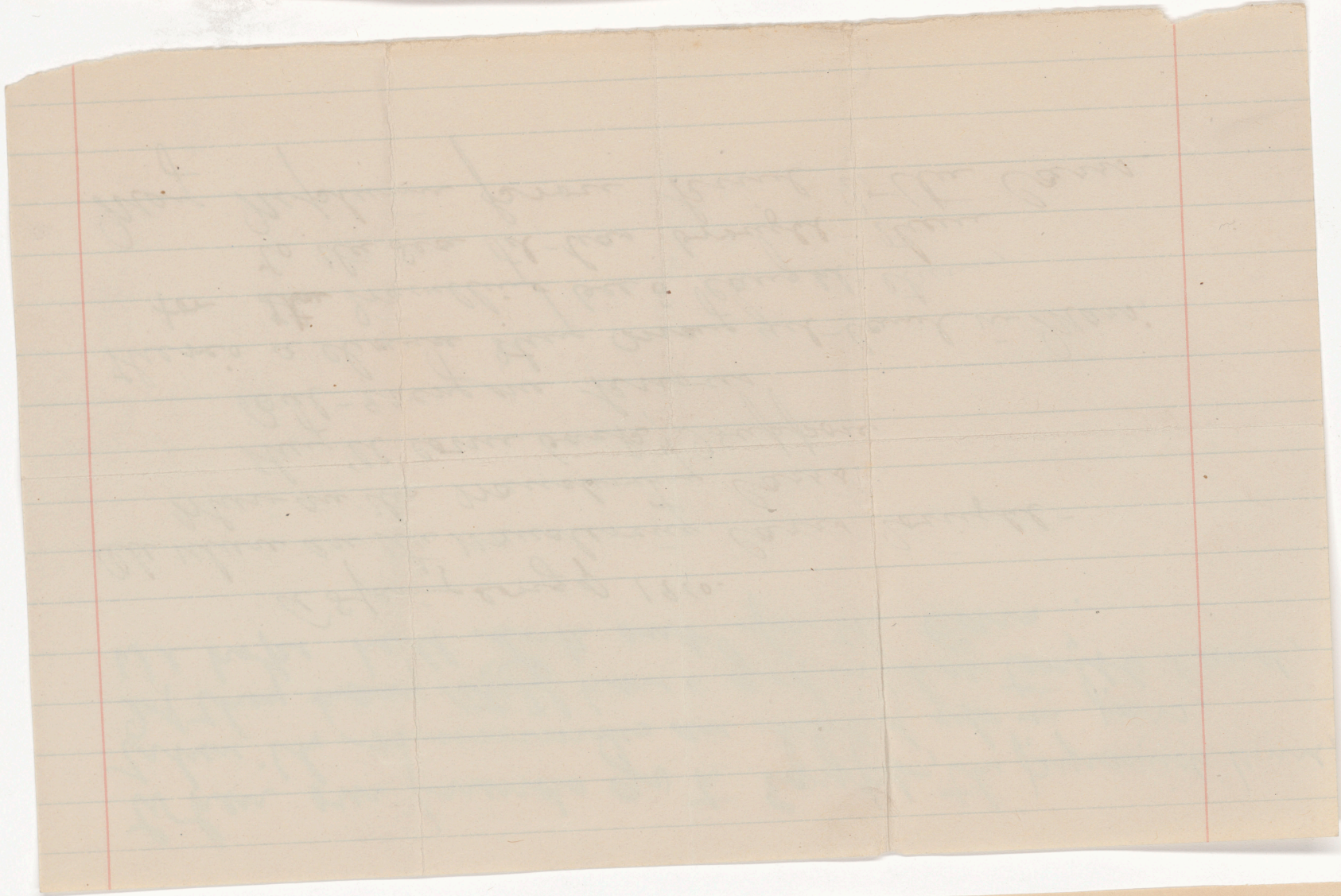
A Spring Song of 1910.

Oh where are the wandering Cars tonight -  
Where are the wandering Cars.

They'll come back, I suppose,  
But - every one knows

There's a chance they may get - land in Mars;  
For ~~the~~ Travelling Bee o' caught - them,  
To the Sea he has brought - them  
May Neptune prove kind to the Cars.





now going to study my lessons —  
God bless and guide you.

Mother.

meaning of words - Reading about  
the Pope and had no idea of  
the meaning of "Pontiff" and "Papal  
see" - had no meaning at all -  
Of course he did not understand  
so, he reads - I talk & explain:  
and Mr Brown says he  
certainly has a better grasp  
of the lesson - Nat is a lovable  
boy - I am so thankful for you  
Wilcher boy - I am so thankful  
you are my boy - And Jim  
will be here some day - If I  
were not busy how the time  
would drag without you -  
Can you tell me in what way  
the life at Princeton seems  
different - to you since Drumm

talked with you?

You said you had a hard taste  
before you last Sunday night - but - child  
not - tell me what it - was. A meeting  
to lead? - In speaking of Brunswick you  
said he was one of the groups of C. B. - s  
does that mean Christian Endeavor? I -  
you have not - spoken of them before.

I am glad your eyes need of all right.  
When you were having the last - last - fall  
to see in what class or rank you belonged,  
you did not - tell me how you came out.  
I am anxious to know -

So you do not think Mr Nye's the  
historian is very interesting! Shall I laugh  
at you for going to sleep and missing it -  
or laugh with you.

Ruth is so homesick, poor child - so  
you know, Grandpa is actually pleased  
that "Herbert has asserted himself" - In  
fact of the way he took Herbert's "assertion"  
of two years ago that seems funny unless  
he has regretted his action of that time  
and found he really had done  
Herbert's an injury - Ruth says Grandpa  
and Grandpa are both feeling fine  
now. Well dear one - I am sending  
you a heart full of love and am

are mine. Ruth wanted me to send  
them to her but I copied a lot on  
the typewriter instead - I must do  
some more of it - they enjoyed them  
so much.

Oh dear - I am so glad that  
it is only two days off - and then I  
hope you will give up wrestling -  
keep off the mat and get rid of  
that skin disease and boils -  
I suppose it is nothing that will last  
any time - but that is such chance

Mrs. S. P. Davis -

February 12 - 1870

My darling Boy -

I have tried,

without success to write  
you very day this week -  
I have had some in

my notes, and have been  
busy in other ways. At any  
rate - I am so tired to write  
you tonight; before I go to  
bed. Mrs. S. P. Davis is  
here too - (Stanley's grandpa)  
and we have had some of  
from a delicious dinner.

She is sitting in her room across  
the hall - reading a letter and  
am writing -  
Tomorrow we have "Peter and  
Cornelius" lesson. And I have been  
much struck with the fact of both  
men having a regular time for  
prayer and meditation - prayer  
and listening. Taking time for it -  
so that - God could answer their  
prayers - so this time up here is  
my listening time - I may have  
spoken of that - to you in my last  
letter - because I have been full  
of the thought - all of the week.

Trilder - I imagined your last  
letter was possibly a little constrained  
because you felt - others were to read  
it. I shall tell importunate Hobbs  
I will read or tell him parts of your  
letters but - they are mine not his -  
I rarely hand over your letters to  
the others at Galahad for I love to  
read them over and over and  
so prefer to read about what I  
want them to know. So your letters

the boys. And so many problems come up  
continually to try Will. I am glad you  
found your watch - and I am expecting  
you will write me that you found the  
fudge somewhere unless you throw  
it out with the boy - I never, never  
ate it - It was packed right on top -  
Did the jelly run out? - did the pie  
break to pieces? weren't the fried cakes  
good? - Mrs. Puring (as Elizabeth calls  
her) makes them for me once in a while  
and Winifred and I have them for our  
breakfasts. Not reads his history lesson to  
me every afternoon at his - no wonder he can  
not learn it - he does not know the

such terrible lessons  
getting hold of me - so it is the  
"gymnasium" that - seems  
to be raging in all of the  
colleges and schools? - Our  
boys are better - but is still  
in the house.  
for some reasons you thought  
has given up basketball. The  
can not find out why - the  
team play still makes at - football  
together - I will make a deal that  
up there. Jack will probably take his place  
Serious has no pleasure -  
He has his other good  
basketball teams - The other  
school has only the basketball  
teams - four times and before

even. I gave them a dinner - an  
agater supper - Monday night -  
The freshmen team - Marshall,  
McNeal, McClanahan Hunter and  
Martin beat the Hudson freshmen  
7-25 last - Wednesday - and I gave  
them a dinner last - night. So  
we have two good teams coming  
on to help out - next year.

The two boys are working so hard  
since Christmas that Will is not  
an bit like himself - He looks so  
pale and worried and has a groan  
all of the time, as he expresses it. I never  
see him any more. He does not  
come over to say "goodnight" - and the  
only time when I see him is a little  
time about ten o'clock Sunday eve.  
when he comes to take a cup of tea  
with me. And then he is so  
"distrail" - not like Will. I don't  
know if it was wise to try and do  
without - at least one more teacher.  
Perry does not mind it so much  
for Ruth is not here. And he does  
not have foot-ball - as Will has basket-  
ball - and does not have the camp