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P.M. MILFORD, N.H.
MAR 4, 1921

Dear old Maie,

First, let me thank you
for that corking little Antipode.
I am very proud of it and it
was downright sweet of you to
labor thusly for me. What a
peerade of good times you
are having. Gorgeous is no name
for it. I have been having
kind of a festive time myself..

Last week I "batted" to Boston,
had a party (to meet Miss Faye)
Symphony, Miss Aus der Elbe
and Oh gee! the dickens of a
fine time. But that's another story.

We are all proud of you old
girl. You are doing nobly
cheer up!

When I was up to I - I met
your brother and he is all right.

By the way do know it is
the correct thing to josh Albe
about Leonora Wade. He got
snit before he left. I wonder
how he took the jax?

Willy Fiske also has been out
flying. cutting down expenses.

I suppose you know all the
gossip of the place so I will
stop - Take some anti-talkies
they say it is good in similar
cases. Cheer up!

Really Marie, I must exhort-
late with you. Don't you know
you ought not to do that?
You are going too far too
fast and we wait have any
Marie left.

What a fund of experiences
we will all have to relate
when we meet. For we surely
must get together and right
soon - that is next summer.

My heart doubles its action
at the thought of it. For after
all who do I love better than
you three dear old bumpkins?
Heaven bless you all!

I went in to see Tom my white-
my agency man in Boston and
he wanted to know if I could
go to Paris next summer if he
would nail me a place near
Boston to teach French at a
gorgeous salary. I told him I
would. Don't mention it though
for he is "thinking the matter over"
and I have no doubt will
"continue to think". It's a low
down Irish trick agencies
have you will remember.

Allie was up & spend the
night with me about six
weeks ago. We took her to a
private dance at one of the

balls here. "Billy Rich" ^{MAR 4, 1901} was here
too, you will remember he lives
here. I was happy as a lark to have
him here.

I am awfully glad you are
enjoying things and that you
are where you are. Write to
me Marie dear. Time and
separation have only taught
me how much I care for
you and I would like to see
you awfully. I wish you would write.

Lovingly

Laurie

I will put in a brief time Hottel's
arrangement just to show you where
I stand.

age
grandfather
submitted
grandmother

412 Franklin Street Buffalo, N Y
March 5-1901

My own dear Marie:

I have been much longer
in answering your sweet letter of Feb. 22. than
I intended
but the delay happened in this way. I received an
invitation from Douglas on Monday Feb. 25 to go out
to East Aurora with him to spend a week. I was very
glad indeed to go & went to my room to change my
clothing intending while visiting Alice & Mother
to write to you. On getting there I discovered much
to my regret that I had left your letter in Buffalo
Hence the delay. Your mother told me that she had
just written you a letter. I did not return to
Buffalo until Saturday afternoon & then only in
time to take the train west to Derby where I was
to preach from which place I only got back yesterday
to go up & take dinner with Elizabeth Whillie. When
I got home it was too late & I was too tired to write.
Now you have the reason of my delay in writing & returning
the inclosed letter which you were kind enough to send me.

I am glad you sent it to me, although I did not quite see how it came into your possession. At present I am anxious to learn all I can about Mr Whiskey.

You see I know nothing whatever about him nor his affairs, & I would like to very well informed about the person to whom I intrusted the happiness of my best, my dearest, my most loved & trusted child. If any misfortune should come to you, if through any haste or mistake you should be involved in trouble or unhappiness I could not survive it in my present state of health it would be a death blow to me. Be patient my darling & go on with your beautiful Art, until you are able to support yourself & another also if need. If in haste you marry the wrong one, it will be a great misfortune & you will vainly regret that you did not wait. On the other hand if by waiting you meet the one that God has made for you, you will rejoice & say that he was well worth waiting for. Love is immortal & you can afford to wait. It is spiritual & the more fleshly tie is not a necessity. Think of "Holland & Heloise". I waited till I was 35 for your mother & I have been thankful that for her for I have been very happy ever since.

MAR 5, 1901

I spent a very happy week at East Aurora. Alice was very sweet & kind. The two children are so pretty & good tempered. Your dear Mother & myself had a very jolly time & I was very sorry to leave her. It is so near however that I will soon go again. Douglas is improving very much as a host. & Alice has learned better how to take him. She used to get vexed at some of his thoughtless & foolish remarks but now she pays no attention to them. As a consequence he has in a great measure stopped making them. Both she & Elizabeth love you so & I hope you will take advantage of every opportunity of visiting them & getting better acquainted with them. It will do both them & yourself much good & I will be happier to see all the Clan loving one another & considering each other.

A week ago Sunday we had a great sleigh ride to Church. So people all packed into a big wagon body on bob sleds. & all tumbled into a deep snowdrift. men, women, boys & girls. & you old & daddys got the heap, scrambling among arms & legs & potticonto. Big farm wives, & Bladon City ladies all mixed together, & upset by the Irish driver. "Beorra" he said, the sled went down

in the ditch all at once & the pope himself would
have died of laughing to see the spill & the scramble?

It was great fun if it was Sunday, & of course it
could not be wicked when the preacher was in the
middle of it all. I got my feet wet & cold a little
but the fun & the excitement kept me from taking
cold.

There goes the dinner bell & I must stop
With love & kisses I remain

Your Affectionate
Daddy,

My dear Son
I hope some of these are sick. Parker's was aw
rest was put off until getting,
as he was aw to himself & gave
Father did not see him. The
was about a row & higher
a corner gave him 2
years ago for debt, he is dead
& some of the children claim
the row at this late date.
I hope Parker will not lose
them. We can't get any
garden any more, as one to
job these days. We have
planted only a few such
potatoes & some corn, every
thing is back with us,
no young chickens & only 1
hen sitting. About the
March has 40 little chickens.
This is a very disconnected
letter, please excuse it,
with much love
Your devoted
Father.
1901

I think your very acceptable letter of the 8th came after
mine was mailed to you, your card from Washington also came in
due time. I was sorry the weather was so disagreeable for seeing the
ceremonies but hope it did not interfere with your business. I am glad to
know you will not accept the position offered in Washington, tho I did
not much think you would, from what you said.

Yes, I would have been interested in the sermon but I don't think three
days there is any danger of devotion becoming a crime, if his "play" were
understood & practised as he intended, it would all be very well.

I often think of what a day of amusement, not profitable, elevating,
"play", Sunday is made. That reminds me Sunday is our day for
services, the heavy rain Saturday night, & drying winds & some even since
have so improved the roads that we think Mrs Gibbs will bring Eben
Waugham down with him, will I suppose come Saturday afternoon.

But for the wind the weather would be very pleasant, little fire is
needed even night & morning. I don't think we have had but one
still day since March came in, most of them very blustering.

Yesterday your (this is the fourth time I have been interrupted since
Father
I began my letter) was sent for to see a sick woman at Mrs Harris!
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he had gone to Tuckaloo on business, sister Sally & the children
were well but the one all boy is close to them, Beebe has had 7
cures on her place. My last interruption was to see a young man who is
going around getting up photos to have enlarged, a Mrs. Neighbors from Gumbert.
I did not give him any work, your Father has gone to Collins, he is the one
who manages such things.

Uncle Waver has been with us since Monday, he is very complaining, has
all sorts of ailments, I think if he could get out of himself & become
interested in people & things around he would feel better. He seems as
drowsy, sits up in a chair & sleeps any time during the day, even soon
after breakfast. From the table he sends a creek for his harness to hitch
up his cart to go home, it is after 11 o'clock & it still hangs on the
fence & he has been asleep on the sofa. I never saw any one hate to
move as he does, & pants as if he had been rolling logs.

About our Waver, I have had only one letter from him, he was then in
Jerome Arizona, he said he was working at \$3.00 a day, but board &
lodging was \$11.00 a week, he said the town was made up of mines,
he did not say, but we suppose the mines are silver, he did not say
what kind of work he was doing, only that he did not know how
long he would be there. I would not be surprised to hear from him in
California, Mexico, Alaska or the Philippines, tho I sincerely hope not the
latter place. My anxiety for him is very great, & to think he will not in
a new case relieve it by writing, even once in two weeks or so.

I did hope for a letter from him & Fred, but the mail has come & only a

My dear Mr. Cobb, all the "big boys" are invited to be present. Mrs. Cobb insisted that we go up & spend the night with him if anything goes on night we may. We have talked of going also. I have not seen Charles in some time, I expect he stays closely with his hands getting all the work done he can for he is short of hands. I saw in the paper that a story of Negroes have gone to Florida under a contract of three years to work on a sugar plantation, I wonder how many will be with the employer at the end of that time!! You & Father is not feeling so might have some success, with much love & hoping you are quite well.

Yours devoted
P. S. 1

Mother.

The mail has just come in we are glad to hear your letter will answer next time.

A day or so after sending off my last week's letter to your yours came, we were very glad to have it & much interested in all it contained, what a sight that collection of people must have been! I would like to have seen the crowd from some places out of reach, never would be in such a crowd.

I see your mind is not made up about the place you will accept, but I hope you will be able to decide wisely & if you make a change will be bettered by it, it is hard to say what will be for the best. Of course you met some of our Cambridge people who were in Washington, Mrs. Stewart & Miss Cary are there yet. Flora has gone on a second visit to Florida for her husband. Mrs. Neil must be a mighty good husband to send, or let her go about as much, leaving him & the children to do the best they can.

This is a bright but cold day, the most quiet one we have had this week I wish we could avail ourselves of it to drive in to Danville but I am expected to take part in advising our Church Guild this evening, & must put off the trip for tomorrow, the road will have dried some too, we had a steady rain all Tuesday night but that with so much ^{wind} immediately afterwards must have improved the roads.

Mrs. Cobb gave us an excellent supper Sunday, dined with us & took her Wave to Greensboro with him, he hired a team to return Tuesday evening

1879 dollars, will be presented on Tuesday night in the Hall in Greensboro, the year & all the "big boys"

drive up in a hard snow but did not get out, the driver must have had a
bad time returning in the same darkness. Sister Sally & Mary, with whom he
stayed, were well. Green he says looks badly, he works hard, looks after his plantation,
does all the work in the post office, & has an agency that gives him a great
deal to do, soon he will be looking after the building of his house I suppose.

Now, uncle Elmer was much brightened up by his trip but he slipped into
grievousness again before he left us yesterday evening. He needs fresh air, an incentive
to exercise, & pleasant company to keep him up now. Miss Lane was now getting
wondering to see how I was getting on with some pretty little dresses I am making
for Fred's little girls. I want to have them ready for Easter, tho' if this weather
keeps up they can't wear white or light dresses. I had a letter from Fred &
Fanny last week, with no news the active little Sheddlyn keeps them busy,
while dressing the children for Sunday school he stole off & when found was
perched up on the stair steps about half way to the top. He is 13 months old
but has only six teeth, his activity does not extend to tooth cutting.

I heard from Henry last night he had returned from a 67 mile drive &
detention of two days at St. Stephens, was there as a witness in court, as a
county delegate & to the medical association meeting, it was well all came
at once. Nothing more from Waver, about six weeks since. I have heard from
him. I write every week hoping my letters will remind him of his duty.

Perhaps you have seen in the papers a notice that a silver service will be
presented to Capt. Richmond Hobson at Granboro. The fund was raised
by the efforts of some Granboro people Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Pickens & Miss Annie
prominent in it. The service Mrs. Cobb said was a beautiful thing, cost

present appearance I don't think
we will get off tomorrow this
has been a strange day, the blacked
clouds, deep wind at times & then
the sun would burst out for awhile
& then a shower of rain, the road
must be very muddy. Of course
the ladies will not do this evening
I am afraid our president will
be disappointed & not try for
another meeting this evening
I cleaned up early every where
particularly in the nursery, had
hardly talked my rent to read
a little when I heard such a
noise, the speaker over the
road was in nursery had
fallen, knocked off the top of
wood and broke it in three
pieces, then there was clanging
to be seen enough, I think that
had better be ciled.
Now has been fixing up
pickings today between clouds
Your Father sends a paper
write 24
Gives love
Gives devoted
Mother.
1901.

for look" I will begin my letter today, on my return from Greensboro
Wednesday night I will be too tired to write & then too we might
be detained, for this is most uncertain weather, quick changes from
heavy clouds to sunbeams. Friday night we had a good deal of rain &
a little snow last night but today the sun is bright & wind high
so I hope the roads are rather improved than hurt by the rain.
Weather & roads permitting we will take a horse Tuesday & then leave
for Mrs Cobbs', go with them to the presentation & spend the night
there, next day visit the him in Greensboro, & of course your Father
will be trying to see the "big boys" that may be there. I'd promised to
be here to feed & take care of the place.

Your very welcome letter came just as I was about sending my last to
you. I don't think your Father's fixing up of the flowers was as faintest
I told him they would be withered. If I could get some one to work when
wanted I would try to raise the way by acanthus for the Mobile or
Birmingham market, they are so easily raised. I don't think I told
you I have added in roses to my little garden, hope all will
like it.

put out to live; the old ones have little birds on them now, peaches
& pear blossoms make the garden look gay but we fear a late frost.
The idea of a "tucky" party at Bonnell's anything for June I suppose,
& they are amusing when well carried out. I would like to have seen
you dressed up, did not you wear the same dress once to a tucky party
in Cambridge? I remember fixing either Reuben or yourself up. That
reminds me, the clouds early this morning must have kept Reuben from
coming today & Uncle Warr has not put in an appearance yet, we heard
he was quite "poorly" Friday, but up yesterday. Sam Patten has gone for
the week. I do hope I will hear from Warr, only that our letter since he
left for the west. Henry wrote last week, he was very well.

This evening of the day I wrote to you I walked up to Mrs Collins' to the
Guild meeting, waited until nearly sunset & as one cannot so she
appointed a meeting to be held here tomorrow afternoon, I hope we
will have an attendance of the few who belong to it. I want to propose
to the ladies to have a rose show, we want something done to the
organ or a new one. I think with the aid of the Lancaster neighborhood
we could have a fine show of roses, Rebecca & sister Sally have the
prettiest I know of & Mrs Garber must have some too. Mrs Collins'
girls (Katy & Olivia) brought the news that Willie Robinson is to be
married to a cousin of Mrs Thatcher as the family is moving up. He
wants Mrs Allen to build a house for him next to Orabel & all will
be right now together, if Katy caught them as they say she did
them with her aunt.

"The power of the
people, a fine
thing, said in
England,
there it will
be as the
same, I
have just made
myself
to feel some
little of the
the little that
and there
for a couple of
days -

March 29th

My darling Louisa -
I have been
hoping to hear from you,
but since we are no longer
as I want to send you
the leaf I made for you
it will only go once around
the week I think. The pictures
that you see now are
contents of "The Resurrection"
which Helen is fast appreciat-
ing, & so beautifully recogniz-
ing in the Episcopal Church.
Elizabeth I am glad to

so that you can come to us.
The Church there can pay
\$5.00 ~~for~~ ^{for} the salary, but we
will have to pay out of it the
house rent. How glad I will
be to have our own little ^{own} ~~little~~ ^{home}
Sunday School though it be, so any
near children can come &
see me. The Boys want Char-
lie to help them in his
vacation & Willie has a
corner for him in their Hall.
Alice wants you also to
visit her. Your little
Alice is anxious to have
you, but as stay more
at Parson's, & make our
hearts glad. Take great
care of yourself & let's both
rejoice in your happiness.
I want you to read