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Dear Lottie,

I'm writing about the general idea of happiness. I may not have come across it in my reading. John had a good letter from his mother yesterday, but I don't know what it's about. He writes so often to his sister. Does he ever write letters from his parents? I think he must write to his family every week. Doesn't John have a family, too? I've heard from him so few times. His letters are very strange.

Mother is crocheting some white pulls for her new baby. She might have planned on it. Alice says they are white. I'm wondering if they are not a little too white. I'm thinking of the things I've seen in the store. The idea might surprise you. She thinks they are planning on something quite new. I don't think the idea is quite the thing. But personally I don't like them on all those. Do you think the idea for her home clour, Lottie? I can picture how happy she.
improving, Lottie. I suppose you put your voice all nice as you can. I think, if a woman is blessed with a fair voice, she has ten to specialise but now have helped her.

I hope you're having good walks in the fresh air. What is a dream to? I'm thinking (can't remember) first name, very good book. The title is just the one you've given. This group has too many reach things, this group.

Hope it's grand when mother can have them off clothes for the time being. It's hard to say it's not too proud to tell how true it is in its best part.

I hope you have any details.

Lottie doesn't own aArs. stay thin. I know he is too active for it. It is his making. Hope he is working out after he gets his gown.

How glad the mother in so nice? Do you think you'd like to live there? I hope that you'd like to live there. I suppose one must be there a while.

is a Ray making plans [techni... about defeating [illegible] even [illegible] to go [illegible] to step into a new year - still you... I'm thinking very much about you. Yes, not interesting. My tennis lessons are nothing. The news of plans is how done or plans. She's practically [illegible]. The page was practically [illegible]. when we moved on it. Those plans are [illegible] were very pleased. I hope they'd play. They do very pleased with the linear that I come back means for various reasons.

Dear John yesterday looking higher & happy. I suppose he is taking on some meaning for him again - he has [illegible] for happy thoughts, that he has appetites not well. He's making marks improvement. It must be a year since his [illegible] he has nearly a year. Since then, I [illegible] made lots of kindness since then. I think it is nearly time for another X-ray. Her illness is very anxious to see what it shows.

She is so glad your cold is over.
you to judge. Some Bridgeton girls we know are living in Clearwater & they say it's great.

The Jr. choir in our church have worn color rosettes with white rosettes (they look very nice made like Sr. choir).

Are you getting more rest, tottie? Hope Chris is helping remind him if he forgets! Has he found any bow & play with? Apparently he is having all time of his young life! I don't detect dexters any bits of home pickens whatever.

Most time for mail man to sit stop now.

Much love from us all.

C.s. Your letters mailed back @ 4 P.M. just arrived 7/11 9 A.M. pretty quick! Tickled to get this snapshot. Russ - you look so tall! Glad you went to the movies. I'll hope you didn't catch cold & all fun in very about the dog. Love - Glad
Wishing you Health and Happiness
Like mists before the sun
May your illness disappear
And healthful, happy days return
To fill your life
With cheer.

With love from
Beat, Carol
the boys.
Dear Ellison: We are so glad you are all over the operation and getting along so well. I suppose we will be seeing you (home here) in a few days. It doesn't seem possible but I suppose it seems more like a month than a week to you! Best wishes! Carol.
Dearest Lot -

I meant to send a little message with the music the other day. I do hate to get a pkg. without a single word - but I had to take a car &
guessed stop for anything.

Hope you'll like them. Don’t you mind
the person "was our favorite down in Ben
Harbor; we sang it regular times
one evening. "Until" is my favorite of
the bunch. Coleridge-Taylor wrote the
"Hiawatha’s Wedding" — the Sally & I
studies in Gloucester Choral.

Isn’t it fine?

I did want to go home, but have
decided to wait & save my money
for the trip atDemo. I couldn’t very
buy time this week — for Friday
is last rehearsal before the Concert

Dec. 4th.

For Monday afternoon Paul Brennan
invited me to the Woman’s Club to see Mrs. Margaret DeLand
That will be such a treat for me.
I'm so sorry you get lonesome. I
don't understand it--I'm ashamed too.
How treated you too, but you are
only one with all the rest. I
wrote letters to people who have
been particularly nice to me.
Babe is calling me. He was some
gold but I guess is better today.
No others are all pretty well
except Esther & Charlie who have
had some trouble with lemon
They are both better.
Mother Hale, Althea & Esther Depuis
one Sat. & stayed one night till the
4 P.M. train Sunday.
Mother Hale has been visiting in
Rochester for 5 weeks--some people
who boarded with her each year.
I must tend to Richard & get him
ready for school. A letter from
you & much to Elliman.

I'm own Marion.

Tuesday 8 a.m.
June 30

Cabot, Vermont.

Dear Mr. Marion, you are so good to write. I was so sorry to hear of Eve's sore throat and fever. Hope it is much better now.

I want to know Polly's plans and desires for school. What is S. H. S.? Is it Ruth's school?

Did you write Johnson about insurance and how did the matter stand finally? Don't bother to write, but tell me when I come.

So sorry about Cousin Harriet!

Thank you for your nice anniversary letter. I meant to have remembered Tom's birthday, and forgot, and so you did far better than I. I was ashamed of myself.

Does Gene like his work? Has he long hours?

Polly's ensemble must have been beautiful, and the other blouse and skirt, Ruth and Carol can buy.
When I come, tell me please whether Althea and Bobbette got out, and what Aunt Mary's present was. At time of Polly's graduation.

We have had showers all day and it was 4:20 when I got up about 6:00 A.M. Sometimes here, they have a frost every month in the year.

We have been getting radishes, lettuce, leeks, and delicious spinach from our garden. It seems so nice.

Only a few over a hundred at church today. Showers threatened just at time to start.

We move to Methodist Church next Sunday.

Much love to you all,

Lottie
Dear Darwin,

A happy birthday to you! We are nearly thru packing for Thayong, and Elliot has made me rest so often, and has done so much himself that I do not feel overtaxed. I still have a number of letters that I wanted to mail from here before leaving, but I shall hardly find time to do them.

He got up about 4:00 tomorrow morning and leave the house about 5:15 or 5:30 I think then it will be comfortable and beautiful too. We take the launch to Ketjung and there change into a small boat where we shall sleep Fourth of July night.

I suppose you are now at the Bungalow. It must be great to be there!

I am getting along nicely, but have had trouble with hemorrhoids this week especially. Did you ever have them? Mine have not come from any neglect, but a reappearance of the remains of last time. Hope to reduce them soon.
I am enclosing a grain cushion corn for your new house, and a check to reduce the moving expenses. It must have been hard to manage. Shall be glad to hear from you soon. I am expecting letters every day now.

Excuse this scrap of letter - you'll understand, cause this is a busy day. I haven't walked up and down stairs yet, so you see what good care I have had.

Hope you are well. Do take care of yourself! Wish I could see the kiddies!

Very much love and many kisses on your birthday.

Did Tom get his knife?

Lottie.
76 High. Sept. 1.

Dear Marion, I had so counted on seeing you last Tuesday, that I haven’t yet quite gotten over my disappointment. Allison doubtless explained to you how I felt in duty bound to try for the train not only on John’s account, but on Alice’s, for she would have kept up so late if they had taken me to Lynn for the 7:39. Well, next time, I shall hope to come up the day before and make sure of a few minutes. And will you forgive me
for not writing more? I know that you write more than I do even when you sit not to, and so I feel ashamed but three three weeks have been so rushed and I felt that I almost neglect every possible thing until I could get settled in one place.

Mother perhaps has told you of her huge families of 16, 17, 18, for several meals, thanks to our being here, She has been wonderful.

Weren't you a remarkable person to get your final party on such a day last week, and hope that Labor Day will bring just such ideal weather again.

We shall try to join you as many as can go. Aunts Alice
Grandma Lane had twelve grandchildren
and that they could not remember all
this birthdays - and the same is true of
the aunts. I purposely haven’t
noticed the birthdays because I did not
want anyone to do anything for John
and Alice. So please forgive my good
intentions - and please accept our
heartfelt thanks and please don’t
do so much for us that we feel
dashamed.

I do hope that you find the home
improved when you go back and that
conditions can be made a little
easier for you. If you go home
two nights a week, I am afraid that
it is too hard for you. Is Theresa
it is too hard for you. Is Theresa
back and is she taking any care of
the family? Much love to you,

Greetings to Mr. Brearly
and Amelia & Albin.

Letter.
Jan. 27,

Dearest Marion, 

Thank you for good post-card. I was glad to hear via CAROL that Polly is liking, and that the Camps visited her.

January 30

I didn’t get very far on this — sorry!

It was Ray’s birthday to-day and so Alice invited Jean McVittie and Alice to have a waffle supper. They had a nice time —

- Waffles with syrup
- Cranberry molded salad
- Rolls
- Celery
- Ice cream cake
- Milk

Ellen has had a very full day — with a service at Dairy Hill this morning, and a rehearsal for next Sunday evening, and a rehearsal for next Sunday’s youth service in the church this P.M.
Mrs. Russell comes in when she can, but has not been here quite so often as when it was better weather, when you and mother were here. I offered to help her daughter, Margorie, with the piano, and have had a chance to help two or three Royalton girls as a result. I get it to go on Friday P.M., and if they stick, it will be good for them, but they have to practice at another person's house, and one has trouble with seeing the notes. The fact that they have blurred means that she should have eyes examined.

This week I did not meet any of them, because one girl was sick, and the other had this eye trouble—so that we lost her. I want to develop them postponed all into a class—if possible. Ellis preached a good sermon on Habit-making this A.M., and so I want to try to get up at 7:00 every morning. Therefore I must say good night now.

Much love to you—will write more.

Sottie

How good you are, ma'am, to write me.

Last evening we had a social at Royalton. Mrs. Russell did all the work. I did not do one thing — and we were fifteen minutes late at that! Ray and Alice went, and one other boy from here. They had contests, played one active game, had cocoa and sandwiches, and cake and three promenades and then it was 10:30 P.M.

Ellen brought home the news of Leighton Yngh's suicide. — Dreadful shock for his father and mother and Jane. — Everyone is, in fact, that they will feel it most keenly. I was glad to hear of your trip to
Aunt Mary's - etc.

We are just about to go to Christian League. This P.M. I went over to call on Mrs. Beecher, Janice Berry's grandmother, who has arthritis - and was in the hospital for seven weeks. She was a rather sick woman - and find it difficult to take even a few steps now. I must start now.

Ellen may go to New York City on Feb 14 to attend a Conference of M.E. ministers interested in the Oxford Group Movement. He has been invited - he had planned to go to Springfield for a Cong'l Study Conference that day, but thinks the N.Y. Conference more important.

Much, much love to you and all.
August 1.

Dear Marion, I was so busy last week that I did not write even in my own diary! A trip to White River, a trip to Barre, and company, do fill in all the extra chunks of time.

Your letter to me was lovely and I appreciated it. You must feel as if I neglect you, but I never know when you will be at Rockport, and know that you will see my letter when you go. I am glad that you are having a little quiet, — glad that you saw Cousin Harriett, sorry for Tom’s numb feeling — Now are you, yourself.

By the way, I left for Maine to-day. Horrid weather part of the time here — overcast,
humid, and very heavy showers in late Pm. John has been painting a picture. Alice has done a lot of dishes she left last nights in order to go to Tunbridge to hear the Governor. I did not go rest, O.K.-But I tried. E. has given his old car to Ray. and he is very happy to have it. He used it yesterday and has gone to Bethel to the pictures to-night. John and Alice went with him.

Ray is planning to come down the last Sunday of our vacation the 21st and stay until we go home.

I hope Polly will not work too hard cleaning the Bungalow. It is a discouraging job. Mother got to rent it if she can. Wrecked
Make other plans, I'm sorry the B. & H. apartment is not let.

Beth Little called on Saturday night to say that she had arrived at her mother's cottage at Thetford (Lake Fairlee) for August. We are going over tomorrow taking picnic lunch. She has six children with her—all but the two oldest she expects.

On Friday we go to Barre to see Mrs. Gage and then to Cabot. Alice does not care much about going strange.

John has been teaching my Sunday School class. Our organist, Sherman Carpenter, is to be married today. Probably has been by now!
Much love to all.
Hope Tom feels better.

Oh, I found your typewriter keeper and dots, birthday card, etc. under living room table. Finally. It is so late that I had better bring unless you are in a hurry. Alice enjoys her dresses very much.

Lottie.

P.S. Hope you can go to the Monday Oxford group meetings at Rockport. They would love to have you.
Is Ruth Benson travelling this summer?

I dried up some crabapple jelly and canned some raspberries today.