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429 Northampton St.
Holyoke, Mass.

Feb. 11-1917

My Dear Lottie:

Your sweet letter was very pleasant to receive I assure you. I am as glad you feel almost like a daughter now and shall certainly hope that when the time comes, you will no difficulty in calling me "Mother". I thank you for your love and am glad you can give it.

Your time at Dr. Hadley certainly seems to have been full and you could not have done more than you did. I suppose it is too early to expect to hear any result from your interview with the appointment committee and

Treas. Hoolley, if you are to make a change in your work, we shall of course hear of it at the right time. What concerns you, interests us.

I do not know how well informed Elliot keeps you of the home doings. He are busy as we always seem to be. Mr. Hildreth is particularly so just now. He can never be depended on for dinner at home, because a great deal of his work is looking up titles and that takes him to Springfield, or Northampton, to the Register of Deeds Office. From the work he is in, one might think it meant a big paying business, but there is a great deal of work for small returns, and a great deal comes as charitable work. It is surprising how many widows come to him for help in their business affairs, and he is always ready to help, though it takes much of his time.

We had a treat last Tues. eve., when the Literary Clubs of the city were invited by the Thursday Club, to hear Marshall Darnall give the "Merchant of Venice". It had been

Snowing from Mon. night till Tues. P. M. and started again Tues. eve., but, in spite of the snow, High School Hall was well filled. The new repairs for the exhibition of evening at. For his rendering was fine - his portrayal of Shylock was wonderful and the whole thing was enjoyable.

I should have enjoyed going the next night to the Hall, to hear the Robert Lee Club concert, but instead, I entertained Fannie's teacher and Mrs. Taylor and Helen, after school hours till 9 P. M. Mrs. T. and I are planning now to entertain all the teachers at the Elmwood school home eve. We did this two years ago at her house and the teachers seemed very grateful for the pleasure they received - they had never been so entertained before. Fannie then, Fannie has wanted them here and we are trying to arrange it. It is a little difficult, because of Lent. When we realized it would come in the Lenten season, we supposed the Catholic teachers (about half)

would object to coming, but the principal said they
would come on any night except Wed. & Fri. —
as Thurs. is our prayer meeting and Mon. & Sat.
are poor nights for company, we are reduced to
Tues. Feb. 13 & Business Men's Banquet, Feb. 19

Pittsburg Orchestral concert, which we want to attend,
Feb. 26 Mark Twain's daughter appears here. You
see it is hard to find a free night.

No I have not heard from your mother,
but its all right. I hope some time we may
meet and perhaps we can talk more easily.

So I must write to Allison as her
love and a goodbye from

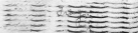
(Miss John)

Kate B. Aldrich

Letters on
engagement
to
marry.



Miss Lottie R. Lane,



Camp Hilland School.

Rocky Park,

Aug. 20. 1907

Dear Lottie:

I received a postal from Mr. Hildart
this A. M. He says the nurse said Ellen
did well through the operation - he went up
to see E., but, as he was asleep, he could
only look at him and then had to leave.
His time between trains was short and
he lost 3/4 of an hour looking for the wrong
car, that is why he told me to wait till
he writes, before I went up. He says
go to the Subway and take a Reservoir
car, or a Boston Boulevard car - the
cars are not marked "Reservoir & Brookline".
go to Jordan's Stairs - these stairs are a
rather hard climb, so he advises me not
to carry any luggage out there. Are you
planning to go up this week or next?

Original Source

Although I should be glad of company
it seems to me it would be well if you
could go on different days, so he need
not have all his good times at once.
don't you think so?

Heartly

P. H. B. Schmitt

But you is to take this to your Father
if he is not at the Bank she will
mail it for me.

Dear at home

429 Northampton St
Holyoke, Mass.
Feb. 28 - 1910

Dear Lottie;

I was very glad to get your letter today. I think your scheme of having Ellison send to us part of your letters a good one. We used to have a Round Robin and the letters were sent from Holyoke to Ellison, then to Northampton, Gloucester, and to Marion in Boston. In this way we heard from each part of the family, and so kept in touch with them. We wrote a letter for the Robin, then, if we wanted some private message

for the rest in line, we wrote that on
a separate slip and the one to whom
it was sent, kept that part. Aunt
Fannie always sent the R.R. to me and
almost always sent the separate list,
then I had one for Ellison, and
Helen one for Marion. It seems to
me we could do the same now - that
is, when Ellison wrote to me he could
send the part of your letter that was
open & retain the rest - and then he
could send my letters to you if you
 cared to get them. In that way we
should certainly feel a little better
acquainted than we do now - shouldn't
we?

I do not wonder you feel troubled
over Ellison's not writing - I have - It
seemed as if he was growing more
careless, but from his last two letters, I
am sure that is not the trouble. He

says this new work has kept him "bustled"
and since he began it - he had no time
to write, but after the Feb. account is ready,
he feels sure he shall find the work
easier and then I hope letters will be
more regular and explicit.

Ellison says he wrote to the Board,
but has not heard from them yet.
He says Mr. Haggard told him he just
wishes the Board would advise waiting
till 1911, and he feels sure also, that he
can take the trip with his Father. I
too am glad that they can go together,
even though it means I do not have
Ellison as usual. I think it will do
both of them good. Mr. Hilditch needs
a change and if Ellison works as hard
as he says, it will be a rest for him.

I think it natural you would like
to be nearer home next winter, but I
agree with the others, that for you it is
better to keep a position you enjoy, rather

than take a new one. It is always harder
in a new place and for a year it would
hardly pay, it seems to me.

Now about Lounsbury. I shall
be only too glad to have you here too,
using this as your home, to come and go,
as your plans at the College make necessary,
and if you care to share your bed with
a friend, and have her company back-
front, I shall be glad to receive and
entertain her too. Then there is Ellison's
room free - up in the third story - if
you care to use that for two little girls,
you are welcome to do so, and I shall be
glad to have them here with you. The two
rooms are at your disposal if you want them
and I will gladly do all I can to make
you quite comfortable & pleasant. It is a pity
you have to return to Glen Ridge - stay here
as long as you can - and of course let me
know when you can come.

Lovingly
H. B. Hubbard

Mon. Apr. 17, 1860

Dear Mother & Family,

Just a line to tell you that I am getting along nicely. Since the sixth week I have had that nauseated feeling altho I have had very little nausea, and it destroys my life and ambition. But I am hoping that this stage will soon pass. People are urging me to go to Canton to visit my friend Harriett Allyn for the change, but I do not want to go unless it is absolutely perfectly necessary.

Thank you for ~~sending~~^{knitting} comfort bands. I hope my second letter did not confuse you, and that you sent them along, for they will surely come in handy. I hope too, that you could get the shoes, for one's feet are especially bothersome in this country and more so than usual during pregnancy. I was thinking of that when I finally decided to have them.

I know too much for his chess and
deball on you for mine. Perhaps you
had better send me the exact bill the way
and then that will enable me to make
out an exact check and settle our
accounts for the present. Many thanks
for all the trouble.

Hope Fannie's graduation party
has arrived safely.

Love to all,

Sister

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY



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Mrs Everett Lane
Rockport
Mass

Box 107

All well and happy here. Bob has ^{just} just
started for college, and I soon leave for Cateron,
N.J. to hear that fine concert with Jane
Elder. Then to-morrow I am to go to the Plaza's
to stay while Mr & Mrs P. are away for a
few days. Mr. P. returned from college
last night. He had a great time and

was glad to see ~~you~~ ^{you} glad that the
garden is planted. ^{How} busy carpentering
in Stoughton?
in Cabot? How are your fingers, Mother? How
much for B. and C. and Papa too - Love.

Return
kindly to
H. A. A.

Hotel Victoria
Los Angeles, Cal.
Sept. 27, 1943

Dear Father and Mother and Aunt Ben,

I cannot tell you how surprised I was when I found the beautiful red lace collar last evening when I came home from the evening service. I was tired out, but it made me just happy and rested at once. Such a beauty! - Oh, I can just see it on a beautiful dark blue gown - and as Mrs. Carrier wore the right of the farewell meeting - (oh how long ago that seems!) I never expected to own such a lovely one, and I can hardly express my appreciation, but I thank you all very much for the gift itself and for the love that I feel behind it. I meant to have told

you before I came away that I am going to try to take good care of your boy. He has been indispensable to this party and such a help to everybody - myself most of all, of course! He has stood the trip and the care very well I think. One reason is that everything has run smoothly. We have seen a great deal of one another and are getting better acquainted every day.

Ellicott has already written you a full letter I think and I have written a full one to the Bartholomews which I have asked them to forward to you finally. I shall write another as soon as possible and have that forwarded too.

Three letters reached me at Rome

last evening, and that helped to
make the birthday pleasant. Tho
some mistake some of my birthday
gifts were packed in the suit case that
went to San Francisco - and as I was doubly
grateful to have yours with me.

Los Angeles - Cal.

Sept 29, 1918 -

Later

We arrived at Pomona about
three hours late after a wonderful
trip thro the deserts and mountains.
They had had four automobiles to meet
us at 3:33 when we were due - but
alas! we did not get in even in
time for the chicken and ice cream
supper which they had prepared, but
we did get there in time to "specify"
Mr. Alder had met us, and so took us

of the responsibility from Ellison.
We hurried right on to Los Angeles
Saturday morning and rested all the
afternoon. In the evening we called
on Mrs. Page - a missionary from
Scentow China, who showed us
many interesting pictures and books
and told us of the people and place.
Ellison and all of us spoke Sunday A.M.
groups going to different churches, but
he begged off for me on the San Diego
trip Sunday afternoon - I was so
glad. Instead of taking that long hot
train ride and speaking in the evening, I
went automobiling with Julia Kinke
Nelson in the afternoon and attended a
church service where I heard an orchestra
of Chinese children in the evening.

To-day I am still with Julia. It
is warm but comfortable. I have

washed all my handkerchiefs
and collars and stockings,
and am soon going to iron
them with an electric iron. We

are in sight of the mountains.
A palm tree is on every corner
on this street, and beautiful
flowers are in blossom. I wish
that you could all see it with
us.

Very much love to you all,
and thanks for the beautiful
gift and the love.

Lottie.



U.S. NAVY MAIL

Oct. 21, 1913.

Dear Father Hildreth,

Ever since we started on this trip I have intended to write you specially. In the first place, you didn't have any special note to thank you for our wonderful wedding present - and I have been waiting all summer because I wanted to write you from the boat. You know of course how much it means to us - and how much it will mean as the days go by.

I realize a little bit what it means to earn the money and be able to give it. That is, my appreciation is deeper since I know what it means to earn.



It means days and weeks of work!

And then I have learned that you have had a birthday while we have been sailing the broad Pacific, and that I realized that we had not been so thoughtful as you all were, about remembering. We hope that the day was, nevertheless happy, and that it will be still happier in that the good wishes keep coming in.

We are enjoying the letters each day, and feel grateful for the time spent and the work put on them; they somehow seem more near when we remember that we were

near by when many of them
were being written.

You will see from the long
letter how our days are being
spent. We are really having a
delightful honeymoon, and it is
such a pleasure to have
Ellison feeling well. He is so
surprised, he doesn't know how
to act!

Ellison is asking you to
transfer a certain amount of profit
and adding present money to
my bank in Brownfield so that
we can get interest and still
have the money available in a
check account. It will be
all right to assume, I suppose,
that the money will be in the
bank by Dec. 1. When you
write the bank, would you be

willing to ask them to send me a statement and all the returned checks which they have on hand. It will save time I think.

We are looking forward to reaching Yokohama to-morrow and seeing friends in Tokio.

We have been invited to a tea party by the president of the steamship line, but we have thought it safer not to accept, since our plans depend upon Mr. and Mrs. Groat.

We hope that this year will be full of joy for you and that good health will be yours for many, many years.

Your loving daughter
Lottie

Finished Oct. 23. 1913

Dear Daddy Wilburt -

Father Wilburt
sounds a little too Roman Catholic,
but as I come to the Daddy which I
have become familiar with in my
old age thru the Bartholomews.
If it sounds too queer, you
suggest something you like. -
But this little note is to thank you
heartily for my big Christmas
present. So much I can do with it!
For here you know it becomes
two Mexican dollars, and that
seems quite a fortune!

Very lovingly yours,
Smator, Chias Lottie A. H.

January 11, 1914

Father

Dear Mother & Edith,

It was very dear
of you to send me such an
interesting book as Pallyanora. I
had until nearly midnight on
December 31 and did not want
to put it down even then. I have
not finished it yet, but may at
the next sitting.

How I wish you could come
and visit us. It is so cozy and
nice that I love it, and Ullian
is just as good as he can be
to me. He couldn't be better.

Much love and many thanks.
Lottie.

Suifu, China

January 11, 1917.

Mother.

Worcester
August 2, 1914

Dear Mother and Father, Gilbert,

It was very good of you to remember our wedding anniversary so generously. It is said to be a paper anniversary. Dad & Allison is inclined to buy a dictionary (oh, I forgot that that was his birthday money for which he wanted to use that); but we are both wondering if you could not use our gift to buy something to protect our papers & books, and that is a book-case which we have already ordered from George. Does that please you? We ordered one, but little it is large, it doesn't hold more than half, if half, of our books, and we haven't had another at once. We are a little sorry that we bought quite so many books for they are a great care, and we had some that we do not really need. We appreciate your gift very much and shall get much enjoyment, I am sure, from this new book case.

We are entering upon a month's vacation, and in all my experience I can remember looking forward to such a length of time so free from care and duty. Of course we have many little tasks which we plan to do, but there is no house work - no house-keeping - and no necessary study.

To-day is a beautiful day. I have walked up to the Hill House to arrange with Mrs. Baker about an exchange of left over stores, and received a caller, summed some of our clothes and written some letters, and it is already nearly dinner time. It does seem so good to have some one else planning meals.

Hope you will soon be in Worcester, when we shall look forward to news from the two families. Have a good rest and drink in some salt breezes for us. We do not seem to smell the salt at Worcester as we do at home.

Very much love to you all
Lottie

• Dear Mrs Hildreth,

We are sending
a little drawn work cushion cover
as a birthday gift and hope
that you will have a very happy
day and many more - to follow.

Our teacher did not come this
morning and so we have had a
busy morning Ellison cleaning
his carpenter shop, and I cleaning

corners where the boy is
careless, and attending to the
wash. This is a busy life!

To morrow we expect Dr. Swastick
to stay over night and the
next day after Dr. Bacon comes.

We had a very pleasant and
with them. (Swastick)

Your good letter came this
morning - so glad to hear! I
have looked at all the letters

eagerly since you went to Gloucester
to hear of my family - and I have been
so disappointed not to hear a word.

What is the matter I wonder. Perhaps
you forgot to mention it, but I thought
that you would be so anxious to see
one another that hardly a day would
pass before you were talking over news etc.
It makes me almost homesick this
morning. Aunt Ale mentioned seeing
Fannie on the street, and said she expected to

see you all soon.

Well. I'll hope to hear long before
I get an answer to this letter.
Hope you had a delightful time.
Glad to hear news of all friends
and the Nevilles especially. Did
you hear anything of Marjorie?

We planted some seeds
yesterday, and hope they will
come up.

Very much love to all of you
but especially to Mother for the
birthday -
 Lovingly yours,
Lottie

October 6, 1914

Swanan, China

Return to
Mrs. Hildreth
4 1/2

Suatsou, China
November 15, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Hildreth,

Here are a few
clippings E. has laid aside for you,
and a letter of Aunt Cele's I thought
you might be interested in as well
as a little envelope of snapshots
which somehow did not get into
the box which we sent ^{about two weeks ago.} We hope
it will arrive safely. The little
package you spoke of sending for
my birthday has not arrived yet,
but I am expecting it any day,
and know that it sometimes takes a

Very long time to get things. It
was very dear of you to think of
me, and I thank you very much.

We have put ^{the} everything possible
for a week or more now, preparing
for our examination which came
off yesterday for E and me alone.
Of course it was very much nicer
to be examined by ourselves, and
we got through it in a little over
two hours and a half. To celebrate
we went to Swatow in the afternoon
to see sports at the Anglo-Chinese

College.

We have enjoyed the letters and clippings very much. We were especially interested in the account of Miss Emma Bates' trip. Then, too, I was so glad to hear of your call at Lavinia's Inn. Did you know that Marion called on you the same day at Rocky Hill. It is too bad!

I am afraid Ellison and you and Aunt Let - all misunderstood what I meant about ~~the~~ letters. I feel "achamed to death" as the Chinese say when I think that perhaps you all think that I would urge him to copy my own efforts - but I guess you understand. I didn't want him to change his original at all - but I did want him to add or insert a little personal

communication - enough so that you
would know that he had read your letter, and
also so that he would be were to answer
questions, but I am afraid his habit is
too strongly formed, and he forgets to answer.
It seems as if, if I were far away I
would be comforted by the expression of a
little of his inner feelings, which we all know
are there.

He does appreciate Jennie's letters and
he certainly appreciates everything that is
done for him, but you all know this better
than I do. I was just wishing that you
might receive a little confirmation [†] in personal
communication (for the long and hard speech.)

I believe I should pine away without it.

Very lovingly yours,
Lottie

Dear Jennie, Do it Miss Mignon Talbot, or
Miss Talbot Senior in your house? (What you do in your letter.)
And write for this last you.
Lottie