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Dear Lottie - Jan. 1. 1888.

Nothing to write about but  
quarrelling but I may get some  
happy news as I find:

John has a good letter from  
London yesterday. The Davis family  
on as John's father - Mrs. L. is  
now she writes you often of father's  
progress. And Dr. Jackson & George -  
it must keep him very writing  
John - his family very much and Davis  
Lester was with; but some more  
a letter from his. some strange  
she doesn't write her children! that  
she must for a criticism - it just  
popped into my head.

John's mother is washing some plates  
quite for John - they are white. I'm  
wondering if decorated one white  
plates I discovered do. But in Bridgeton  
enough are given. The other night  
he's planning of venturing blind. They  
said to the girl the thing but generally  
I don't like them or all I have. So I  
the deal for her have done.  
Lottie? I can picture how happy she

improving. Let's I suppose you put your  
 voice as near as you can. I think of a  
 woman in Ireland who has had trouble out  
 her voice this winter. She has been to specialists  
 but none have helped her.

Hope your friend your good looks &  
 read often. I have just read 'What is  
 a dream for?' by Thacker (last number)  
 a pleasant ~~light~~ good book. Oh there is  
 that too many I wish beyond their grasp.

Wish it to grand when brother can have  
 those old plates off. He had said to be  
 better. We can be thankful it and let  
 outside angles for his sake. I suppose it  
 too poor for this has been in waiting!  
 Marion didn't give any details.

Let's send away by Anne stop this -  
 I know he is to Dublin but it is his  
 making. Hope he travels out after he gets  
 his grant.

Am glad the weather is so nice.  
 You can see Florida as it has. Do  
 you think you'd like to live there? I  
 suppose one must be there a while

to - Ray on making plans & talking  
 about deporting stuff. On lots of ways  
 it's more good to say my old brother  
 - fix it up your way when it stops  
 into a real one - about you have  
 replace pipes, roof - This very  
 necessary but not interesting by itself  
 are asking for our well people down -  
 it's said. The paper was practically new  
 other my mind was the first thought  
 were hard on it. They people are careful  
 & I hope they'll stay. They are very pleasant  
 with the house but I wonder how much  
 more when they might move for various  
 reasons.

Saw John yesterday looking bright & happy.  
 He says like his taking on some manner  
 you have again - he has felt by his about  
 appetite, weight, sleep & happy thoughts. There he  
 must be making marked improvement. It  
 nearly a year since his operation & he has  
 made lots of headway since then. I think  
 it is nearly time for another X-ray but he  
 very anxious to see what it shows.  
 I'm so glad your cold & voice is

you to judge. Some Orington pairs are  
known as living in Charwater & they  
think it's possible.

The 40 chairs in our church have  
pinnacles, colored robes with white collars.  
They look very nice - made like the  
children.

Are you getting more rest, Lottie?  
Hope Alice is helping - remind him  
if he forgets: Ed has to spend any  
time to play with! Apparently he is  
having all time of his young life!  
I don't desire to start any line of him -  
without others.

Thank you for mail man, so did  
stop now.

Much love from us all.

Glad.

P.S. Your letter mailed last @ 4 P.M. just ar-  
rived - Fri. 10 A.M. - pretty good. I tried to get the  
envelope from you last so that I could get you want to  
take pictures, but I hope you didn't enter with I'll give  
the very nice idea. 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  
Boat, Carol &  
the boys -

Dear Ellison: We are so  
glad you are all over the  
operation and getting  
along so well. I suppose  
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 so hate to get a pkg. without a single word - but I had to take a car & couldn't stop for anything.

I hope you'll like them. "Just You and the sorrows" was our favorite down in San Harbor; we sang it regular 3 times a evening. "Until" is my favorite of the bunch. Coleridge-Taylor wrote the "Hiawatha's Wooing" - that Lottie & I studied in Gloucester Choral. Sent it free?

I did want to go home but have decided to wait & save my money for the trip at Lucas. I couldn't stay any time this week - for Friday is last rehearsal before the Concert Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.

For Monday afternoon Paul Benson invited Aunt Cole & me to the Woman's Club to hear Mrs Margaret Dalmond



That will be such a treat for me  
I'm so sorry you get homesick. I  
don't wonder - I'm ashamed that I  
have treated you so but you are  
only one with all the rest. I  
write thirty letters to people who have  
been particularly nice to me.

Babe is calling me. Its for some  
gold but I guess is better today.  
The others are all pretty well  
except Esther & Charlie who have  
had some trouble with humor  
They are both better.

Mother Hale, Esther & Esther surprised  
me 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 bundle of love  
to you & much to Ellison -  
I love you Marion.  
Tuesday 8 A.M.

June 30.

Caleb, Vermont.

Dearest Marion, you are so good to write. I was so sorry to hear of Ed's sore throat and fever. Hope it is much better now. <sup>Does he go to Dr. when he has pain?</sup>

I want to know Polly's plans and desires for school. What is S. D. 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 <sup>which</sup> Ruth and Carol gave her.

When I come, tell me please  
whether Althea and Bobbette  
got out, and what Aunt  
Mary's presents was. at time of  
Polly's graduation.

We have had showers all day  
and it was  $42^{\circ}$  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 leaves and delicious  
spinach from our garden. It  
seems so nice.

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

We move to Methodist Church  
next Sunday.

Much love to you all,  
Lottie

Please give Hong Keng-tang  
to Dad.

Suatore July 3.

Dear Maria,

A happy birthday to you! We are  
nearly there packing for Thaigang - and Ellen  
has made me rest <sup>or will be right in doing</sup> 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 -

We get up about 4:00 to-morrow 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 Kityang  
and then change into a small boat where  
we shall sleep Fourth of July night.

I suppose you are now at the Lungabo.  
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 these. Mine have not come  
from any neglect - but a reawakening of the  
remains of last time. Hope to reduce  
them soon -

I am enclosing a pair cushion  
cover for your new house, and a  
check to reduce the moving expenses. It  
must have been hard to manage.

I shall be glad to hear from how 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  
for your birthday.

Did Tom get his Pith?

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, <sup>have</sup> kept up so late if they had taken me to Lynn for the 7:39. Well, nothing I shall hope to come up the day before and make sure of a few minutes.

And will you forgive me

course cannot be counted on, altho she wants to go.

It is an awful rain storm just now. Polly, Gene and Chert are playing bridge in the parlor with John as the sitting fourth, while Dorothy reads a book. Polly has mopped Aunt Abi's room, and the boys went down with Grandpa this morning and helped him & Uncle.

My mother was up, up, up, & down. We were all in bathing yesterday afternoon. The water was quite cold, but not so cold as it has been when I have been in before.

The children are to start school next week. It was dear of you to remember Alice's birthday. I told them that Grandpa and

for not writing more? I know that you write more than I do even when you ot not to, and so I feel ashamed. But these three weeks have been so rushed and I felt that I must 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 some meals, thanks to our being here. She has been wonderful.

Isn't you a remarkable person to get your back party on such a day last week, and I hope that the Labor Day will bring just such ideal weather again. We shall try to join you, i.e. as many as can go. Aunt Abi &

Grandma Lane had twelve grandchildren  
and that they could not remember all  
their birthdays - and the same is true of  
the aunts. I purposely haven't  
noticed the <sup>other</sup> 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  
ashamed! (3)

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  
back and is she taking any care of  
the family? Much love to you,  
Lottie

Greetings to Mr. Hub  
and Amelia & Albert.

But the money is changed to  
called yesterday.



Send Jennie May

P. O. Box 51  
SOUTH BURLINGTON  
VERMONT

Jan. 27,

Dearest Marion,

Thank you for good  
post-card. I was glad to hear via  
Carol that Polley 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 McIsaac and Aing  
Ford here for a waffle supper. They  
had a nice time.

{ waffles maple syrup  
cracking mold salad  
Rolls celery  
Ice cream cake  
Milk

Ellicott has had a very  
full day - with a service at Dairy Hill this  
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, Margie, with the piano, and have had a chance to help her or three Royalton girls as a result. I quit it on Friday P.M., and if they stick, it will be good for them, but ~~the~~ <sup>they</sup> have to practice at another person's house, and one has trouble with seeing the notes - The fact that they look 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 postponed all - I want to develop them into a class - if possible.

Ellison 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  
Sister.

P. O. BOX 81  
SOUTH ROYALTON  
VERMONT

Tues. Feb. 1.

How good you are, Marion, to write me  
Last evening we had a social at  
Royalton. Mrs. Russell did all the work.  
I did not do one thing - and our crowd  
was fifteen minutes late at that! <sup>8:15</sup>  
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.

Ellicott brought home the news to-night  
of Lighton York's suicide. - Dreadful  
shock for his father and mother and  
yours. - everyone in fact - but they will  
feel it most keenly I expect.

I was glad to hear of your trip to

Aunt Mary's - etc.

We are just about to go to Christian League. This PM. I went out to call on Mrs. Beeman, "Janice Berry's grandmother, who has <sup>had</sup> 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.

Ellison may go to New York City on Feb 14 to attend a Conference of N. 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.

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SOUTH ROYALTON  
VERMONT

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 Harriet, sorry for Tom's numb feeling - How are you, yourself?

Dy. R. left for Maine to-day. Horrid weather part of the time here - overcast,

humid, and very heavy showers in late P.M. John has been painting a picture. Alice has done a lot of dishes. She left last night in order to go to Turnbridge to hear the governor. I did not go, rested <sup>instead</sup>; O.K. but tired. 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 (1st) and stay until we go home.

Hope Polly will not work too hard cleaning the Bungalow. It is a discouraging job. Mother is to rent it if she can. Would

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make other plans. I'm sorry the B.S. h  
Apartment is not let.

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

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 to-day. ~~John~~  
has been by now!

Much love to all.

Hope Tom feels better.

Oh, I found your typewriter paper and  
Dots birthday card <sup>of blanch mudd. took</sup> 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 <sup>4-5</sup> Oxford Group meetings at  
Rockport. They would love to have you.  
Is Ruth Benson travelling this summer?

L  
I boiled up some crabapple jelly and  
canned some raspberries to-day.