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## Letter from Mary to Family- March 21, 1926

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Sun afternoon

Dearest Family -

This is a gorgeous afternoon. Wish one of you were here and we could take a nice walk. Maybe I'll call up some one soon and take a walk. I wish some one would call up me!

Wore my green - & lace dress - my white hat, and green hose this morning - and I had the most - grandest compliments.

I'm going to wear my white hat and yellow dress in the play next Sunday. The play is just lacking, we postponed Saturday morning.

It would be darling for your  
C.E. to put on - perhaps for  
some vesper service. Ark  
Roving a dandy fellow is in  
love with me. Horrah! More  
fun. Wish you all could  
see it. You ought to drive  
up for the weekend and  
surprise me. My vacation  
begins a week from Wed.  
Still am not certain what I  
am going to do. Mary Boots  
has said nothing about  
coming to Milwaukee, so  
I guess that was just a  
pleasant dream. But  
these pleasant dreams are  
wonderful. . . . I don't  
want to stay here long because  
I'll have to buy food and

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altho I'd like to be here to study - I don't want to pay out anything. And I ought to go to Akron (must write to Luella & thank her for asking me there.) I haven't been to Akron for over a year now and if I don't go there for the whole vacation I can perhaps for the week end.

Spring coming on now so beautifully makes one's cares seem brighter and makes one's thoughts purer and unselfish. So - - - after all - why shouldn't we be very happy.

It was quite a blow to me when I was informed that a senior was to be given the work at the Tea House next year. This is a fine girl, very much more efficient than I am in this type of work, has had much experience, and needs the money badly. She has worked here ever since the Tea House has begun but didn't understand that the girl who lives here didn't have to work the full 25 hours, or she would have applied for the position last year. So altho I was stunned & disappointed for the moment I can appreciate the situation and realize

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it is perfectly fair. It doesn't do to cry over spilt milk and altho I did let loose that night I'm not worried any more. Something will come up and it won't do any good to worry about it anyway. It came (the news) in the midst of exams - when I was pretty tired so that's why I was so weak about it at the time. Oh well, variety is the spice of life anyhow! - and this year has been hard and wonderful in testing - me. I can look at it gratefully - only from that angle. - etc.

Everyone is out taking  
pictures or walking this  
afternoon.

Bob took me to the show  
last night and we went to  
the earlier show after which  
we went to the G. W.  
international party. I busted  
my string of crystal beads on  
the way home and we had  
to hunt for them in the  
street - Fun!

We had the finest  
sermon by Lurcack this  
morning (something new) -  
It made me think of Bruce  
Bartons books -

"The Unknown Decuple" &  
"The man nobody knows"

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By the way I wrote "Doc" <sup>Behner</sup>  
an answer to his letter  
the other day, and started  
out by saying, "Well I  
guess I've punished you  
long enough (or perhaps it  
hasn't punished you!!)" etc.  
Ha! Ha! I can just see  
his eyes twinkle and him  
scratching his head when  
he reads it.

We had the first S. S.  
class this morning. One  
of the professors never read  
a paper on "the home".  
It was beautiful and I  
shall never forget one



sentence she read near the  
end perhaps it was a  
quotation

" I push the blades of  
grass aside and lay my  
finger on the heart of God."

- I am going to try to get  
that paper & copy it - to  
send to you when I come  
home. We must take  
more time together as a  
family this summer. We'll  
always regret it terribly  
if we don't.

my exams went off  
beautifully. no kidding. I  
think as a whole its the  
best I've ever done.

I know for sure that I got  
B. in Greek. - and I

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think a B. in Bible - and am  
 sure a B in Sketstry - or  
 perhaps an A. I'm anxious  
 to see just what they will  
 be. Then Debate will be an A  
 I suppose - and sym a B.  
 - and Physology - perhaps a  
 C. or maybe D.

Be sure and send me  
 my white shirt! Or let me  
 know about it because if  
 you don't send it I'll have to  
 see about borrowing one.

I think I'll go for a  
 walk now

Later Went out for a walk alone  
and took with me a book "To  
my Friend" and learned a  
portion about selfishness that I  
love. The topic tonight  
happened to be on the "Cost of  
Friendship" so I gave it in <sup>Christians</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~  
We had a dandy meeting. Bob  
brought me home from C. E. -  
but I wouldn't have an  
evening date with him. Cause  
I had a whole evening with  
him Saturday night.

We went to the early show  
down town <sup>last night</sup> and saw  
"Lazy Bones" (First show I've  
seen since I left Clarksburg  
Christmas.) - Then we came  
up the hill and went to the  
- - - say I guess I told you  
about that - - - Ha. Ha!

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Well the y. w. party was dandy.  
It was sort of a trip around  
the world. In 4 of the lit.  
rooms they represented 4 different  
countries - India, Japan,  
China and Africa. You should  
have seen the shoe. Buts  
represented in Africa and the  
cute little jap. room in  
Japan and the warehouse in  
India. Of course it was  
simple to get material etc  
for it because there are  
so many missionaries in  
Wooster. In Japan we drink  
tea and had to get our  
sticks by using chop sticks.  
Of course in each country

There were numerous natives  
- dressed up and most of  
them were the missionaries'  
children, who spoke the language  
and everything. It was a grand  
success and very interesting.

We voted for C.E. officers  
tonight. I believe I told you  
~~that~~ I was one of the two up  
for prayer meeting, chairman.  
- and say - this afternoon  
one of the girls came to me  
and wanted to know if I  
would accept ~~one~~ of the two  
nominees for vice president of  
the "Women Voters League".  
- Ha! Ha! It is a new  
organization on the hill (being  
organized last fall) and a  
very live one.

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Received a special from Mary today. She is feeling a little better I guess. It's hard to tell just how she ~~you~~ does feel from her letters and she talks about herself so very seldom.

Am doing the Daily Dozen every morning - so I don't feel the effects now as I did after the first morning that I took them. I enjoy the "vic" so much - always play it when I dress - and write letters - but not when I study.

My laundry came - and the date is sure  
Mrs Gould says to be sure

and tell you how much  
she enjoys them. She really  
does.

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The girls glee club gave  
such a beautiful sacred  
concert this afternoon. -  
Easter music. Our choir  
gives a beautiful Easter  
cantata next Sunday afternoon.  
Say ~~it~~ next week end is  
going to be a lovely one.

Perhaps one of you will take  
the blessed notion of coming  
to Wooster and visiting your  
Beon. I wouldn't object.  
What darling play comes  
off then too.

Muller hasn't picked  
the alternates for debate yet.  
He'll do so Monday.

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Well, I want to write to  
Mary yet this evening and if  
I keep on at this rate I  
never will get to her letter.

Lovingly .

Mary Elizabeth .

Didn't have a date to the  
Men's Glee Club Concert Thurs. night  
~~last~~ and I didn't want to buy a  
ticket - and debated quite a  
while about it until I  
decided there were only 4  
in our college life and that  
I'd better go (50¢) - so did -  
went with Jo Hoag (Y. W. Pres)  
and her room-mate.



I must try for you to tell you  
how much I like the birthday  
wraps. and they all match so  
nicely. Now if I had bloomers  
to match - I'd be tempted to  
go without a dress. Ha ha!  
(In that case it's a good thing  
I haven't got them - huh!)