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## Letter from Mary to Folks - Sunday February 20, 1927

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Sunday 2:30  
Feb 20, 1927

Dear folks:

It's real cold outside today. Nearly froze last night. Was glad to have Esther's blanket. It snowed and was so windy that we had to cut thru some little drifts this morning in order to get over to breakfast.

Mary received a special from home after dinner. Ray has been very sick for two ~~months~~<sup>weeks</sup> now. Has had a temperature over 100. all the time. It started with inflammatory rheumatism and he now has pleurisy - besides a cough which is probably his asthma. Bud has been sick too. I guess the folks are pretty discouraged. Mr. Browner has some heavy business propositions on now. He is planning a new parlor store on ~~Grand Ave.~~  
~~now called Milwaukee Street.~~

Would be nice if you would find time to write to Mrs. Browner. Mary says she wouldn't be much surprised at most any news from home about Ray.

This noon Mary and I had a little dinner party. Very simple but real dear. Little hatchets for place cards and cute Geo. Washington nut cups. This is who was there



Send, Lottie, Buddie, Millie,  
Sam Ling Sun, Flip Painter  
Boots and I. We borrowed a  
little Jerusalem Cherry tree  
from Mrs. Westhaffer. So it was  
real Geo. Washingtonified. They  
all just left a few minutes  
ago.

Rev. J. H. K. McClure, D. D.: L. L. D.  
of McCormick Seminary spoke  
in Church this morning. Do  
you know him, father?

The Milwaukee delegates  
spoke in Chapel last Wednesday.  
The platform was all decorated  
with little flags of all  
nations. Mary was the last  
speaker. She had a fine speech  
and fine praise but it  
didn't get across because her  
voice didn't carry.

It is snowing outside now!  
There is to be another Fellowship  
hour this evening - at 4:30 -  
Mary and I are both to head  
different tables and I have  
to lead in prayer. Also  
have to play my saw for the  
Intermediate C.E. this evening.  
Surely Miss Esther is accompanying.  
- Mary is going to accompany  
me - Prof. McDonald is  
going to speak at Intermediate  
C.E. this evening.



I think I'll rest a while.  
I'm so sleepy. Then I'll  
continue this later.

Just came home from C.E. The  
saw music went fine. She said she  
(Mary) never heard it sound so lovely. We  
played a medley of hymns - all in 4 flat

1. Hail is dying in the west
2. In the garden
3. Open my eyes that I may see

It is simply beautiful outside.  
The snow is so white and pure - I  
almost used it in my prayer at C.E.  
I am eating an apple right now -  
one you sent me. We have quite  
a few left yet.

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Mary sends you the above kisses. She  
made them upside down. I don't  
mean that she was standing on  
her head - I mean she ~~upside~~ drew  
them upside down.

Mary says to tell you that she  
doesn't know whether to put on  
a blue dress or not. She doesn't  
know whether he (Leland) is  
coming back this evening.

(P.S. - Leland likes her in blue  
the best -

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This is a sample of  
Mary's handwriting.

This week end has surely been  
a full one. Where!



The faculty entertained us last Thursday night. - They gave Zona Gale's play "Neighbors" - also a fine high class musical program - before the play. We had double dates.

Then Friday night the Glee Club gave their annual home concert. Heland had gone home so Frederick took Mary and the 4 of us had a real nice time.

Then last night (Saturday) was a B.B. game with Mt. Union. But we didn't have dates to that. We lost 27-21. It was a hard game.

Received a long letter from Bennie the other day.

I wish you would tell me definitely what to do about the cedar chest. If Enker is coming back for sure next year - then I think the Cedar chest ought to be left here - but if she isn't coming back - it might as well be sent home. I suppose it would be best to be left here.

We have a vacation from Tuesday ~~after~~ chapel to Wednesday after chapel. I think Frederick & I can manage to pack things then - but I have so much



3/ to do. You see I'm coaching a S.V. play - the one I was in last year - and we're going to practise Tuesday afternoon. Then Tuesday evening is our annual gum shoe hop.

Doc Lawrence is a big hum. He hasn't written for ages.

Miller surely has been a brick. I am taking a course under him now. I am have a debate to prepare for Thursday on the "extra territorial rights" in China. Haven't done a thing yet. It's sort of complicated, too.

Mr. McDonald gave the most beautiful talk on "Christian Citizenship" in Intermediate C.E. this evening. He said that - imagine your home a state - and your obligations in that home as children - ~~then each home~~ Then if you can not be a good child - you can never be a good citizen. - In order to be a good citizen - start in the home - to learn to obey - - do your duty - be thankful & have courage - be unselfish - etc. It was simple & beautiful.



We have read some more  
of Luckacks book - "The Home  
God Meant" - this afternoon -  
Its so beautiful.

A new week has begun  
and there is much to  
accomplish. May we do  
what we have to do -  
well.

Love to you all.

"your college  
Mary".

My Mary sends her love -