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## Letter from Mary to Folks - February 27, 1927

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Dear Facks:

College of W. auster experienced its first bit of excitement this year, and even - for many years - Halden is all upset. About 7.0 clock this morning Mary and I were awake - and all of a sudden we heard laughing and talking and yelling - over towards Halden - but it seemed nearer than Halden - in fact in our lawn - Then I said: "Do you suppose its a fire?" - but neither of us got up to see (it was so cold). Then we heard an engine "chug, chug" - and some one yell "Turn on the hose." Then we did get up - and sure enough there was smoke - Streaming out of the windows at the end of the Hall - and we could see the flames in two rooms. Then we woke up the whole house - so all could participate in the excitement. Then the girls began to stream out of Halden and Dean Vance and Mr. McGlavin appeared on the scene - and another fire engine pulled up. The flames caught another room - and smoke started to stream out from the third floor. We thought the firemen never would quench the flames. It seemed an age - but after a while - about 7:45 - it seemed to be under control - so all (the whole dorm for once in the hist of the school I guess) went to breakfast - and after breakfast



when we came out the flames were all quenched - Of course everyone had to investigate the two rooms that nearly were damaged - the one room on the corner, nearest to us is a wreck - and the pathetic part about it is that the two girls who live in that room are back at home this week end.

But, anyway, that's the bit of news in a nutshell - and its almost time for S. School.

Esthers boxes are off at last. We packed them Friday afternoon and tied them up Saturday morning and took them down to the express office. There are seven of them sent C. O. D. Thank you so much for the dollar you sent to Scottie - it will come in very handy - Ahem! It was some job. We had to pack everything over again. I hope it all comes through alright. The Cedar chest is here with me at Rankins. The lamp is all repaired but - shall we send it home. It is still at the shop waiting for Sig & May to pay the bill so it can be brought up.



Last night Andy and I took a sudden notion to go to the movie. Got a ride down town - saw one of Zane Grey stories. Then we walked up the hill - and enjoyed it so.

Goat the kids demerits night before last and they've been mad ever since - but then that's a small matter.

Spent all of Saturday afternoon on my Northern Ohio Student Volunteer correspondence - wrote up my minutes, too.

Mrs. Pormale is giving a concert this coming Tuesday night. And this Friday or Saturday - a college play is to be given. Coacternie Greenbick is coming up for the weekend - either on Thursday evening or Friday morning. She is quite excited about it. I suppose we'll have to have a feed Saturday night - and some place card on Sundaynoon.

It's real cold out this morning - Guess I'd better get dressed for S.S. now or else be late. I love Sundays - they are so quiet and restful, usually.



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Sunday afternoon.

Mary received a special from her mother - Roy has been sick 5 weeks today - - They got a nurse for him yesterday. The only reason they didn't get her before is that Roy wouldn't hear of it - But the doctor simply insisted on it yesterday - so a nurse they must have. His other lung is affected now.

My laundry will no doubt be there before this letter is. Its snowing. Two sick shirts of mine are in one of Esters boxes. I surely do hope everything comes through alright.

Perhaps I'll add on this later. Oh! I must tell you something first. Ruth Avery surprised us by coming to visit today - so just before we went in church we decided to have a dinner party - a treat! So we got some extra church cards at the door and during church I wrote a verse for everyone but myself (Mary wrote that) on the back of the church card. Evelyn found the one I wrote for Boots - - This is what she wrote for me.

Here is a girl named Bean  
Her sense of humor's supreme  
Hasn't she made us all scream?  
Bless her heart, watch her eyes beam.

Ha. Ha.

Love  
Bean.



Cont.

Daddy, your last letter was such fun. It was so funny. It tickled me when you said "you were asked to pray - ununiformed" Has Esther a permanent position yet.

Three cheers for mother for buying a new hat. Keep it up mother - maybe some day you'll have a new coat. We are using these blankets here - of Esthers. They come in mighty handy because we are having some pretty cold weather. You surely have had some cold weather.

Did I tell you daddy - how last Sunday - or I mean the Sunday before - we read the tract of Rev. Lurocks book - "The Home God Meant" - and then when I got your S. S. lesson - it was on the Home ? - Interesting!

Prof Johnston gave a paper on Stanley Jones' book - "The Christ of the Indian" read this morning in S. S. It was excellent.

You remember I sent Miss Anna Van Hook a Christmas card. Well, I got an answer from her the other day. Will send it to you after I answer it.



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Have been receiving numerous letters from Benjie for the last week. I wrote her a letter some time after Christmas, and her letters this past week have been a sort of daisy effect.

She sent me a letter from the 1st Wisc. Nat. Bk. and also - an Italian dialect poem - by T. A. Daly.

Isn't it nice Catherine is coming to visit?

The prayer this morning in church was at least 15 minutes long. A Rev. G. H. Deeman of Class 92.

and towards the last he prayed "O thou awake the sleeping ones - and restore the fainting ones." - and you should have heard the shifting in the audience.

Love,

Mary.