

remembered hearing him
preach a sermon which con-
sisted of numerous texts of scrip-
ture somewhat badly joined
together by a few original words
of Mr. Smith's, and recited off
by the yard without much ref-
erence to sequence or meaning.

The preacher also had another
gift - he could make trousers
without a pattern - simply cut
them out "by his eye" - ^{He was} ^{very} ^{good}
much good for anything else
said Grandma, "but he could
cut pants!"

I have not applied for my fellowship
for next year yet, and am not
sure but it would be good
policy to apply for a renewal of
the one I now have, in ^{Political}
Science, instead of for one in
History. I believe my chances
of getting it would be better. ^{and}
I think I could do just about
the same work what do you
think of that?

The Beatrice, Oct. 23/92.

Dear Papa:-

Uncle T. told me yesterday
that my freight was in the
city, at the Illinois Central Depot,
and was there while you were
inquiring about it when here.
He has instituted what he calls
a "harassing attack" upon the
R. R. Co. and upon Bruck, whom
the Company finally said they
had delivered the goods. Bruck
denies having received them,
and the affair was left un-
certain on Friday or Sat. but I
have full faith the conflict
will be renewed tomorrow.
Uncle writes them regularly
every day, and has succeeded

in retreating them to the
point where something will
probably come of it. I fully
expect to get these ^{goods} in a few
days. I did not get the rights
of it exactly, but there was
some mistake by which they
were sent to the Ill. Central.

Uncle was very cordial to
me, and talked quite freely.
when I was with him last
night. Gave his theories on
the proper mode of educating
youth. Of course. but on the
whole was less tiresome and
more agreeable than usual. I
really enjoyed my little visit
over there. The change rested
me. Think I shall like to go
over once in three or four
weeks. ... There was a certain
Mrs. Matthews visiting Grandma.

She was formerly a Mary Day,
and said she used to dress
you in your infancy!
She still lives in Buchanan.
She was an animated director
and classified schedule of births,
deaths, marriages, and general
family history, and talked me
uninterrupted stream of remin-
iscent from morning till
night. Poor Grandma didn't get
her usual nap, and I think was
very tired by night. They spoke
of many people of whom you
have doubtless heard - among
them one Adam Smith of Bu-
chanan [not the Political Econ-
omist] who Uncle said he is
86 years of age! The old man
was a versatile genius, and
turned preacher at a certain
time in his life. Uncle well

to be more or less exhaust-
ive. The subjects he offers
are these, in outline:

I. The City Council - its original
charter, the functions, assigned
the Council, how they have
been carried out, etc. In
general, the history and
workings of the City Council.

II. The School Administration
of the city.

III. The Police Administration.

This will involve (1) a study of
the charters and city reports,
to see how the department
is organized; (2) a study of the
peculiar problems they have
to work out in this city -
an investigation of the crime

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Dr. Von Holst, who is to begin
lectures on French Revolution
and also class work in Amer-
ican History - or to continue
my Political Economy. I didn't
know. The instructors in the
latter department are very
anxious that all students
who begin that study at all
should take it at least
two quarters. They say the
work can be in no sense
complete unless taken two
quarters, and they design the
second "to be a rounding
out and finishing up of what
is fairly begun in the first.
I can see myself that I need

more work in that, just
for ordinary purposes, and so
I have finally decided, by
Prof. J's advice, to let
Dr. von Holst go for next quarter
and take the Political Economy.
I would have gone into his
seminar on American History
if I had elected him at all,
for I am somewhat disposed
to make that my specialty
now. But I can still do it
in the spring. He gives a
course of lectures in the
winter on the French Revolution,
which I think I shall
attend as a visitor, not doing
any studying or taking the
examination - just listening

for the sake of hearing him,
for he is a great man. An
old, broken-down German,
he looks like, but there is
fire in the eye.

Now, the Political Science
work is to be Municipal
Govt. of Chicago. Prof. J.
intends to give each one
some particular line to work
out individually - and the
one that I select will also
be the subject of my thesis for
the Master's Degree, and the
one I shall apply for my
Fellowship on. I can thus
accomplish three things with
one paper. But it will have

for master's thesis should
be handed in there.

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Please advise me. In all
these subjects, there will be
a good deal of compiling
from records, and some
personal investigation. The
design is to combine both.

Joseph Jefferson addressed
the students in chapel not
long ago. Gave a humorous
poem of his own on the super-
ior claims of Shakespeare over
Bacon - supposed to answer
Donnelly. - Remenyi, the cele-
brated violinist, plays for us
after chapel next week - free.
Our chapel exercises are
unique. Combine the spiritual
with the intellectual and aesthetic.
We sometimes have moral talks

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record to some extent; (3) a
study of the effectiveness of the
"machine" of police adminis-
tration in this city; (4) a compar-
ison in general with the
same system in some other
selected cities.

IV - The Administrative Department.

1. Finance
2. Public works - Buildings.
3. Streets (paving), sewers, gas, etc.
Parks, etc. (S)

4. Health Department.

This will involve a study
of the hospitals of the city, the
records of disease, the various
ordinances passed for keeping
the city in a good condition, etc.

IV. The Judicial Department -
City Courts - their jurisdiction
and administration.

Which of these subjects do
you think most promising
for my ~~study~~ purpose?

I really think I incline
towards the Police or the
Health Department; and
Mr. Judson says I could in-
vestigate either without the
least trouble or impropriety.

He is going to get as many
of the records as he can out
here at the U - and where
the official archives must
be consulted, he intends to
go ahead and consult the

authorities & get permission.

I think I would find
rather of these subjects more
live and fresh than any
of the others; and Prof. Judson
says there is good thesis
material there. I don't feel

drawn to the City Council.

nor to the School Question.

nor yet to the Judiciary very
much. I liked the study of

the Stillwater Prison very
much last year, and the
Police system would be
something like it, only there
would be a good deal more
to be said about the organiza-
tion of the system here.

I want to make my decision
before Jan 1. as my subject

and establishing the structure
as a whole. At that point edu-
cation begins to be a detriment.
There is the place where the
healthy mental organism in-
stinctly reaches out for some
field of deposit, some disem-
space that may be enriched
by its overflow; and that very
outpouring makes room for
the reception of more of the life-
current of thought and feeling
into the imparting mind. We
cannot receive and assimilate
healthily without giving; and
we cannot give wisely and
helpfully without receiving.
But to receive we must
go to the sources of light, and
that means separation from
home - the surrendering of

The Beatrice, 57 St.

Nov. 13, 1892.

Dear Papa:-

Two letters a week from
you are a treat indeed, especially
of such a voluminous and
personal character as those
which came this past week.
You will go far before you
you make them too "wordy" or
too frequent for my pleasure.

I think with regret upon
our long separation: it seems
unnatural in one way, and
yet natural in another. The
only path of progress for the world
is along the line of greatest in-
dividual efficiency, and that

is secured only by the largest individual development. And I do not mean efficiency in a utilitarian sense; one has to abandon that if he gives himself ~~to~~ unreservedly to the modern spirit of progress. If we mean efficiency in the literal, practical sense, we would stop studying and go to washing dishes and plowing fields. That is utilitarian, and gives a strictly perceptible return for expended labor and time. Highly necessary and honorable employments, too. More people are needed in them than can be obtained. But if washing dishes and plowing fields does not satisfy; if there is other world-work that does, and

for which more tool-sharpening is needed - some grades of work take a more delicate instrument than others - then let us have the tools sharpened. It is not the kind of work we do that matters; it is the spirit that is in it - the soul-expression there is in it for us. There may be - I think there is - a point where cultivation ceases to be a virtue; a point where the limitations of the human intellect and spirit cry "stop, and begin to give!" a point beyond which cultivation tends to ~~create~~ enervate the intellect, and to encumber it with a weight of ornamentation instead of broadening

family ties, & the seeming
 divergence of parent and child.
 And yet I think that is not
 education in the highest
 sense which tends in any
 measure to narrow the scope
 of the affections - to deaden
 the sympathies, and to make
 less keen and tender the af-
^{feelings}fectious. For after all, it is
 true what those good people
 whom we sometimes scoff at
 have told us - that the end of
 all education is the making
 of character. And that is no
 true character which forgets to
 love. We call it loving, for that
 is a convenient one-term ex-
 pression for a multitude of things:
 for tenderness and sympathy and

wise patience, and a quick re-
sponse to the fine and true,
and a broad comprehension of
human nature in its complex
needs, and a deep passion for
truth and right wisdom, which
is love on the Godward side.

Those lessons Life may teach.
Sweetness and light may come
to a character through simply
living. One may blaze his way
alone ^{to} the heights through the gloomy
wood of trial and experience; but
more blessed is he who carries
an inward light with him
thru those dark places; in whose
heart is the secret of patient,
fruitful living. Oh, those rare,
wise people who know how
to live! who set about every
problem with the patient temper

of investigation; who see in every trial an opportunity for growth; whose ideal of fortitude is not the negative of stoical endurance, but the positive of Christian trust; whose forces are linked with the Infinite, and who can not fail, for their times are in His hands!

To teach life is the mission of all these higher institutions, as indeed it is of the lower; and it is only as they do that; as they contribute to the progress of the race; as they afford a true expression to individualities that would otherwise fail of the completest realization, that they are truly successful. And

when so successful, they are
utilitarian in the highest sense.

And so it seems to me not
selfish or foolish, but the truest
wisdom to push one's nature to
the farthest point of achievement
consistent with a central purpose
of race-advancement. When the
purpose of that achievement becomes
self-centred; when it ceases
to be for the world and begins
to be for self; when the mind
begins to be infected with it,
and to refuse to make it an
^{integral} part of a growing organism -
then it becomes by degrees
unwise, ignominious, deadening.

We are learning and doing and
becoming, not for ourselves,
but for the world. And when
we forget or style that, then we
are wrong. Then culture becomes
a weakening dissipation, and

not a source of strength.

To me it is a wonderfully significant fact that so much of the effort toward race-regeneration is beginning to come from the centers of learning. College settlements, university extension work among the lower classes—all manner of social reforms and improvements are being instituted, not by sentimental and ill-trained philanthropists, but by men and women of the highest culture and intelligence, who are expending their natural and acquired abilities upon those pressing questions of the hour. It is glorious to be in the march of events. The air of

this place is vital with progress.
New thoughts, new experiences,
~~old~~ thoughts and experiences
in a new form; problems
old and new, throng upon the
mind and press for answers.

We cannot answer them, no;
but they stimulate to activity;
they keep our minds tense and
keen for answering what we
can; they breathe into us the
breath of life and of progress.
Verily, it is good to be here.

Politics of course have taken
much attention the past week.
Profs. Laughlin and Muller, both
of Political Economy, squab-
bled over the result. The former is
an avowed Democrat, the
latter nominally a Republican,
but a Cleveland man this year.

Said he: "It clearly shows [the
result of the campaign] that

the country is disgusted with high tariff; for Harrison has made a good president, and there cannot be an objection to him personally. The Republican Party must reorganize upon a sound basis if they expect to retain any power.

Prof. Laughlin attributes the Democratic victory largely to the McKinley bill.

I am ashamed that I have no more pronounced or justifiable political principles. I simply do not know anything about the question. Mr. Miller suggested that I go into his class on tariff history in the spring.

I think I should like to. For

it might lead to a more intelligent conclusion than any which I possess at present.

I think many Republicans incline toward tariff reduction. But both Mr. Miller and Prof. L. are "sound" on currency, I think. We are studying "Money" now in Political Economy, and have tomorrow a discussion on "Inconvertible Paper Currency." If it were not for the fact that I must Dr. Bon Holsb next quarter, and think best to continue two classes with Prof. Judson (which will make full work) I should certainly go into a class next quarter which takes up certain questions in P. E. (among them money), and treats them somewhat extensively. But I think I shall have to forgo it.

I am con-
scious that
Grandfather
would not
approve of this
letter. Probably
I shall not
write another
like it soon.
Lizzie M.
Send love
to you and
Mama. She
was much
pleased at
your messages.

I have not yet conveyed to
Prof. L. your remarks on the
subject of banking in N. Dr.
but will do so when occasion
offers. Of late I have felt a
little free with both Prof. L.
and Prof. Muller. They are won-
derfully keen and sharp, and the
former is fond of a kind of
banter which is pretty apt to
have a little sting in it; while
the latter is a somewhat blase
and cynical young man,
who has seen so much of the
world that nothing shocks or
artistic completeness is at
all satisfactory to him. He
is rather easily bored, and seems
to dwell on an inaccessible

height of intellectual superiority.
He has the strictly scientific
disposition. He eliminates
emotion and sentiment as com-
pletely as possible from his problem
of life, and dispenses with en-
thusiasm too, for its most
part. Result: he has a cold,
highly polished, keenly effective
mental instrument called an
intellect, with which he operates
upon other instruments of a
similar character. He extracts
results from people by a kind
of mental compulsion; he carves
out knowledge, exact and clear-
cut, in glittering, polished blocks.
His method are as different
as possible from those of Pro-
fessor Judson, who draws out
the products of the mind as
gently and naturally as the
sun warms a globe into

A Political
Science Club
has been
formed. It
is to meet next
weeknight
for the dis-
cussion of
political
and historical
subjects. Papers
will be
read. etc.
I am a member.

function. It is the difference
between a nature ruled by love
and one ruled by intellect.

I thought I had written before
about our method of work here.

Recitations form a considerable
part of our instruction. I have
no strictly lecture courses, but
all are a combination of the
three methods of lectures, reci-
tations, and individual re-
search. Examinations are also
prominent. We have just
finished the first term
(six weeks) of our Autumn quarter.
I had two examinations, one
written and one oral, and will
have one at least at the end
of 12 weeks (Christmas time).

In Professor Judson's work, term
theses sometimes take the
place of examinations. But
these are in the nature of a
test, and will go to make up
the general standing. It will
not all depend on the final
thesis for the master's degree,
etc. that will be a large part.

I don't think the original
work in Chicago Administration
will be as formidable as you
anticipate. Prof. Judson will
not require the impossible
of us. He is eminently rea-
sonable. But the standard of
attainment is set high here -
that is the principle they go
on - that larger results are
obtained from an unattainable
ideal than from one that might
be within reach.

My subject for a thesis due

the middle of February, in Comparative Politics (this is a class exercise, and has nothing to do with the master's thesis) is

The Salary of Congressmen. This is a subject we have treated already in class, and I have notes and information on it. I shall need to trace the origin of the payments of members in England, see how it was carried out in the Revolutionary Congress Constitutions of the States, ~~etc.~~ what the present practice is, etc.

I am still doubtful about getting my degree this year or my fellowship next year. But if they ^{are} to be attained at all, patient, persistent work

is the only way to get them. I
am not always so much dis-
couraged. This is a glorious
atmosphere to breathe, if I get
nothing else. I suppose, too, that
I can get a degree in time.
But I want it this year.

I am glad you think I can
do something worth while some-
time. Certainly if you did not,
the cost to you would seem
to have little recompense.

I work along pretty faithfully
and without thinking much
of results for the most part.

That is the way I have always
done, and results have seemed
fairly satisfactory. But once in
a while the vastness of the under-
taking and the uncertainty of
success so appall me.

With love as always,
Madeleine.

knowledge or convictions
about the matter; but I
thought I would collect what
facts I could, and try it. But
Mr. Wilcox has begged off, as he
is not well. He says he thinks
he is on the verge of nervous
prostration - can't eat or
sleep much. So we probably
won't have to do anything at
that time. I don't see how it
is ^{going to be} possible to do good enough
work for the club. For it is
a large and critical one.

Everyone is driven about as
far as he can go, but every-
one takes more work. Dr. Far-
ver is a man of inexhaustible
strength and tireless energy.
and everything seems to be
planned on his scale of

I shall be in excellent condition
I take much of my time
all will be arranged so as
The Beatrice Dec. 12, 1881.
I am very glad you are
satisfied about the silver, and
could get it there. It would
have been more or less
worrying getting it here. For
you might not have liked
it. I am sure the one you
have selected is pretty and
suitable. And the spoons are
fine - so many! I don't think
the kettle is particularly necessary,
but is graceful if one makes
afternoon tea. That can be
deferred.

Dear Mamma: -
I am very glad you are
satisfied about the silver, and
could get it there. It would
have been more or less
worrying getting it here. For
you might not have liked
it. I am sure the one you
have selected is pretty and
suitable. And the spoons are
fine - so many! I don't think
the kettle is particularly necessary,
but is graceful if one makes
afternoon tea. That can be
deferred.

Prof. Judson gave me some
examination papers to correct

last week, and I didn't get
time to do them until yes-
terday, when I felt that I
could not put it off any longer.
I did some Sat. night, but
couldn't get them all done.

He said he was going to make
use of his "Fulton" and of course
he has a perfect right to my
services, and if he hadn't,
I should be glad to do anything
I could for him. Good practice
for me, too. They are papers of
a lower class.

I belong to the Political Science
Club of the University, which
meets once in two weeks,
and discusses current topics
in History and Pol. Science.
There is a report first on
articles in the late magazines,

telling what articles have been
published recently, and giving
the substance of some of them.
Then there is either a discussion
of some topic of interest, or a
paper read by some member.
I was informed that I would
be expected to take one side
of ^{some} question, and a certain
Mr. Wilcox, a graduate of Har-
vard, and student at Johns
Hopkins, the other, for a
week from this coming wed.
The committee did not specify
the subject, and Mr. Wilcox
thinks we might discuss the
probable future of the Republican
party - he from the Mugwump
standpoint and I from the
Republican. I didn't see how
I could - not having any

assistants, and "boss" the
 work generally. It seems
 quite amusing to me. But
 I didn't feel like refusing
 it, since they had elected me,
 and anyway, I thought a
 little experience of that kind
 might not do me any harm.
 The work is very indefinite
 yet - I have received several
 suggestions, but don't know
 how practicable they will be.
 Shall use Hull House as center
 a good deal I think. Probably
 they can put us to work some-
 where. We may go and sing for
 some popular lecture somewhere
 in a missionary part of the
 city - may raise money among
 students for philanthropic pur-
 poses - may visit hospitals, teach
 mission classes, etc. Of course

the "Minnesota delegation" - the
 23rd
 I shall
 my
 that
 when
 see
 them
 2nd
 I'll
 go
 to
 the
 camp.

The reception
 at his house last Monday
 eve - was a very pleasant
 affair. I met a good many
 people, and we had delicious
 refreshments. There was such
 a crush I couldn't see the
 house much. Dr. Harper's father
 and mother live with him -
 nice looking old people - and
 not so old either, as he is only
 thirty-six. His wife I don't
 think is his equal tho I think
 she is an excellent woman -
 looks rather heavy. Certainly
 not a society woman.
 The religious organization of
 the whole university - called
 the Christian Union. but broad

enough to take in all shades
of belief; and requiring no
test of membership - not even
signing a constitution - is at
last in working order, or nearly
so. A board of five directors
was elected last week by the
students, and I was one
of them - the only girl! I
was requested to meet with
the others in the President's
office - he is the president of
the Union at present. The com-
mittee consists of two divinity
students, Mr. Soares, who is
equal to three, and one more
youth who I think is in-
clined to be pretty religious,
and then myself! Great com-
pany for me to be in. I felt
like a very round peg in a

very square hole. There are
three lines of work to be
undertaken at first - the
conduct of the Sunday evening
meetings, which are to be for
everyone, and of a high char-
acter; the Sunday afternoon
lecture course on the bible,
and then certain philanthropic
work. I canvassed the situ-
ation ^{in my mind} and decided that the
last was best suited to my
abilities and tastes - in fact
the only one I would feel at
all natural in undertaking,
and so they made me chair-
man of a sub-committee on
Philanthropy - Official Phi-
lanthropist of the University
of Chicago! I am to select my