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Dear Duder -

We have now five new sisters -
entirely new to me and will require some
acquaintance before they can be judged -
It would seem however that the general
Alumnae impression was that they were
a little disappointed in the whole
initiation - There was the rain to keep -
evidently - a number away, - not enough
force in the leaders to impress - Kitty
Nichson & Fanny Stone leading the service
proper - from which fact you can draw
your own ideas - & then there were
four speeches - Lou Keeler's being the
longest - but a true exponent of herself - Of
Alumnae there were Ann B. - Mabel S, G, & Hall -
Grace Fisher - Mary & Ethel C. - Anita - Jennie & Lou K. -
all of whom asked for you - also I Stanfords -
Amirion - & Luu Kingsbury - The exercises were at
the Michsons - whence we packed bag & baggage
over to the House for supper - I & looked well -
& they had a nice little supper of salads - oysters
& ice cream - All the place - cards were alike - of the

kind enclosed - The Southern Omegas sent a
chafing dish tied over with cards - which were
read off to us - all more or less poetical - Flowers
were black eyed turans - The chapter girls are
much satisfied & enthusiastic over the new
members - The Furlong is a tall - thick - dark
girl - with a pleasant face - ordinary looking to me
but mayn't be - she may live at the House - The
Smith is of Oakland - a somewhat washed out
in the face & hair looking girl - medium height -
said to be a good student - The Boggs is Grace
Sutton's protégé - said to be clever - very firm
looking - darkish - with glasses - & knows what she is
about - The Powell - is Anita's friend - self possessed -
seemingly very exact & proper - that is - would do
the proper thing - gave a neat & witty speech -
The Selby - society - but they say she adapts herself
to all - is ready to enter into all the work & take
her share - They seem all to like her - so will hope
for the best for them all - I had not invited
any one home - but when Mabel arrived she
accepted - so just treated the bed & bureau
after we got home - She was very pleasant.

They have rented the house for six months &
start East a week from Monday - From her
conversation this morning I gather that they
didn't have an altogether pleasant summer -
Apropos of your remark of Jessie - Mabel says
she received & was much pleased with your

last letter - but since they have come down - Mrs Watson has had
inflammatory rheumatism in her well leg - the girl had left - & Maria
was trying to see to the walnut & apple crop herself since she could not
hire help - as the crop is so heavy in the district that all hands are busy.
In getting nuts - she slipped off a hillside - & to catch herself - swung
round on a bough - wrenching herself so that she could not keep
all night for pain - Things like that going on all the time make her
sine busy I imagine - Mrs W. wrote she had never known suffering before
- They were to have come home this week but the rain will probably cause
them to put off the trip - Mabel says Mrs W. is in more pain in her mind
than her body - a sort of disease - thinking that even the sun is against
her if the flowers don't grow to suit - it agitated on woman's rights - on
one having money & not another - on slavery - etc. etc - so intense that all
laughing shocks her - Mrs Gray is poorly now it is thought as a reaction
from that contact - It is from such remarks that I drew my conclusions
as to the success of the summer together - The Drs say that Mrs W. may
drop off any moment - & then J. will be absolutely alone - but says she
will always keep house - Mabel Hall was looking very nicely & inquired
especially for you - & Mr W. was really sickening - Mrs. was waiting for her - for

example - when she was to speak - she said she wished
he could come in & say the words for her - I promptly
sat on that idea - Then she said she wondered
if he could hear her - hear what she said -
she would like him to - but would not like
to know he was hearing - etc - "Broad ideals"
was her subject - its flourish -

They have elected me to the Fortnightly - & think
I'll join - for the social part - the section The Chueys -
Brace - Wilson - Safford - Moore - Pringle - etc. belong
to is on the History of Art. & it won't hurt me -
I'm extravagant & dear knows - I take most as much
here as you & Abie together - & that - for folly - I have been
wasting in that new shirt waist - a piece of which
was sent you lately - nice fitting - but gilly -

There was a Harvest Home festival at church
which was rather familiar in the lines along
which it was carried out - Mrs Addie Higham +
something else was there - with Viole admiring her
& her little girl - Gladys - a rather good looking
common little child not at all bashful - I was
out at the Hills one afternoon - & found Jennie
poorly - she goes out Sundays only - but your
Fanny has grown very good looking & better
mannered - Olga C. was out at church - she too looking
well - The bride in a wonderful hat was at church
also - see Pollitt - with a very grooving looking light
man - i.e. decorated with a white tie & large
white chrysanthemum -
Give my love to Gil - with feelings for
you both - La Soella - Emma Morgan -
Play - & be happy - Oct. 23^d / 1892