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Dear Lulu, —

Papa let me read your letter of underground construction while Mama expressed her relief that you had left so unhealthy a place though only too glad that you were having a change. I wish you could have staid longer for it must have been much pleasanter than your last year place - even if that was so different. Going to a children's service for the N. & W. Oakland missions - I went down to Mr. Brown's this morning - & met Billy Ames on coming out of church - who, in inquiring of you, said that you ought to go to Holland. I hope you will - or can - Who should turn up to-day but Flora Bell - looking very well & prosperous - She had had a fine winter in N. Y. catching new ideas - working - attending lectures, concerts - etc - Maude has gone there now so all the Bell family are living in her house on Alice St. taking care of the baby - We have been quite active the last two evenings - Friday Papa took me out to hear Prof. James of Harvard - who caused much comment by somewhat denouncing Kant. Prof. Howison's favorite - It was interesting - but can't help feeling that much is there - words - and don't accomplish anything - There was a good full gymnasium - however.

and many familiar faces - He came home with
Eliza Turner and her relatives - She goes in two weeks
to Honolulu and takes Cornelia too - expecting to
be gone from three months to a year - but happy
to have the experience in prospect. Mrs Lee is
looking very happy nowadays - The other evening
was the opening campaign of the Republican
state nominees - last night - at the Macdonough
- you must go to a political meeting when
you come back - they're quite fun - so much
love is expressed - so thoroughly understood
& known to be taken for what it is worth
on both sides - that it is amusing - Mr Pardee
has made capital out of his defeat by being
so magnanimous as to make the vote
unanimous for Sage - giving up all his
chances - (here the audience would comment -
"What else could he do?") he is working for his
opponent - all are patting his back - but it's all a
farce - only that by not sulking - he stands a
chance another time - Speeches were of all
kinds - none remarkable - Were trying Sam
on golfing - he needs more to do after school -
but it was very windy & so will go again -
Took Ethel out one day - she did well for a
first time - Annie Wheeler has sent me
another of her energetic letters - telling of
night nurse duty etc - she was as cheerful
as ever & ^{as} eager to know & do everything -
One day the wheel. went out to the new Frat. House -

and finally that flowered couch cover you put on eight years ago - has
come off - it showed too that it had been put on by a woman from the
number of tacks in it - I was thankful to do it - They have painted floors
& two new rugs - clean & not faded - at least - for the front rooms -
They would be quite comfortable if the bedrooms were only larger -
& more - but it's not bad - Pushing is being pushed ahead - with good
prospects - according to reports - which also say that it is a better class than
for the last two years to choose from - only the other fraternities are
fully alive & active - Jessie O. sent a note explaining that she had been
in the Yosemite when the note telling of this going was written - that
she was - further - just off for Santa Cruz & Monterey for a week - so she
must have been having a good summer - Grace Cope picks up a little - but
cannot take a step yet - Tony is dressed - Georgie has his new clothes safely
on - we feared he'd die this time - but on the contrary - seems better than
ever - The Olsons have all been sick - excepting Nettie & Olga - they're almost
all right now though - Honestly - that church and I. S. is not real
interesting - yet I wouldn't want to leave - but do grow so tired of the
people - so comparatively few of those we used to associate with the
idea of the church are there now - while the new ones - who may be in
reality just as interesting - don't possess the interest for me - A chronic
complaint? - It's all in a lifetime anyway - & as much my fault as anyone's -
With best wishes in every way & with love -

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Emma Morgan