

Greena, Nov. 26. 1893

Dearest Fannie: It is a delicious rainy Sunday - not one of those disconcerting days which keep you in doubt as to its intentions, but an honest gentle down-pour which puts my mind wholly at rest as to going ashore. I have latterly adopted a plan for my day's work & leisure, if possible, doing seven daily writing on Nelson. The time up to 2 P.M. I give to the ship's work of all kinds. At 2, about, I go ashore walk & until 4.30, and when I return I lie down giving orders not to be disturbed, before 6.30, my dinner hour. I try then for sleep as well as rest so as to be fresh as may be for an evening's work, which I try to make from 8-11. It is by no means the equivalent for my morning hours at home. So what I may, my mind is faded, and I not only fall short in quantity but am tormented

with doubts as to the quality of what I do. Words fail me, & the ability to find substitutes for those that don't just express the idea, & I haven't the power of inventing any phrases which has before conducted much to my success.

I want to tell you, dear, that I am very much pleased with your letters. They are very full, chatty and interesting and bear their own witness to what mamma and Aunt Jenny have written me of your progress toward maturity during the months since I came away. There is of course a slight element of sadness to think of the child being really grown up, and also that I should perhaps be away during these changes, but I cannot really complain that you are growing up & your years and taking your place in the world. You may be sure that letters such as you send me will be welcome to any one

and your handwriting also is taking on form and character. I was pleased when
that it was decided you should take Rosamond Luck, for it would extend
your "connection" a little; but at the same time you must bear in mind
that you are not yet at your full strength or with your full equipment for
successful teaching. For some years to come, say three or four, it will be
wise for your future success to avoid wearisome work, hurry and dash - and
also to devote more time to perfecting your music than to making money.
I have wanted you ever to begin simply the habit of teaching. Three years
hence, if Maama appears my purpose definite, we may want to
make a combined effort to increase the family resources - and I hope
Lyle also will look to this by making some of his fourth form, if
diligent study will do it. With regard to the Duparc house tell

Maama, if possible, to arrange that each of the family have his or her
own room, unless it should seem a decided advantage that she and I
be together, in which case let it be large enough - spare on the furniture
at first rather than on the building. Of course you will want a spare
room. As to my making any detailed suggestions, it would from this
distance cause only confusion - and Maama has good judgment enough
if only she will remember that skinning is out of place, when you cannot
remedy any fault caused by it. I still continue to like this place
very much although the weather is not pleasant for a ship. We have had
several magnificent days but almost always more wind than I want.
I still think well of the good looks of the women, and it is really a
pleasure to be moving among those who look like ladies, even though
you may not know them. There is lovely coloring among many of the

younger ones. I am surprised however & find many cases of decided red hair - not curly but distinctly reddish and sandy. The shops are very nice. It is the first place where I have been able to suit myself with neck ties - though even here they are not just what I wish. Being a silk country & having to pay only 75 cents for a neck one I thought best to indulge. Found Jaeger's here only four dollars a suit, so I think that also will pay me.

For Lyle I will not object to his having a rifle - but I will not permit his using it with ammunition ^{or rather the ammunition} until he has found some one - expert - who will teach him how to use it and especially how to carry it when moving about in the country so as to secure from accidental explosions. I shall expect of him

of him a promise that he will never point
it at any one, whether loaded or unloaded &
that he will try to carry it when moving, so
that if it be discharged, it would go into the ground
or far above people's heads. I think, as he
is so soon going to school, when he cannot
use it it will be a mistake to ask for
it, and for any shooting he may do a shot
gun would be far better. This is not a very
interesting letter, but when I have seen a work
in a place there is little left to say. It is only
by frequent change of scene, or by mingling with
other people than the material for letters ac-
cumulates - and here, though content enough,
I have written none. Good bye dear Child -
Love to mamma, Mellic and Lyle

Your loving father

A. J. W.

Nov. 28 I forgot to mail this yesterday - I am
always forgetting something but don't know. Tell
mamma I rec'd. yesterday news of the 14th - no
further news. A. J. W.

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