

Purdue June 8 [18]86\_\_

Effie My Darling Darling Darling\_\_

I have been so busy that I couldn't write & you will have no letter tomorrow but this will reach you on Thursday & I hope to send something for every day till I reach home which means where you are. Oh Darling I feel so glad to think that I am so soon now to see you & be with you. These last days are fortunately very busy days and I shall have just all I can do up to the time I shall leave. I am glad for I don't want any unemployed time to drag out the remaining days.

On Sunday afternoon we had the last chapel service[,] the baccalaureate address by Pres[ident] Fisher of Hanover College[,] a plain sensible talk to the students graduating & otherwise\_ The music went pretty well, an anthem by the quartette, a solo by Mr Knight. His Solo was a lovely thing & well sung. It was Sancta Maria by Faure[,] the writer of "The Palms." Very likely you know it Darling\_ The accompaniment forms an important part & is very hard for me but I didn't fail and the solo was liked very well\_ The Quartette sang also[,] without accompaniment[,] the song of Mendelssohn "Farewell to the Forest[,] " a very beautiful thing. It didn't go as well as the other things & I wish they had taken a movement from Farmer's Mass which we tried\_ There was a good attendance & to me the pleasantest thought in connection with the whole thing was the thought that it was my last Sunday here for the present.

Yesterday was free\_ I was up at 5 a.m. and just as busy as I could be every minute till 11:30. I arranged the copy for the enclosed programme and after breakfast hurried to the city and after giving copy to the printer I took a horse & buggy & drove down the canal to collect material for the Soiree. I also visited the Wabash R[ail]. R[oad]. ticket office and enquired about the trains. I can leave here at 4:10 PM & be at G[rand]. C[entral]. Depot N.Y. at 7:30 the day following via N.Y. Central. The fare is however \$25. I do not feel sure yet but I am very much tempted to take that way after all. Those extra three hours or nearly that are a terrible temptation\_ If I take the night train that way I can go without change & arrive at G[rand]. C[entral]. Depot at 7:30 a.m.

I spent all day in preparation for the soiree & had to do about all the work alone & I had to hustle I tell you but was ready after the lecture & the Soiree was a great success. I am very thankful it is over & now shall have that off my mind. After I had cleared up the worst of the mess I came here & wrote out papers for two examinations to be held this morning & was then tired enough to go to bed & sleep soundly\_\_

This morning I was up early again[,] got things ready for the examination at nine o'clock[,] including a trip down to Chauncey to hunt up Miss Shoemaker. Then after she had taken charge of the ex[amination]. I had to meet a committee to hear Dragoos graduation thesis & then meet the board of trustees to talk over Mrs. Stockton. I told them just what Mrs. S[tockton]. is & how she runs things and they are considering the matter & it looks very much as if Mrs. S[tockton]. would resign & another arrangement be made. I hope Darling that it will

be so for our sakes as well as for the general good. I had a little chat with one of them & asked him when he thought they would finish their business. He said he thought on Thursday. If so then the Faculty would meet on Friday and I could get away then after all. I do hope so[,] my own darling[,] for Effie my own precious darling little girl[,] I am getting wild to see you again & waiting is just dreadful\_\_ But I am not yet sure that it will go this way. I only hope it and tell you this much so you can share in the comfort it gives me -

Last night I was invited to Warders to supper & we had such a nice time. Misses Elder[,] Weed[,] More & Swan were there & we had the nicest supper & entertainment imaginable\_\_ Yesterday noon I came into this den and found on my table a strange box which I opened. I found inside a bronze piece suitable for clock ornament[,] a boy returning from fishing with net[,] fish & dog. It is very pretty & is our wedding present from Misses Weed & Elder\_\_ You will see it before many days\_\_\_\_\_ It is my first present.

Yesterday the tailor sent home my wedding suit & it fits beautifully & is a lovely suit. I know you will like it. I havent tried it all on but I tried the coat & vest there at his shop\_ I havent yet had time to try the pantaloons but shall today sometime. I havent yet packed up my things here nor gotten the laboratory in order so you see Effie mine I have a good deal to do in the spare time intervals. The boys havent broken out yet but I have watched them narrowly and I guess they know they are watched & don't mean to risk discipline which they will surely receive if they arent up to the scratch. Now Darling this is a short & hurried letter but it is all I have time for. I havent time to tell you why I haven't written but thought you would like what I have written better than a batch of excuses\_\_ I am so wild for you that I am more frantic. I do hope for a long letter tomorrow for I havent had a word from you[,] my own[,] since Sunday & then had gone without since Friday \_\_ Now I must stop with such fond deep true warm tender love for my own darling darling Effie ever your own loving

Harry\_\_\_\_\_