

Oakland, California

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My Dear Will:

It has only been a little over two weeks since you left, and it seems like an age. But I find the best way is not to allow my thoughts to follow you very closely. In fact, my mind is quite fully occupied otherwise. I have been with you much today, and could but wish you might be here.

We had a good social meeting, also an interesting Sabbath-school. It was a most beautiful day, almost too warm for comfort in the sunshine. We took the baby to meeting, and she enjoyed it much and so did we for she was real good notwithstanding her patience nearly failed and she tried to pronounce the benediction instead of Jones.

By the way, Brother Jones has got another girl--I mean, a girl to do house-work. She is Sister O'brock's niece just from Canada. Florence I believe, intends to visit around among her friends this winter and go back home next spring. Alice Bartlett is back in the office. She rooms and boards at Charlie's.

Sister Bartlett is down to spend the winter with Lydia. They have rented their place and Sister B. feels as though they would get along just as well without her. She intends to visit Oregon in the spring.

Night work seems to be the order of things in the office. Luella, Jimmie, and Mary Chinnock and Edwin are all at work tonight, and expect to work every night this week. Guess the Christmas exercises will come out minus if the present rush continues. If so, do not know as Mother White will be down till you return. Then of course we will want her to come and make a long visit.

Brother Israel and Brother Ballou have gone to Lemoore. Brother Israel ticketed for Los Angeles, and expects to be gone two months or so. Sister Ballou is still in the office. Lucinda is out taking care of Lill. Mother called on Sister Abbey Thursday last, and brought back very favorable reports. Sister A.

has called here several times. She wonders if you will not go to her home.

Mary Chinnock received a letter from home yesterday. She said you would go near their home and her mother and Mattie were going to try to get you to stop there. If you did she said she would not be surprised if you brought Mattie home with you. We would all be glad to see her.

Katie Haines is at the Health Retreat at St. Helena.

Old gentleman Sayther is married, but not to Ella Bradway. As we came home from church today we saw them out viewing the flowers. The blinds of the house were nearly all thrown open and the sun was streaming in. Everything looked cheerful and inviting.

Barbara says Elder R. has written he had received a telegram from E.G.W. that she would be at Ukiah today and tomorrow.

Sunday morning. Have just been down and got four of Ella's pictures. The rest will not be done till Tuesday. Will send three to you today.

Your loving wife,

(Signed) M.K. White