

Seoul Korea Feb. 13 1904

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Yours most affectionately

Homer

Said this to Archer
as I shall not have
time to write him.

In our D. S. lesson book it says, in speaking of Dorcas that "whether she had fainted or was in a coma or in what is called suspended animation we cannot tell but we do not think she was restored to her friends". The Bible says she died and how can anyone say he knows one and not the other since the Bible is the only thing we have to go by. I made it very plain to my class. I think I will write to the lesson book maker and ask him why he did not say outright that it was a trick played by Dorcas and Peter in order to boom Christianity. That is what it amounts to if she was not dead.

There is no other special news to me. I am awaiting word about the decision of the City of New Bedford about the Smoke Consumer. It ought to be settled this week.

We all give in love to you both and all.
affectionately
Henry

Springfield Apr 7

Dear Father & Mother:-

Another Sunday has come round & I am home again for a few days. I received a nice note from the Century Co saying that my story for St. Nicholas was accepted and would appear in the July or Aug. number. They asked for some more. I have written another for them and shall send it as soon as it is copied on the machine. I am expecting soon to get the proofs of my article in the Clark Univ. Magazine. I want to know when Father's article in the Bis. Soc. is coming out. I know you will let me know as soon as you find out. That is a great achievement. The more I think of it the prouder I am.

Cluster is home on his vacation and looks well. He is a pretty steady boy. We all went over and took dinner with Helen & Sid this afternoon. We were having beautiful spring weather when the storm caught us yesterday and covered us with 4 inches of snow. I trust the storm did not hurt the peach trees. That is the worst of fruit business, the worry about weather.

A. M. Sunday P. M.

Dear Mother;

I am waiting at Mary's before going down to the evening meeting. She wants me to write a line in her letter. I am glad that Henry is going up to bring you back. We are going to have warm weather in a few weeks now, and you will find it very pleasant even if it is a city. I think that the spring weather is much pleasanter in the city than in the country until the first of May or so. I notice that Mr. Jones received a gift of \$1200. on leaving St. Johnsbury. I am going to take charge of a meeting this evening so I must look up a subject now.
with great love
Henry



San Francisco Feb 22

Dear Father & Mother -

I do not know where to reach you with mail but I send this on hoping that it will chase you up and reach you eventually. There is nothing very special to say. Everything is moving along smoothly and we are having a successful time here. We leave Thursday for Portland. I have just rec'd a card from Bertine saying that I must call in there on my way from Spokane to Bremer about Mar 22 or 23 and I hope to do so.



I spoke four times yesterday once at Mills College founded by Mrs Mills who came originally from Ware Mass but was 25 years at Mt Holyoke College as student and teacher. I wonder if you never heard of this. The old lady is still in charge of the school here at 84 years of age and attends to every minutest detail herself. It is a lovely school. I spoke to 200 girls there - and one of them I think will elect to go to Korea as a missionary in a year or so. Touchon May's letter seems to miss me & I have had nothing dated later than Feb 8



but I shall certainly get something in Portland. I go north to speak at Chico Cal. on Thursday night & arrive at Portland on Friday or Saturday. We have gotten the promise of our hospital out of San Francisco & a lot of other money besides. but San Francisco is a poor place for all churches are trying to fit their new buildings paid for after the fire of a few years ago. Love to you both wherever you are.

Most affectionately
Ann

Springfield Jan 25

Dear Henry -

Tomorrow will be our triangular birthday - You will see starting out on your 8th lustrium - It's a case of "grow old along with me" and I trust it is true that "the best is yet to see" - I learned that poem by heart but I can't say it is the toughest job I have tackled. No, come to think of it, your last birthday was the beginning of your 8th lustrium - we never mind. We are seeing a lot of better things than we could see when we were young. I was interested to see that the Senate passed the bill which provides the 18th Amendment with teeth. The clear mandate of the election was that the law should be enforced. I have just been writing a speech on Personal Liberty and the 18th Amendment, only touching that one point - the claim that it impairs personal liberty - and I showed that when the law fails it's foot down upon dwelling it impairs a personal right far more intrinsic to personality than any arbitrary law could be. It involved a man's "honor" - and yet it had to go. I am writing a lot of things for my First Boy's of Minneapolis who is conducting a big school of Speech Art, there. He pays me for everything and wants as much as he can get.

I am reading a new book on India - by Abbe Duboin - a prodigious thing of 600 pages but a really scientific account of things, and I find that he thoroughly corroborates the statements found in Mother India. The very interesting thing about it, however, is the statement which he makes and which he seems to prove, that if it had not been for the caste system India would have gone the way of Minerva and Tyre. It is exactly in line with my argument in defense of Patricians namely that there must be social solidarity before there can be a general solidarity. Not that Indian civilization is

Springfield Nov 25

Dear Father & Mother -

We receive your card from Washington and were very glad that you got that far without difficulty or mishap. The rest of the way was easy I suppose. I forgot to warn you to telegraph ahead to Archer to meet you at Parkersburg but I suppose you did it anyway. Things are getting hotter and heavier than ever here -

It is going to be a terrific fight at the last. I have heard from Greenwood and shall certainly be in Cleveland next Sunday. There are no signs of May's going with me as yet. I wish she might, though -

Mayor Logan of Worcester came out in the paper saying that if Ananias were put in competition with the liquor men in Springfield who have been talking about the results of No License in Worcester he would not even get an honorable mention!

Love to you all - Ann.

Lawrence Sanders

Feb. 14 -

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- "The Checkin and the Parish" -

Do you - want to see it? What
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Mariette May 27 92

My Dear Sister

A few days ago I came down here
to visit Henry and Lily and Archie and
I passed in a place near here. I found
them all well and doing nicely. Of course
my first want was to look over Archie's
affairs and see what he was doing. He
I went into some of his recitations and
heard him read some verses very nicely in
the class room. He is behind a letter
in Algebra and while I am here I am
sleeping him in it - he will take an ex-
amination Saturday and pass it off I think.

He understands it well enough but he
is very careless and needs to be improved
with the need of being more exact. She is
a fine boy and I believe he will pull
up and do well before he gets through.
Henry and Lily show a pleasant little
home here and it seems very nice
that they are so comfortably fixed.
I hope that I shall be one of their
days. I wish I could see you in
your little home and see you
little Margaret. I have her picture
here yesterday and it is very pretty.
I cannot see you now I miss the
wife and baby. They will be out there
one of these days. soon I hope.
I see no reason for regarding
Archie's case at all a hopeless one or
I have known in

I can say sincerely that in my opinion
he promises to pull through this period
of English - vocabulary and make
something of himself.

The other evening I attended father's
intention at Leeds. Nice and I
assume you that it was the most
important service that I have
attended for a long time. His people
seem to have a very great objection for
him. They appreciate him and I think
he will have a very successful
work there. I will say. I am
well here and I hear good news
from Mary & Helen. I hope to hear
from you as you get leisure to write
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*Out of the money from the A.P. I
want you to send Gertrude what
ever she may need or Annie's clothes.
I shall have the whole \$150.
Sent to you and what there is
over I advise what is needed
you can put aside for me.*