

Johns Hopkins Sn.,
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My dear Mamma:-

Your very interesting and encouraging letter was received several days ago and read with very great pleasure. I didn't know what had turned up that I didn't hear from you sooner, but under the circumstances, I suppose I can pardon the delay. But I must say that you must be a busy crowd if some of you can't find time to write once a week. I always find Sunday a good day of leisure, tho' I suppose I go to church as often as any of you. I think I shall go to hear Rev. Dressel again to-day; I haven't been there for a couple months. Last Sunday night, I heard a sermon in one of the most aristocratic Presbyterian churches here. It was on the subject of the Revolt, and

was extremely interesting but far from
orthodox. The preacher made it a compara-
tively small affair and due entirely to natu-
ral causes. It is wonderful to see how
much unbelief there is even in the Churches
themselves. The tendency to rationalise, to ex-
plain away the incomprehensible, and to
make everything subject to science so-
called, was probably never greater than at
the present day. I think I told you some time
ago of the eloquent Methodist divine whom I
heard preach on the subject of creation and
who said in his sermon that he was not pre-
pared to stand up for everything in Genesis. I
think, however, that this tendency has taken
less hold upon the Lutheran Church than
upon any other in the world and that in
the main she still is old fashioned enough
to stick to the old paths and accept Bible
truth without any questioning or appeals
to rationalistic science. The experimental sciences,
such as chemistry, physics, zoology and biology,
are great breeders of skepticism. Geology too is
one of the most productive. I heard several

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lectures on Biology by a distinguished Scientist -
some time ago, in which he held that it
was possible that life would yet be proved
to be the product of the physical basis and
that the discovery by scientists of the doctrine
of natural selection had greatly weakened the
argument in natural theology based on design.
Still he was among the comparatively con-
servative classes of his kind. Dr. Haugh of
this University is setting out a new translation
of the Bible. He gave us a lecture on it in the
Philological Association of last week. It is to be
poly chrome, i.e. multi-colored, the different colors,
indicating the various sources from which the
different parts came. He makes great claims for
it. He says it is based on corrected texts and that
it will render many things clear that are now
dark and besides will be free from Hebraisms
and be put into good, common, ordinary, everyday
English. I rather think, however, that it will be
on the higher critic order, than which there is
nothing more distinctive. We had a lecture last
night in the University by one of the Professors
of Harvard University on Home Life at Pan-
kii. It was illustrated by magic lantern pic-
tures and was very interesting and instructive.

It was wonderful to see to what a stage of civilization and luxuriance, those old Romans had arrived so many centuries ago. It makes one feel that there is really 'nothing new under the sun', not even modern civilization.

This evening at 4 o'clock, there is a meeting for students at the University under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. at which Prof. Gilman, Dr. Kelly of the Med. Dept. and several other notables will speak. I think I shall attend if I can make it convenient. I finished my German under Dr. Busch Friday and will have our last in Greek under Dr. Wood Tuesday. He didn't quite finish up this last week but I will not come up any more. This will be quite a relief. I will then have only Schiller under him, and will have more time for my extra work in the summaries. I am getting along very slow, it seems to me, on my Latin paper. It seems to me I never will see day light on it. It is a little discouraging - the slow progress, but if I have enough time, maybe I'll make something out of it some time or other. I am taking it somewhat easier than I did. Dr. Kirby said that it is such a

fine man than I want to do the best I can
 under him. Dr. Wood hasn't given me any subject
 yet, and I've stopped asking him. I got ashamed
 of going to him so much about it; besides, I don't
 think they can require a paper on Second Year or
 any how. I don't want one now because I've
 got to put my time for the next month on my
 Latin. It seems to be such a hard thing for
 Wood to find me a subject, he ought to consider
 it a favor to be relieved of so arduous a job.
 I haven't done anything in the way of looking
 out for work since I wrote you last. I would
 like very much to come back here next
 year. Of course the longer a man goes here
 the better his chances are for securing some-
 thing worth while. If I could get an honorary
 scholars hip next year, that would pay my
 tuition and \$75 in money. There are, however,
 only 6 for N.E. and I don't know whether I
 could get one of them or not. I think I shall
 make application. If I could get that and
 also get a scholar through the summer, I
 wouldn't come out so very badly behind. But
 I hardly know what to do about it. I understand
 Herbert is going to teach the Craig school again
 next summer Wilson has got mine and is

running a 10 mo. school there now. I
liked that place better than any I have
ever had any thing to do with. We have been
having a little colder weather lately. It snowed
the early part of last week but didn't lie over
a day. We have had some showers of snow
since but not enough to make a show on
the ground. I like this sort of weather first
rate. I am glad to know that the children
have become reconciled to going to the graded
school. It will be quite a saving. Pearl is
going there too, is she? Mike is a Captain. Tell
him I said he must come up here some-
time, I mean, to enter Hopping. Remember me
to Miss Olo Strong. I think it was right well
that you took her in under the circumstances. An-
ny little helps. I hope that you will all have
a pleasant time at conference; but I suppose it is
over by this time. If Mr. Miles Hoffman is still
there when this letter arrives, tell him I hope he
will have his boys ready for Roanoke next year.
I tried to get him to send them there last year but
his wife wouldn't let him. I am not getting
A.Y.'s paper. Tell him I said for him to send
it to me whenever election news gets to

coming in at any rate, if not before, I
hope that Mrs. Sigman is getting
well by this time. Has Mrs. Budisill
sister well yet? I hope that you
all will succeed in stopping the
N. Y. R.R. from spilling our front yard.
If that is not possible we ought to have
big damages. Well, I could write more
but it is time for me to start to church,
so I will close for this time. With
love to you all, I am

Most sincerely yours,
Cora Lee & Dickey

