

Wm. Airy Sem.,
Phila Pa.,
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Dear Mamma:-

Your most welcome
and interesting letter was received
several days ago, during the early
part of the week, and was read
with pleasure. As I intend to go
down town to-morrow, I thought
perhaps I had better write you
to-night? I suppose you received
the picture of my room and inci-
dentally of myself & Chum which
I sent you the other day or rather
which I sent Pearl - I believe I ad-
dressed it to her for a change. It wasn't
very good especially my part of it
since I seemed to have a gigantic
stare on. I was merely looking at
a picture on the wall, however. As I

wear my glasses regularly now
perhaps, I would have looked more
natural with them on. But as it is
hard for a photographer, not an expert
to take glasses, I pulled mine off. We
had another side of the room taken
also. In that my picture was better
but the wall pictures didn't show up
as well. I had 6 letters for 50¢ but
have sent them all away. I sent^d
Schauck Craig one to-day. I was
sadly surprised to learn that he
was still laid up with fever. He
must be having a hard time
of it but I sincerely hope he will
pull through. I thought^d he was well
and back in college. He wrote me
toward the end of August and I
answered his letter Sept. 12 addressing
him at Davidson College. To-day
I received the letter back again -
marked 'Return to sender.' It is

Strange some of the Professors or Students did not forward it to him. I wrote to him again today explaining matters. I also wrote to Lucius Henderson a day or two ago thanking him for the picture of little "Carroll" and expressing my appreciation of having so handsome a name sake. I think I will have to have some small photos taken by a good artist in order to send the little fellow one. I don't suppose he will need any pants this year yet. Clarence wrote to me several days ago and I wrote him a long letter and sent him a picture and an arithmetical problem to solve - not a very difficult one but puzzling and amusing. You may judge from these reports that most of my time has been preoccupied, apart from theological work and the truth is I

haven't done much, having so many other things to do and think about. I'm getting along fairly well tho I think, even in *Dogmen Geschichte* which is entirely German, I am not lagging far behind. Yesterday we had another holiday - the anniversary celebration ("Jubresfest" it is called) of the Mary & Drexel home. The services were in German but were rendered in the most approved liturgical manner, the responses being beautifully intoned and the Pastor orientating during all the sacrificial parts of the service. The music furnished by a choir of the "Sisters" was excellent.

There are some 20 odd of them now and they cut quite a figure, in their regalia, black uniform, white head dress and wearing their crosses. To an outsider they might have looked like Catholic nuns but one should not judge by appearance but

judge righteous judgment. I took
 Ben and several of the other boys
 through the Girard College buildings
 and grounds. I was all dressed
 up in my clericals, looking for
 all the world like a Priest and conse-
 quently had a good deal of fun in getting
 in. They asked me all sorts of questions
 but I succeeded in bluffing them off
 in a good-natured way and so they let
 us in and told me if any body asked
 me to tell them I wasn't "consecrated"
 yet. But after we were in the Professors
 treated us with the greatest of courtesy,
 showing us through the buildings and
 even took us through the dining hall
 where 1200 of the boys were eating din-
 ner, also showed us their kitchen &
 private dining rooms. The man in
 charge said they didn't usually al-
 low visitors in there but he would
 show us through. In the Duxel

House, quite a number of interesting
German & English speeches were
made in the afternoon. Last Saturday
I went down town and blowed my-
self so to speak. I bought an overcoat
for \$8, a suit of clothes for \$13.50, a
hat for \$2.70, a pr. of shoes for \$2.40
besides a shirt, sock, suspender and
several other things. I needed the things,
so, I thought I might as well get them
in time for the wedding. I think I
made a good bargain on my suit
of clothes. I got them and the overcoat
from Mr. Chambers a wholesale man
on Market St. My overcoat is a light
fall overcoat - dark color however, but
is heavy enough for my use. I'm afraid
I will have to get an umbrella yet, as
some fellow around here has cabbaged
mine since a few days. I sent a
present costing \$1 to Wessinger's Firm.
I thought I could well do that, however,
since he bought me a pair of

gloves which I will wear on that occasion, for \$1.50. I am going down town to-morrow and from there out to Cousins to see Walter, and the other N.C. boys. I doubt the propriety of Pearl's receiving presents except of a very trifling nature from him if she doesn't care for him and never expects to. I think a great deal of Walter and like him right well, but if she doesn't - she don't, and there's an end of it? Love is something that can't be forced according to the whims or desires of other people. It is not said that there are 3 or 4 but only 2 hearts that beat as one. I hope that Mabel is getting along well with her Graded School work. I always think I will write to her next but never get it done, tho I have tried to do so a time or two. I am sorry Wessinger spoiled the wine, especially since you say it was fine. But I wouldn't

think of making him pay for it.
I am not surprised tho that he
got it broken; He is so very awk-
ward and clumsy. The gracefulness
and refinement that he will naturally
acquire up here in the 3 years of his
stay will be a great improvement.
I exert all my influence to keep
him and especially the room tidy tho
not always with glowing success. My
first-chum was the best one I had
in that respect - Valentine of N.Y. tho
he didn't always make up his bed. But
he did put things in their place and keep
the table nice and clean, free from the
accumulation of books, hats, papers
and things, which my present chum
doesn't always do, notwithstanding I
set him a good example in that
regard. But he is improving and
I hope by the time he has "baked"
it as long as I have, he will be
equally aesthetic in his tastes and

ways. But he is a very nice fellow
and willing to learn and I think that
the little blunders and boorishness
that adhere to him will all be
worn off within a couple years.

Your scripture quotation about Paul
not taste not, handle not" was rather
fairly in its application since it was
first against such people who said that
that St Paul was arguing, but Ben's
quiet in "handling", I will not deny
since he handled it so roughly. Still
that Preacher should be circum-spect
in all things, is a truism apt enough.

I suppose I would hardly see Leopold
in his long pants, talking *de profundis*
or as the Germans would express it
mit seinem Bauchreden. But fleeting
time rings its changes on us all. I
had quite an argument with 6 fellows
at once to night over the election and
pertinent questions but I held my
own against them all. I hope Bryan

will pull through, this time, the
chances are much better for him
than before. I intended to vote but
owing to the trouble I would have to
go to and the little expense I have de-
cided to forego it, especially as a Democratic
vote in this rotten - Republican hole is
thrown away any how. But I will go
down town election and see the returns
come in, sure. There are no banners
up in Phila at all, either Bryan or
McKinley. New York on the other hand
is full of them, the majority being
Bryan banners. It will nearly kill
some of these Republican fellows, if Brya
should be elected, as I hope he will, well
since I'm running my letter into
politics, I expect I had better close -
with love to you all,

I am

Most sincerely yours,
Corroset Little.