

Monday Ev - May 15th

My Dear Father,

I think I should feel very much conscience smitten ^{about not writing} if it was not that we felt so sure that you were coming home and would not get our letters. I think it must be so dreary for you way off there.

I ^{feel} so sorry to think we can not see you for so long.

If you go away this summer you will be away from us so much. That was a very nice and satisfactory letter which Horace wrote about Cousin Margaret. I shall feel no feeling but that of joy in having her come here.

I think it will be better in many ways. Willie & Mattie & I went to Portland last Saturday and stayed over Sunday. We went with Vernus and the buggy. We had quite a pleasant time, but I taught this afternoon and that with my ride this morning, makes me feel pretty tired.

so perhaps you won't mind if
I only write a small letter this
time. I wish very much that
we could see you. I had no
idea that you would be gone
so long when you went away.

My school work goes on nicely,
and I seem to hold out quite
well. The ~~girls~~ have come for
the P.V. & T.A. cadets at last
after so long a time, and Capt W
is doubling up on the drill.

It will keep all the boys busy
until after Com - to get drilled
enough to make a proper show.

We have been having very cold un-
pleasant weather all the time of
late. I am afraid at this rate
nothing will ever get ripe. You must
not worry about the garden. I
guess we can manage to have
it fixed some way. If W. does not have
time we can hire somebody else. Dear
precious Papa, I should like to have
a chance to kiss you good-night.
Your own loving Mary C.