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My dear Mr. [unclear]

Once again
you will find my letter
dated from the "goodly
town of Providence" & where
we have been since Thursday
& spent "Christmas Day"
very pleasantly also, but
I suppose I must go back
& tell you just all about
Saturday at the Paged
& then our gay week &
the breaking up of school
arrival here "Christmas
& Day" & a little of
the present time & my

feelings for the "winding up"
as Mr. Green says.

Somebody wrote & dropped
that Hot & am sure &
didn't, though Louie & all
say they saw me do it.

Well! we had a very nice
day at the Page's, & a
Tom Gillespie was there &
a young lady from N. O.
and I went at Miss Cady's
the four men talked of nothing
but aint shaped & his
broken heart etc.

Miss Page always gives
receptions on Saturday
which I understand are
very pleasant indeed, but
none of course go there until
they are entirely over.

There

Adel, is a very funny
girl just such a person
as Aunt Bepes; quite
pretty also.

Pauline is quite pretty I
think & when dressed is
very stylish looking, she
is very much admired in
society by all I believe.
Before going to Mrs P's
I went with cousin
Lulu & Jackson to see what
my Christiana had gifts
for "Pamela". I made
some very pretty selections
& received a very handsome
present when I arrived
at last at Mrs Paged.
from Pauline which was
a beautiful set of black

Sara set in gold & black
enamel, Mame had a
very pretty hairpin
flown her also.

Friday was a lovely day
& we had a beautiful
sermon from Mr Boardman
very appropriate as it
was "Communion Sunday"
Mr Laurel & one of the
girls joined the church
at which Julie was
of course delighted & it
more trying than ever to
"her"

In the evening went to
Mr Bred's Parquet to
hear Mr Boardman who
abruptly exchanged pulpits
with Mr Bred in the
afternoon.

On Tuesday evening we were
invited to Mr Boardman's
to drink Tea (at least all
who attended had a horse.
new) we passed a most
delightful evening, Mr B -
spoke a great deal of
Grandma & Aunt Hannah
we had a long talk of
home people, I wish you
could see him he is
just my idea of a perfect
minister; stern but kind
& gentle, he had such a
holy expression & was so
kind & sweet to us all
as I was going away he
shook my hand very
warmly & said I in his

quite sad way. "Good night
my little dear. God bless
you" I do not know how
felt quite so happy he
is just too good I think
to live long, their house
is so beautiful & so chuck
full of curiosities they have
met with in their travels
Mrs B. & the five children
are very sweet also Charlie
& Mary are pretty big & so
old I mean Henry 22 & 18
John, Henry, & Jimmy are
17, 14, & 13 funny sized
children.

Wednesday night being our
last day of school Mrs.
L. gave a supper & had
several people there.

of course the usual
song and playing was gone
through with the music to
the poor "musical jigs"
and songs.

That is what we girls
call "Bud Party" so
remembered what we alluded
to in speaking of it in
our letters.

Thursday morning was
spent in buying the
remains of "Christmas
presents" & in packing
ready for uncle who
came at four & brought
us to Omeira of course
there was a regular
"austrat" at the meeting
The children seemed to

glad to see us & every
thing looked so cheerful
& of home to us.

Friday Mrs. Lohdthwait
& her family with Miss
Amy Johnson came to
visit with us on a
most splendid dinner
the day passed off very
pleasantly indeed but I
forgot to tell you we
had the presents on
the table at breakfast
the children gave me
specimens of their own
work in the shape of
a note & arrow but
truly acceptable they
were, from aunt I
had a handsome copy

all
to
the
house
with
me
I
will
be
glad
to
hear
from
you
again

of Shelly, from uncle
Rich had a beautiful
book called "The Kespary
Sabre" ex. quite nicely got
up with painted plates
I wish you could see
it, from the girls at
school I had several
presents Lou's was a
sweet "napping" ring. I
had also to the charm
Mobby Bissell's a book
Long's I wish as to the
heart pins.
I will be glad to
tell of my presents &
pleasures here, as I
must close so wishing
you a very Happy New
Year I remain your ever