

Bristol
July 6th

Mr. Baldwin.

It has been a
long time since I have
written you and I have only
myself to blame for my
ignorance about you all.

Thoughts, words and prayers
have often turned toward
you in the past weeks, but
my pen has been surprisingly
silent, and now I want
to express my often thoughts
wish that you were able
to enjoy to the full the
meetings of the L. M. U.

Myself
may be
marked
Dear
Mr. Baldwin
and
Miss
Clifford
and
young
Always
your
friend
Charles L. Brown

and that they were as inspir-
ing and helpful as you
usually find them. It was
a busy season for you all
I know, and I wonder if you
can well enough to attempt
the Secretary's duties. I know
a little more than I did as
to what they are, for I held
that position in the Plainville
Union Meetings, and found it
took time and strength. All
my private correspondence
has suffered because of it
and the two historical papers
I have been writing for our
Chapter of the Daughters of
the Revolution, so my

Summer so far, has been devoted to "literary
pursuits."
I wonder how you have all endured the hot
weather. I think I remember that you like
it and hope it was good for rheumatism
and that that eye trouble has left you.
Mrs deans also enjoyed it and even the 90°
was none too hot for them - but I fear that it
was very wearing for dear Mrs Belden and
almost fear to hear that it has proved to
much for her, but that is not fulfilling the
"sufficient unto the day" promise and my
faith is more active in regard to you all, than
in any other direction.

Did you meet Mr Reynolds of Van at the meetings
she promised to introduce himself to you - and
my friend Miss Huntington goes back with him
this month. I also have had a great joy in
the desire of one of my Sunday School Class
to give her life for that service - I could not
tell you of it if you were here - as she has
not mentioned it to any of her family and
the obstacles in the way do seem very great.

but the willingness is a great
deal and is a great happiness
to me. I hardly think you
will remember her. Fina Hall,
I think they came to know
the very woman you speak of.
She is a beautiful character
and so earnest in spirit.
She goes to Smith College next
year.

I hear that a dear friend of
mine Mrs Laffin was in
Clifton at the Sanitarium
three weeks in May, and
am so very sorry I did not
know of it in time for her to
meet you - possibly she
did, for I have not seen her since.

International in our classes. I am afraid too
I am a constant disappointment to Mr Miles, he
always wants me to call on some body five
miles away and I do not do it. He grows daily
thinner, and Mrs Miles has been quite sick but
is now again now and has gone to Vermont.
My own dears are about as usual. Mother
a little better than in the winter but she is
not able to get out to drive much as we do
not jog round with the white pony as we
used to do. Grandmother is more feeble

all the time but able to keep about the house
and step into the garden. I think she seems
more useful about the future and old ideas
do not seem to trouble her as much, or else she
does not speak of them. Your words have always
been such a comfort to her.

I wonder if you made the same request for
prayer at the S. M. U. that you did to your asso-
ciation of ministers - and if it has received yet
yet to answer the earnest petitions that your
friends have offered. I do expect to hear that
you are better after this long time and trust the

You will be glad to know that
Mrs Potter is improving at last.
She has been ill you know
ever since her return last
fall. her mind has been very
much affected. but now that
she has gone to Sachems Head
she is more like herself.

Mrs Ingraham too is in sad
melancholia - and they are
very worried about her.

I do not think I have much
Church news for you. We have
had our usual S. S. picnic
at Cooks Grove, showers and
all, and now Mr Peck & Lane
in a little disgrace because
we have taken the Plabesley
quarters instead of the

Miss Toroman -

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