

White Sem, May 6, 64

Dear Edgar,

Your letters of April 21st and 26th were received, one Monday and the other Wednesday last. I am very sorry I could not find time to have answered them before, but you know how many things are to occupy the time of a school girl, or by and will therefore be more charitable.

Your letters were both very good ones. hope I may be able to send as good in return. I don't suppose I shall get any more from you very quick if what the papers say is true, Aunt Mary was reading that the soldiers could write no more letters home in sixty days. I think that is scandalous - don't you? I suppose it is all for the best so I will say nothing more about it.

I am very glad Bill has been promoted too, for he is a good boy, but you need not feel jealous. My health is very poor this spring. I don't feel one bit like studying, but I keep hoping I shall feel better in a little while: and so I keep at work. I get along nicely with my music this term I have taken one piece, the name is Alpine Bells. I wish you could hear it - it is beautiful. Perhaps you would not think so for you would have to think contrary (sic) from me to be Edgar wouldn't you?

Edgar Shannon - you know though I wouldn't find out how early you and Dell rise in the morning, if you wrote it on the envelope. Well I did come very near not finding it; but as luck would have it, I found it at last.

I have to get up at five every morning. how would you like that? Then every little while collegeons (sic) came and bother us with a serenade and if we get to sleep before twelve or one o'clock we do well. last night they came about twelve. I never heard anything that sounded better. the same several pieces then went away and I went to sleep thinking of one far "away in the land of cotton" shant tell you the name, but it wasn't Albert - for he is in such a place.

Then you like Otis for a cook do you? I don't believe he likes his place, but you would try to make me believe of course. If you think you shall remember all of those things I wished to forget do you? do as you like. I am going to forget them for they are not good things to remember. That one thing I want to see you when I tell you that you must wait patiently for that time to come.

We are having very pleasant weather now. It was so very warm yesterday that I could hardly breath, but you

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know what warm weather is better than I do so I will not try to tell you more. I wish you would come up and go into my Philosophy class Monday and what a nice time we have. There are three gentlemen in it and we have a gentleman for a teacher; and we have some gay times. I'll ask the teacher if you may not have his choir, if you will come.