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Dear William:

As you can well imagine time passes and all my intentions are swept along with it - with eight hours a day in a school room, trying to keep a house functioning as though the housekeeper were not out of it most of the time, plus a few social duties there is not much time left - not to mention inclination to do anything but go to bed to rest weary bones. I hit the low just before

Christmas vacation began ^(L-35 pB)
and have not been able to rise
far above it ever since - This
tutoring Spanish at Denison
takes a bit of energy too, but
it is very enjoyable and I
intend to work out a good
major in it this summer. If
I have to teach then I might
to do it as well as my feeble
powers will permit - which isn't much.

This week your father is in
Columbus at the Hardware Convention.
We drove over Monday in a
terrific rain and fog - Fortunately
the fog lifted before the next
morning so that my drive
back to Newark before the
gray dawn even ventured

to appear was fairly comfortable - We are living by "war time" now - clocks were turned up an hour on Feb. 9th - I shall drive over tomorrow after school for the banquet not to mention collecting papers if anything is left of him. The Hardware Insurance Co. is having a series of meetings plus the convention which promise to be difficult but hot stuff. The old story of "too old" - ^{L-35} _{PC} namely George Gray of Eastport - a trifle - yes more than a trifle childish.

We have a new member in the family - we refer to her as "Baby" but she is really Erking little Black Lamba registered ¹⁵ black & tan & really a good dog - When we were in Knopville at Thanksgiving time I bumbled over on seeing Edith Lutz's ¹⁵ ~~Dachshunde~~ so she gave me this one - & we both are perfectly simple about her. She sleeps on your father's tummy when he naps and sits on his lap when he reads - It really is "too cute" -

But now to the most important news I know about - namely yourself and the very fortunate girl. You know that from the bottom of my heart I wish you all the happiness that life can hold for you and the greatest happiness is a happy marriage - But

(not wishing to go maternal)
married happiness is the result
of self sacrifice of two people -
not only material sacrifice,
but a sacrifice of many
other things less tangible
which seem important but
really are not in comparison ^{L-35}
with the understanding and _{PD}
happiness that two people
can work out together. - and
I know that you will be
able to work it out - may I
presume one word - about
something we will forget - it
does not seem possible that
such a thing can happen now -
but it can - never refer to the
fact that your wife was married
before nor throw it in her face

in a moment of anger. Just
start from where you two
begin and there has never
been anything before. You
probably think this is ^(L-35)_{PE}
superfluous advice but it
can happen so easily and
can hurt her so irreparably.
I happen to know from my
own experience - Everything
in our life has its place &
because a marriage does
not turn out successfully
does not mean that there
are not moments of great
happiness involved - and
an individual has a right to
them without minimizing
the present in the least
This may not be very coherent -

and I do hope you understand that I say this only because I know what can be a cloud on complete happiness. It really would make us very happy to have the object of your affections come here to inspect us. If you would want me to write her a note to that effect I should be happy to do so for I imagine she would expect that rather necessary courtesy from your father's wife. L-35
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We enjoyed the call from the Tankersleys very much & they are both quite charming - we regretted that they did not keep their promise to stop on their way back east.

Everything as well as everybody here pursues the even tenor of its ways and news is rather at a premium. Mrs. Wright is still in bed in a cast after nine months of this & that experimentation - Mrs. Montgomery's wife has gone to Texas to be with her cavalry man - the "wedding epidemic" is in full swing at present and every "eligible" is being snapped up - I shall try to collect some news for you. Take care of yourself and we anticipate hearing from you. Love & good wishes
Sarah