

Kingston, Mo.

Oct. 15, '98.

Miss Beth Prior,

North Yakima, Wash.

My dear Beth,

Your most welcome letter duly received and contents noted with pleasure. Another "rainy Sunday" is here, but I find it quite pleasant nevertheless for it is a day of rest — something unusual for me to enjoy.

You spoke of being busy and hence I feel that you can sympathize with me, my school is not large but there is the same routine to go through with and the same preparation to be made as if it were larger. And then other duties take up the spare moments.

But I derive² a great deal of pleasure from my work, my enrollment has increased until I have nine-teen pupils and my school is quite interesting. I know you would enjoy a session of our Literary Society that meets every two weeks. Some parts are rather comical if one would look at that side of it, but we hope to improve. Did you ever hear the recital, "Friday Afternoon"? I have to smile sometimes at the resemblance between it and some of our exercises.

Was so glad to hear of your new home being so pleasant. It must be pleasant to see new scenes, and those of Wash. I would think would be especially interesting. I was reading a statement the other

day that spoke³ of the climate
of Wash. and made the
statement that it rained
every day during the winter
season. If this be true, my,
how I do feel for you!

On account of not having a
fire we did not have any
church this morning and we
went down to hear Mr. Berry.
Mrs. Brazelton, Nellie Sherman,
Jennie Johnston, and
Mrs. Riddle are to sing that
pretty quartet, "Lead kindly
Light" this evening, at the
Christian Church, if the weather
permits. By the way we have
a "Polychrome Circle" that
meets on each Mon. evening
to study voice culture and
consists of those named,

(except Nellie S.), ⁴ and ^{also} Julia Johnston and myself.

We study a book by Prof. Polychrome and some of the exercises afford us amusement; and profit too we hope.

We have practised some on holding back the breath and some can say the alphabet through, rather slowly, four or five times with one breath.

I have been wondering if you receive the "Kingston Times"; if you do not I might tell you some things about people that you know, while if you receive the paper these would not interest you.

Will tell you about a party that Mrs. Cox gave not long ago. Their new home is

quite elegant ⁵ and well adapted
for such entertaining.

Cards of celluloid, with questions
written on it and a pencil
attached, were handed to each
one present. The questions had
to be answered with the name
of some flower and each
answer was to be written on
the card, when it was com-
pleted it made quite a
little story. Bertha Kautz
received the prize for getting
the most correct. Vert B.
received the booby prize.

Cards were handed to us with
such expressions written on
them as, "A toothsome dainty",
"Sweets to the sweet", "A dainty
from the sea", A pair of very
strange beasts, etc. We were
entirely in the dark as to what

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we would receive and every plate that was received was greeted with laughter.

A toothsome dainty, turned out to be a toothpick, Sweets to the sweet was candy.

A dainty from the sea was salt, A pair of strange beasts were a couple of pickles (cucumbers, you see) united with a tooth pick, Dainty light as air, that I was quite sure would be angel food, turned out to be a cracker. After this was over with, Cream and cake was served to all.

Thank you for your kind invitation. If it is possible for me to go on the trip, will surely try to get a glimpse of your face and home before returning. Have not received your photo as yet, won't you send it right away, please?

Mother was so pleased to hear
of your mamma. Is she
and the remaining members
of your family quite well
and how do they like their
home by this time? I forgot
that it is no longer new to
them. Answer soon, like
a good girl, and I will try
to do the same next time.

Yours. with best wishes,

Nellie Mack

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