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My dear Laura and Billy,

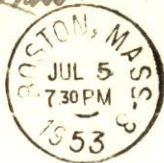
This is some delayed reply to dear Billy's kind letter, but the fact that I have been dilatory, was not due to neglect. Billy, you know how exact I always tried to be in the past but - I fear age has taken its toll - "73" next month. The heat, has been terrific and, I am never much good, never now, during the summer. A crowd left here at the end of June for summer schools. A new quota came in at once and we have a fine group of lovely young Sisters, working hard to improve.

when they could not yet speak English. Yes, they say only for us, they would not have survived. They serve us Mass daily up there and try to show gratitude. God prospered their work. You see how massive the college was! They will have to start all over but the people of Boston and the whole area have gathered in no time, thousands of dollars. The tornado struck the northern side of Worcester and our Convents were untouched. Not one church hit. A mother had her two weeks old baby flown from her arms. It was found blocks away next day. At Assumption, the Tabernacle in the Sisters place was ripped out of place with sacred hosts inside. They spent hours trying to locate it. Found it blocks away in a field and the hosts scattered. That was a great sorrow and shock to the good priests and sisters. Reparation was made and is still being offered to Our dear Lord. Poor God!

They call the session "workshops" this year. Practical work for daily use, is the idea. We have about thirty first grade teachers resident and all kinds of new methods, approaches are mastered. You know, they say that our parochial schools are one year in advance of public schools and we find many non-Catholic people sending their children to us for that reason. The Sisters do work unselfishly for God's cause and souls. The wicked world needs help to save it from destruction. What a horrible mess it is in! The tornado, many say, was a proof of God's just anger - of His power to destroy in a few seconds, man and material. I kept the enclosed clipping to let you see what we did to Assumption College where the holy men driven from France in the early nineteen settled. We fed them and furnished their home from Plantatory St.

It has a lovely home "336" must be. I would
love to ring your door bell and look around.
Lanra - you are a wonder. God has gifted you
in many ways and my Billy is a lucky boy.
You have happiness which wealth could never
purchase. Your son, is unusual I would say. I
was surprised to hear of your artistic talent.
Well, we are all well back here, Deo Gratias.
Peter, is lost without Mary. He will have to
get a housekeeper for he wants to keep his
home. Johnnie is caring for the Forbes home.
Mary, has gone to the beach for a month. He is
lost without work. Misses meeting people etc.
I am enjoying a quiet vacation and the air
is good. We have had terrific heat but last
few days have been ideal. Most close we is
time for Chapel. I keep you in my daily
mass and name all your needs and desires.
Whisper an "Ave" for me once in a while. Love
and a fervent "God Bless you!" Molly.

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