

Winona Lake Ind

Lock Box 40

Aug 8 1901

My dear Parents: -

Well we are still here you see, and have so much to do, see, hear and talk about that no time is left to write. Last Thursday near noon Dana & Emma walked in on us at the Inn and told us the rest of the Hill tribe would come as soon as we sent for them. So we found a cottage for two weeks & took possession at once, the rest coming on Sat morning. We have a large cottage, with gasolin stove, dishes, beds & other furnishings, city water &c, on the upper

terrace, a very pleasant place,  
only a little far

James was just called to  
the telephone & told me to  
write till he came back.

I had to come out in the woods  
in front of the house to get  
away from the clatter inside.

Our family of eight is quite  
noisy & we are having a jolly  
good time. Winona is lovely  
& we wish every body could  
enjoy it. Our cottage is a  
little farther from the center of  
things than we would like, but  
it was the best we could do.

It is a large, convenient  
cottage, & in some respects it  
is pleasanter to be away from  
the crowds. It is built up all

around us, but we have quiet neighbors + can rest well. I guess none of them are as noisy as we are. We get our breakfast + supper, sort of picnic fashion + get a great deal of fun out of it. Then we go out to a boarding house + get a good dinner. All have good appetites, except Emma who has been sick two or three days + had to be careful what she ate. We are so awfully busy here, we cant get time for all we want to do; so much going on we cant take it all in. Havent found a convenient time yet to go in bathing, but I guess were going

this morning. James, Dana,  
Hayd + Gussie played tennis  
from 6 to 7 this morning.

(Gussie is my nephew Delos  
wife from Atlanta who was  
visiting in Decatur + came here  
with them. We never saw her  
before but she fits into the  
family nicely) You all know  
what life at a Chautauque assembly  
is, \* can imagine we are taking  
it all in to the best of our  
ability. I am often reminded  
of our Bay View experience +  
wish Mary were here to enjoy  
this as she did Bay View.

We try to take in most of  
the lectures, some of them have  
been fine; especially Dr.

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Mr Arthur, & Miss Anna  
Shaw, also the colored woman  
Mrs. Mary Chubb Ferrill.

They gave the oratorio "The  
Holy City" Monday night & it  
was grand. But I suppose  
you have a program & know  
what we are enjoying.

There are a number of Van Wert  
people in the grounds, & a good  
many from Delphos whom we  
know, & James is always  
meeting friends of his, so  
that adds to the pleasure.

Father & Mother are enjoying  
it as well as the rest, &  
standing it first rate; they  
have been out every evening,  
& some time during the day.

Lat.: I had to go to telephom  
+ found the sad message that  
Fred Kimmel one of our finest  
young men was dead -  
I shall attend the funeral  
on Sat. and try to get back  
for Sunday - You can  
address me here Lock  
Box 40 - I suppose  
I shall stay till the  
Conference & not go to  
Heaton - Alice will  
go home about 15 or 16<sup>th</sup>  
With love to all -

James

arrived on Saturday evening with the full satisfaction of spending a solemn three hours on duplicate whist. Before he came, my son of us told Lot that we wouldn't be mixed into playing, and Lot said she hated to make us miserable but that Faltin would

hear Mrs. Gordon -

Perhaps John has already written you how "satisfactory" the arrangement is. It seems that before Lot got my note, Faltin had already asked her if he might bring John out to play whist. You know he just dots red cards, so poor Faltin

never speak to her again if he was beginning to look  
his "arrangements" were in-  
sufficient with - Lot had in-  
vited Hude and Shauji  
out for supper, and in  
the evening Han, Jim Lee  
and Bro. Ben called.

Haltu and Jim had come  
and we were all having the  
jolliest kind of a time,  
that is - all except Haltu -

he was beginning to look  
mightily uneasy. At last

He suggested that four  
of us should play whist.

I opened my mouth to  
say that I would play

but Hude took me very  
short so I shut it again.

There was a dead si-  
lence for about a minute,

then every body raised and



John was able to travel,  
Lara had gone down  
with him on the early  
train. I hope John had  
a good time. Wednesday  
evening, he seemed to,  
and how we said such  
nice things about him, <sup>especially</sup>  
she was so glad to meet  
him for she had heard  
about him for so long -

we went on talking - Gal-  
lie glad at us but not  
another word was said  
about what. I'd have  
hated to walk home a-  
lone with Galie, I had  
fear for John's safe-  
ty and was so glad to  
learn from Lara, whom  
I saw on my way  
through Carleton, what

Hathorn met me in  
Philadelphia. He got a  
little luncheon and then  
went to Franamahi's  
Apartment in hats. Some  
of them were very pretty  
and I know you'd like  
them for they are nearly  
all turned up in front  
on the side. Franama  
met me at Green Lane

and we had a nice little  
dinner in the rain, it re-  
minded me of my dinner  
from Richmond this  
time. To day I have been  
talking to Franama  
and unpacking, and  
Sarah has told me e-  
nough "chokes" already  
to fill a sheet of Puck.  
She makes me think of

things I've heard - the  
thing she biggest "chick"  
of all was that she  
didn't see a soul she  
knew at the fair. Ham-  
ma says she saw her  
guy with and looked  
quite fine. I wish I  
could have seen her - I  
feel as though I had  
been in her place at once

3-  
"Old King Cole" for she's  
such a "jolly old soul"  
and she hasn't changed  
a bit. She should see her  
"Holy under" this morning,  
she's very fond of it.  
She went to a fair at  
Allen town yesterday and  
her description of what  
she saw on the farmist

yesterday. In Sarah's description of the fair is so complete that I could <sup>not</sup> know more about it if I had really gone. I've even been to all the side shows. If my descriptions are as realistic as Sarah's, I don't know how many places Hannah feels that she's been by this time, to know

Sarah and me she ought to have taken quite a tour. In you can imagine how much I have talked about my lovely visit with you - I wish I knew two weeks to pass so quickly, and I wish you could really know what a very happy two weeks they were and how much I always

has been. With love to my  
mother, and very much to  
you, dear Mrs. Gordon.

I am - Most lovingly -

"The little girl."

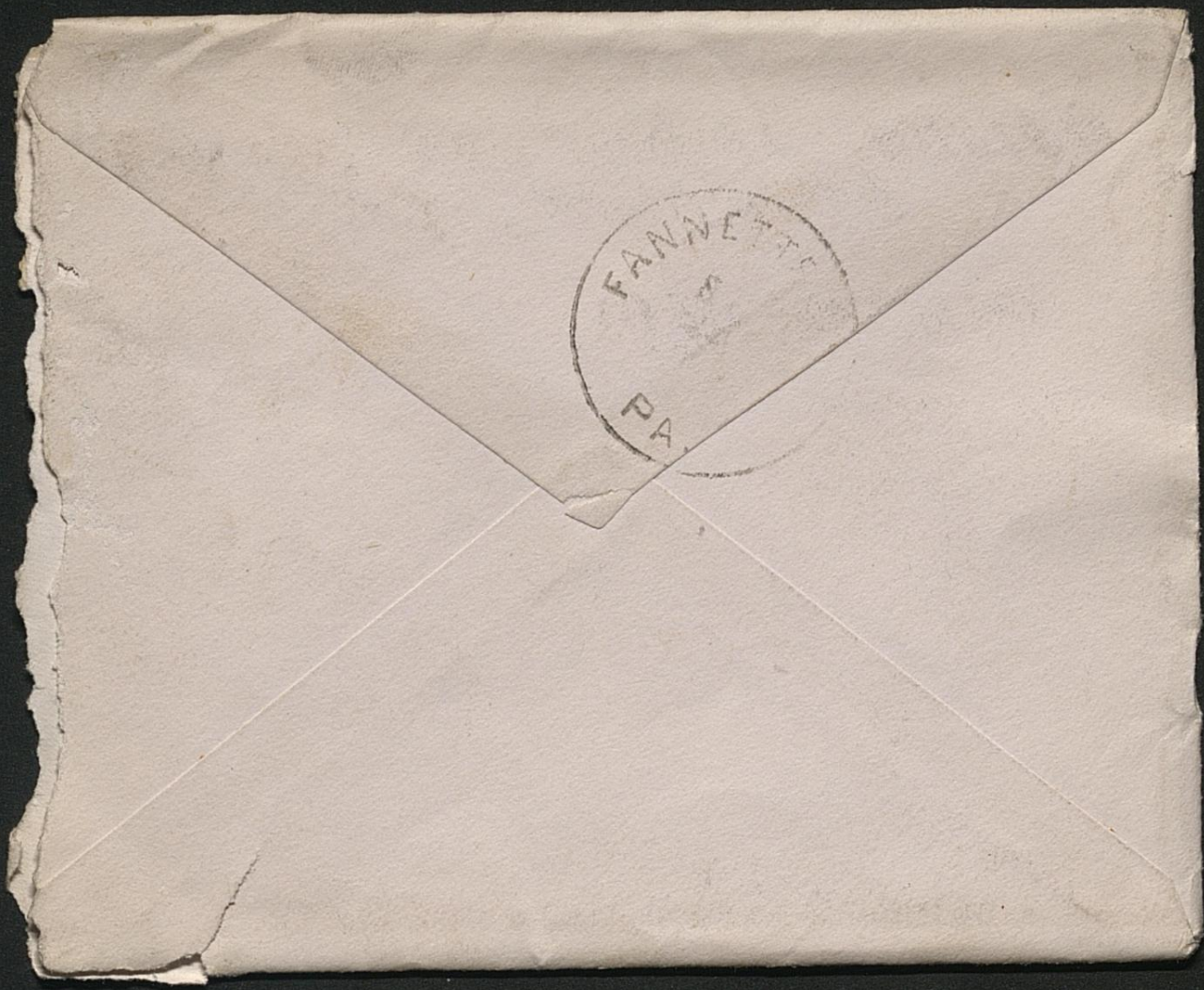
Sunday -

Hopkenville -

4.  
enjoy being with you all.  
Each year adds new mem-  
ories to the many happy  
ones which I am sure being  
always brings me, and  
it always seems as though  
I had never enjoyed any  
visit so much as that  
last. Mamma is very  
well and asks me to send



Mr. J. Smith Gordon -  
Fannettsburg -  
Franklin Co.  
Pennsylvania



*Married.*

*At the residence of John. Montgomery,  
Thursday Evening, April 18th,*

*1889,*

*Mr. Willis R. Weible and Miss Lib-  
bie C. Montgomery.*



*At Home after April 22, 1889.*

*Wisconsin Avenue, Holton, Kansas.*



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Rev. J. S. Gordon,  
Fannettsburg,  
Franklin Co.,  
Pa.

The Spring house cleaning -  
I have been wondering  
how mine will be done -  
I have been so worried about  
Dada; I am afraid he is  
very far from well. I really  
feel I ought to be at home -  
Do you think he needs me?  
Please do not hesitate  
to tell me, if you do. I would  
so much rather know and  
would go at any time -  
We have almost finished the  
course here, so I should

128. E. 10 St.

New York City -

My dear Aunt M. -

I have wanted to  
write you for a long  
time, but I have found  
it so hard to write letters  
here, I have not written  
to anyone outside  
the family. I <sup>hope</sup> thought of  
you all so often. I hope  
you had a pleasant  
Winter. I suppose you  
are now in the midst of

not miss much. We are expected  
to stay until June 10, but of course  
I can leave when I choose.  
Please tell me what you think  
about Papa's condition, it is  
so hard for me to judge from  
his letters. I know he has had  
anything but a comfortable  
Winter, and since he has been  
sick so much, I have felt very  
much conscience stricken about  
having left him. I know Tina is

kind and will do all she can  
for him, but she does not un-  
derstand what he should have  
in the way of diet, and everything  
depends upon that. Papa, like  
most men, does not know  
what he should eat. I hope he  
will improve before the summer  
sets in. I suppose Sadies  
told you I expected to have  
the children again, this summer.  
I have been wondering if it will

Will Mr. Gordon attend our  
annual assembly? I suppose  
it will be interesting when  
the Revision question comes  
up again. I was sorry  
you and Mary could not  
not extend your trip  
to New York last fall.  
If you could come now  
I could take you sight  
seeing; I have learned  
to know the City quite  
well. I will enclose notes  
I took on a lecture on  
Teaching by Music. I think  
Cherentine may be interested

to possible to secure  
a good girl; it seems  
as though I must. I  
hope you are provid-  
ed with one for the  
summer. I dread the  
hot weather we have  
had two very warm  
days here, 84° in the  
shade; it was almost  
too much for me.

I can scarcely realize  
I have spent six months  
here. It has been a busy  
time, but I have enjoyed

it very much. I do so much  
appreciate the advantages in  
the way of lectures etc. and  
the practical work is very in-  
teresting. Altogether it has  
been a very interesting and  
instructive time. I fear I shall  
never be able to be a city mis-  
sionary, it is the hardest kind  
of work. Such a strain both  
mentally and physically. So  
many workers break down under  
it, and half of those who are  
here are almost worn out. They are

all devoted to the work however and  
unwilling to give up. I hope there  
are other branches of Christian  
work not so hard I should love  
to go into it if I were able.  
I have not been able to overcome  
my feelings about speaking  
in public. You would have  
never quite approved of "women  
talking in meetings." Of course  
I have had to do it here. but it  
always do violence to my  
feelings. They tell me I am an eccentric  
Protestant.

in it, of course, the notes  
are somewhat dis-continued,  
but I hope comprehensive.  
The lecture was given by Mrs.  
Foster who is State Supt. of  
Primary S. School work. We  
are now taking two courses  
of lectures, one by Dr. Gray of  
Boston, another by Dr.  
White of N. Y. Bible School.  
They are both very fine -  
I must say good night now -  
I would be so glad to hear  
from you soon, and to  
know what you think  
about Papa. He has written  
me how kind you all  
have been - and I do so much

appreciate it. I hope you  
are all quite well. If  
you have any commissions  
I shall be very glad to  
do anything I can.

With love to all,

Yours sincerely

M. K. McAllen.

April 25, 1902

This aspiration of the spiritual  
things -

Miss Hofer says a Sunday  
song should be such that  
it unconsciously opens the  
doors of the child's heart to praise  
prayer, love, hope & aspiration.

We must understand the essentials  
of a good song before we can  
select. Both words & music should  
be considered -

Rhythmic action & melody we  
must have.

Children like Hymns & Chants &  
Choral music -

Children learn to love & to sing the  
kind of songs they are most fond  
of -



## Teaching by music.

The song is often more potent & permanent than the spoken word.

Carlyle says song is an acoustic salute in definable speech that leads us close to the definite.

The world is full of sin  
And the tempter lives within.

But God will help us if we try.

All educators recognize the power of music, it does cultivate religious feeling. It rouses high aspirations in children.

# Purpose in our songs & hymns

We should have a definite one.

We must not use a song simply because it is sweet.

They must be such as will exert an influence for good.

They should help children to express

which the piano can be put a  
few bars of some beautiful  
music will give quick waltzes  
children -

We also should use the piano for  
all our calls to order - It does  
more than any spoken word -

Make a musical book -  
We need to use a great variety

Finger songs

Nature songs

Greeting

Goodbye - Birthday -

Every song that is taught  
should appeal to the child's  
understanding -

Nature songs are very valuable

The physical attitude does have an effect on the child.

Children love rhythm & especially march time.

A prayer song if sung in right attitude makes a deep impression upon children.

Children do not like minor chords or music changing suddenly from high to low notes. They are not physically developed for this.

Language <sup>in song</sup> must be simple, child-like & exact in meaning.

The instrument should be a piano.

The organ is too grand - it does not appeal to the child. The quick decision notes of the piano are much better suited to children.

There is another valuable use to

We should vary songs according to the  
day, bright or cloudy, and also to  
suit lesson.

Hymns should be taught also.

Songs are about things

Hymns are always addressed

To the persons of the Trinity.

We must choose hymns that appeal

to the child's nature - so that they

can grasp the thought.

If you wish to use a hymn that

is too difficult for children to

sing, have it sung to them -

Good -

Holy, Holy, Holy -

Doxology -

Savior teach me day by day -

When the morning gilds the skies -

Abide with us -

Safely through another week -

Now the day is over -

Gloria Patria -

Italy Ghost with light divines -

Nation songs are to be used  
with caution - Few people  
do two things well -

The nations often take away  
the thought of resonance -

Songs must be developed  
just as the lesson is -

Tell song as a story - let  
children discuss it -

Have the figures tell the story -  
sing it to them -

Then they are ready to sing it -

Have music played as an inter-  
lude for several days before  
you teach words -

We do not have time to teach children  
music as music - but we  
must teach them to sing clearly  
& sweetly - & spontaneously -  
A great deal depends upon the  
frame of mind the children are  
in. Children should never be  
taught to sing harder -

Do not try to teach too many  
songs - teach a few & have  
them good - Children sing for  
worship & spiritual growth -

We can make our songs  
a beautiful avenue to lead  
children to Christ -

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