

Hawthorn Hill  
Oakwood  
Dayton Ohio

Sunday afternoon, March 7, 1926

I'm not feeling very lively today, dear – not sick but not very “bright”. But I'll write just a little letter, dear, and get it mailed if I can so you will not find an empty box Tuesday.

We had our reading of Shaw's Candida yesterday and then had supper. There were at least fifty people. Too many for the size of the house. I hadn't read the play before and I enjoyed it very much. I read the part of Burgess in the first act. Shaw certainly has sense.

Did I tell you about the little flurry we had over the question of a business manager for the schools? I think I did tell you. Well, we were surprised to have all our amendments adopted by the Board of Education. The business man is to be appointed by the Superintendent. Then we can land on the Superintendent if the whole job doesn't taken care of. I think the principle is good. It may work out as unsatisfactorily as the Initiative and Referendum did!

I am anxious to hear, dear, what is going on. I could imagine how impossible it was for you to write very fully what was going on. But I am glad you had Mr. Roberts at the home and Mr. White. I love to think of your having some one there with you, dear. You have written enough, dear. But I'll be looking for tomorrow morning's mail all right! What an exciting and anxious week it has been for you, dear. What if there had been two Presidents like Brooks, instead of one. Even with the friendly Board, every thing is uncertain, of course. You couldn't have done any thing if you hadn't got the best that was to be had. Or the whole. I hope that your office organization can stick together and get control of the paper. I hope it for your sake and for the sake of the others who have been so long with the paper. And, of course, that is the best thing that could happen to the paper. But, I was thinking, dear, if Mr. Kirkwood is in some thing of the same danger his wife was, won't the organization be in danger all the time and the Star as uncertain as it has been? Maybe Mr. Kirkwood will come to his senses. I should imagine he will either do that or go to the opposite extreme. This is a very hard time for him. I know, dear, that you will do all you can for him and you will be a great comfort. It would be bad enough to lose his wife but it is all so much worse to have all his business affairs completely upset. I couldn't help thinking, dear. How fortunate it was this didn't come several years ago. It would have been almost too much for you. I do feel so sorry for Mr. Kirkwood.

You and Roy Roberts are so much more independent, it seems to me, than the rest. I supposed George Longan can reestablish himself in Kansas City and Maybe Mr. Seested is about ready to retire any way. If you do leave the Star, you ought to be able to get Pinkham in on some paper in the East. He is so good.

But I feel in my bones, dear, that you are very likely to stay in Kansas City and it would not surprise me if you were better off than before. Well, we'll see, and we won't worry one bit, dear. Goodbye, dear. I love you a good deal, even if my language does not “flow” much. A very sweet kiss.

Your  
Katharine

The candy may all be in “hash”, dear, when it gets to you. I put the cotton in to try to head that off. It isn't any thing only I wanted you to have a package on your birthday. I suppose the other package has been there for several days. There will be another in two weeks or so.