

Hawthorn Hill
April 23 – Friday night

Nan went to Boston this afternoon. That left me alone tonight and I asked Lorin to come to dinner and to stay all night. Netta has gone to Cleveland, you know. I shall have Lorin here most of the time until we go away next week. I am going to Oberlin next Wednesday. Orv goes to Little Rock that day – not to Hot Springs, dear. Maybe I said Hot Springs. I do such things. I had given up going to Oberlin on account of the prospect that Mary and Ethelwyn Charles would be at Frannie's next week. But today Frannie's letter begs me to come, some time and besides I'll have to go for a meeting of the Trustee Appointments Committee. I'll enclose Dean Cole's letter. That explains ever thing. You needn't return it, dear. You see the Committee may meet next Friday night. That would suit me exactly. I can come home Saturday and get here just a couple of hours after Orv gets back. He will come on the train you came on last June. Let's hope the engine won't break down. Wasn't that the most trying thing? If the meeting is Monday, I'll just stay over. In any event I am expecting to go to Oberlin Wednesday morning, arriving at Wellington about three, Louis will meet me there, no doubt. You don't get this till Monday, dear, I suppose, but that will be time enough to change addresses. Send letters to Frannie's – 272 Oak St. I don't care what they think! Maybe I can get this off early enough tomorrow morning so it will be in your box Sunday. But Sunday you will be busy entertaining Evalina and may not get to the box. Please, dear, send letters to Oberlin until Saturday – reaching Oberlin Saturday, I mean, unless you hear that I am staying over till Monday. I expect to leave Oberlin Saturday afternoon and get home about eight o'clock. I'll let you know if I stay over.

Nan's trouble all cleared up. She was much better last Monday. She was pretty tired by the time she got ready to go today. I hope she will be all right. I feel so sorry for her, dear. She has no one to be concerned about her particularly. The two sisters have their own interests, though they have a natural family feeling. I was thinking, dear, what it would be for her to have some one like you to love her and be so devoted and so full of concern and interest. I have too much, dear, and she hasn't enough. Nan hasn't much money and she has no home. She loves her work and I am sure she does good work. But she isn't well and the future for her looks ominous to me. We tried to be good to her while she was here and every thing was pleasant. She will like to look back on the time here, I hope, and so shall I.

I am so glad, dear, if things are looking more hopeful for good treatment of the organization. Won't it be a blessed relief when the thing does once get settled – if it even does. It will be eight weeks tomorrow since Mrs. Kirkwood died – a long eight weeks for you, dear. I feel sure that you will be in a much better situation under a new arrangement. It will be so much more secure, I should think, and terms made now, under the new prices, will be more favorable than the ones holding over from an era when money was worth twice what it is now.

It is late, dear, and I didn't sleep well last night and I got very tired today so I must go to bed pretty soon. You say such dear thing about my "scrappy" letters even. I believe you are with Carrie. It is hard for her to do any thing that doesn't suit me exactly. (By "scrappy" I meant short, disjointed ones – not ones in which I scrap with you, dear, about your Unitarians and such!) You are not hard to please just now, dear – not where I am concerned. I said "just now" just for fun, dear – to tease you a very little. I know you'll never change, dear; you have a great depth of devotion. You have shown that. Maybe I'll get awfully spoiled. I might, you know. I'd like to put my arms around your neck and kiss you, dear. I'd want to love you gently tonight, my Harry. Goodnight, dear, and a sweet, sleepy, snuggly kiss.

Your
Katharine

Judge Hadden died today in Cleveland. Three trustees in one year.