

Sunday evening.
(Dec. 2, 1900)

Dear papa,

I wish you could have been here today and heard all the nice things I heard said about you. I went up to dinner with Miss Gail Shepard, a Des Moines girl, who has heard you lecture- and who thinks a good deal of you. She came down to call on me twice and I went up to see her and we missed each other each time, so at last she invited me to dinner. She is a very nice, and very interesting, girl. Then I met the minister, who preached today, Dr. Riggs of Auburn Theological Seminary and he knew Uncle Will and had heard a good deal about you. He was very nice indeed. Then I also met a Miss Clara Reed, an extremely nice Senior, who said that you stayed at her home in Springfield, Mass. when you were attending some convention there. So you see I felt very proud to be your daughter- Oh, and then I was at a little tea given by the Christian Association, and the Pres- of "Christians" said that if ever you came here she wanted to have you surely speak before the Association.

It is only two weeks until Christmas, and I expect the time will fly. A good many of the Chicago girls are going home - and they are going to try and have a car to themselves. It will be hard not to get on and go along with. Perhaps you will see me turning up there some fine morning. Vacation begins Friday noon, Dec. 21 and it will be very convenient because then I can get the one o'clock train to New York - which gets there at about three. Grandma told me I had better have

my trunk expressed as it was cheaper. Louise has a small one which she is not going to use, so I guess I will take that, as she is willing. I think it would be nice if mama could invite Louise and Gertrude Keith down to lunch some day during vacation. I know they would love to go.

A Mrs. Albert O. Cheney and Miss Cheney from town, called on me the other day when I was not at home. Will you ask mama to write me very soon, who they are, if she knows, as I shall have to return the call before Xmas- and would like to have some Idea as to why they called on me.

The examination in history took place last Saturday and I ought to have taken my Greek History then. But I had no idea it had to be made up this year- and thought it would be much better to leave it until summer and take the examination in the Fall as I had about all I could manage now. But I found out that it must be taken this year or never, so X shall have to take it in June. I hate to have it hanging over me.

I must stop now as it is late. Papa, dear, I hope you aren't working too hard. I suppose that this Sunday the first services were held in the new building. How X should have liked to have been there and seen it. I hope that you had as glorious a day as we have had-

Remember me to those in the house and give lots of love to Mama, Helen and Katharine- and keep a good big portion for yourself-

From
Your ever loving-
Lea.

[Lea D. Taylor, '04]