

December 27

South Manchester
Connecticut

My dear Miss Farwell

Forgive the delay
in answering your letter. It reached
when I was too busy to attend to
it because of a combination of
Christmas, my Mother's illness
and an invasion of my sister's
family.

I find that we can
quite easily find out what

the proportion of married women in our works
is and the figures will be ready to
send you probably tomorrow; I am
sorry I cannot get an answer to
your second question. I take it you
mean by "the ^{length of the} average working life of
our women" the average length of time they
are employed by us. But even that
we are unable to say without a rather
careful examination of about 2000 cards,
which are not absolutely accurate. In
many cases the work in the mill is inter-
rupted by a change of occupation or stay-
ing home to do housework, or going away
for a season, to say nothing of such in-
cidents as marriage and having children.
I suppose you mean to show that
factory life is the incident for women
and home life the main occupation.?

