

May 16, 1931

Dear Mr. Graeve:

Eleanor Roosevelt has been up to Albany and is back with certain corrections and suggestions which I have embodied. I am sending you down the revised copy.

Mrs. Roosevelt seems to like the article, says, "I did not think I could be quite so interesting."

As for the photograph, she sends and I enclose one of their recent Christmas cards. If this is not sufficient, as I imagine you will say, she says you will have to wait until Mr. R. is back from Europe and they are there together sometime in June and she will wire when that time comes.

What shall I say to her - that you prefer to wait and that you will depend on her to wire?

Very sincerely

Mr. Oscar Graeve  
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dictated by Miss Joanna

informed over many

years of the school and recent Mrs. Randall

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.....to dash up to New York City for her wedding which had to be on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, to make it possible for the President to attend.

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It sounds as though I lived in the Rivington Street Settlement. I did not. I belonged to the Junior League in the second year of its existence and through them took a class of small girls at the Rivington Street Settlement once or twice a week with Jean Reid, who is now Lady Ward. I had a number of other girls who went also but not to continue with it regularly, but I became so interested that I ~~was interested~~ <sup>continued the work</sup> ~~regular~~ until I was married.

Except for war work during the years in Washington I did no active political work until the year after Franklin was taken ill when, for the first time, I began to take an active part in the Women's Division of the Democratic State organization. I had never before 1922 made a public speech except for a few words to small gatherings during the war period.

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*is written knowing about it*

The Todhunter School was originally started by Miss Joanna Davidge, who for many years exerted a great influence over many girls in New York City. When she married and became Mrs. Randall McKeever, Miss Todhunter, an English woman, took over the school

with Miss Marion Dickerman as her Vice-Principal. After the death of her brother, Miss Todhunter offered the school to Miss Dickerman and she offered Mrs. Roosevelt an opportunity of joining with her in what has proved to be a very interesting piece of work. It came at an opportune time, just as the last of the Roosevelt boys was going off to boarding school.

Miss Dickerman is a very remarkable teacher, with her great interest in each individual child. She has tried to keep an intimate, personal contact with the needs and capacities of each pupil and to develop the best that is in her. This would not be possible in a large school and, therefore, the limit set is one hundred pupils, and the desire of both Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Dickerman is to use the best there is <sup>in</sup> modern <sup>Progressive</sup> education, <sup>tailored</sup> combined with the best that experience can teach in the past, and adapt it to each individual personality that comes under their care.

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I am also paid a salary by my school. I do not think that you had better say just how much the Literary Guild pays me. They might not like it.

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Unfortunately, the boys do not get down from school in time to prepare the tree at the Woman's Trade Union League so now some of my girls from school help me to do it, but the boys were there to help when the children had their tree and entertainment.

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I really learned to swim so as to go in with the two young boys when my husband was taken ill and could not do it with them. I do, of course, swim with them all now but I doubt if I should have started in again had it not been necessary for the young ones to have the feeling of confidence that an older person gives them when they start.

I would rather you did not put in that part about my riding. I have written in what I think is sufficient to be said.