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Ida dear: I am at last
sending you the letter to
Maud. I was which I prom-
ised to write - when you were
in Meadville. It has been
on my mind, but I have
had more to do than one pair
of hands and one brain
could well manage, so I did
not get it written as soon
as I hoped. Things are
easing up a bit now and
I am looking forward

2 to really resting after awhile.
 I have a new car but I
 have not had a chance to
 ride our twenty-five miles
 at a time in it this sum-
 mer, so you may know I
 have been busy!

I invited Mary & the
 Olmsted and Grace & Ju-
 lian on their Cape Cod
 cruise over to lunch
 one day. He & I took a march
 on the beach and got up
 the little path where he
 was in Philadelphia. I
 invited Clem Calvin to be
 the Captain but it would
 be "too crowded" & I have

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Dear "Nannie" -
You were in
Madville at Commence-
ment time - Dad & I both
gave me some welcome
news of you and said
we thought you would be
glad to hear from some of
your old college friends.
(I have been in my mind
ever since I wrote you last
a great & duties delayed
me until now to send my
face and mind Paris-ward
to send you greetings.

How many, many years
 I have passed since we
 trudged joyfully out through
 the country to call on Le-
 old SMC Miner family and
 upset the routine of old
 Allegheny College! You
 slipped away from us
 all so quietly that it
 was years before I found
 out what had become of
 you. I married and
 went to Chicago to live
 and my life for nine
 years was smooth and
 happy and then I lost
 a dear little baby and later
 my husband, and the
 world became dark to me.

3 I brought my one precious "Ever-
 Jane" Helen and two lovely step-
 daughters back to the old home
 to stay through summer with my
 father, and he passed on to join
 my mother and I remained very
 temporary as expected, but
 here was later the heavier blow
 of all fell, and I lost my last
 treasure and one of the step children
 together, by an accident - and since
 I have not existed. Life of course
 could never be the same. To make
 this summer more and more
 in the winter when Pittsfield is
 almost buried in snow and it
 is merely hibernating to stay here.
 The year after the children left
 me I spent six months in Rome
 with a dear friend. It would
 have been a wonderful experience
 had not my heart been so heavy.
 Two years ago Esther, my oldest
 stepdaughter and I took a trip
 around the world and were a
 week in Paris. How we
 had known we were here! What
 a visit we could have had!
 I have spent a number of winters
 in California and some in
 Florida, so I have become quite

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a first passage.

I have been to the number
of College Commencements
lately and here I see many
of your old friends. Miss Bar-
tholomew frequently and
is "fair, fat and d-d" in
don't dare say just how
many years, you probably
know, like a lion. He en-
joying life and is well.
Jo Henderson has told me
is now well. I have not
seen her in the years.
Ida Tarbell is just

5 the same as when you
knew her, only she has become
great in achievement and
reputation. It is always
a joy to meet her for she
is the old & da at Alle-
gheny College. "Nessie" and
"Lion" have gone to join the
interfraternities in "Lar" other
concerns were finally we
shall all meet again.

(Woods)
Hattie Lotum is staying
with an older sister who
lives in Chicago and who
lost her husband two
years ago and is other-
wise alone. I had a letter
from her yesterday. Her
daughter Helen Lotum

6 has been doing Y.W.O. A work in
Shanghai for the past six years.
She is a very bright & lovable girl.
Mina Wood Locke is now his wife &
a widow. I saw her and Ned in
Los Angeles last winter. Essie
Kunham Stewart married a
Doctor and lives in Warren Pa
near here. I do not know anything
about Jennie Haven.

Allegheny College has grown
wonderfully and I think there are
more than double the number of
buildings than were there when you
were a student. The campus is
very lovely. Will you come
back and see it and see?
Wouldn't it be fine to have a re-
union of all the old "Snowflake"
girls?

With you would like
me some thing of what you have
been doing all these years.
I don't even know how many
children you have.

Ida is going to send this
with letters from some of your
other friends so I will give it
to her as I have your address.

A lot of love from the friend of your
early youth goes with this and I
shall hope to hear from you. (Mrs. E. S.)

(address) Mrs. E. S. Service.