

In the meantime Dr. Bauck,  
Maurice's father, told his brother, Mr.  
Bauck assures me of his own accord,  
that he would like to make a con-  
tribution & would be willing to  
ask others to also - by other, other  
parents whose children have been  
to us & whom we think could &  
might like to give. I think the Dr.  
is more than kind but I said  
this matter too I would want to  
talk over with you. I do know  
some parents who I think both  
could and would like to but

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this would take some planning.

I have been here this afternoon  
for staff meeting and next week  
we face mid-term exams but I  
do hope to go up to Hyde Park  
to morrow.

Many thanks for the opera tickets  
I know many who would love  
them + I get a great kick out  
of being able to give them to  
them so a double thank you  
+ much love,

Maria

January 28, 1937.

Dear Marion:

I would like to have you either write a poem or prepare a little speech to be made to the President at his birthday ball dinner, on anything that has occurred during the past year that is amusing or significant.

Affectionately,

O n

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th Street

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NEW YORK CITY

MISS MARION DICERMAN  
PRINCIPAL

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

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January 26, 1937

Dearest Eleanor:

Mr. Baruch just called me and told me that he was leaving the matter with Harry Hooker and that we could have the building for \$100,000. Mrs. Robbins will take a \$50,000.00 mortgage at four percent and we will have to pay \$50,000.00 in cash which we can do.

Mr. Mitchell is signing a contract to do the renovating for \$22,000. We have \$52,000.00 to which we can add your loan of \$10,000.00 and Dr. Baruch's gift of \$5000.00 so even if we do not receive any more we will be within \$5000.00 of our goal. I feel confident, however, that I can get this for I am perfectly willing to take it from my own money. We will give you a note for \$10,000.00 at four percent but we will not need this until the beginning of summer.

I think Mr. Baruch has been most helpful and I certainly appreciate what he has done and his brother's offer to contribute \$5000.00 which is indeed a generous act. I only wish that we had had Marina here all of the time for I would then have felt much happier about accepting his gift.

Mr. Baruch will be at the Carlton in Washington on Thursday morning and will be free from luncheon time until midnight. I think he would like to come over to see you if you feel you want him to but he told me that unless he heard from you he would not disturb you.

I am looking forward to coming down on Friday and will write you concerning the train shortly. Thank you for your note.

Much love to you,

*Katharine*  
I am terribly thrilled & hope you  
are a little bit too!

*yes*  
*M*  
*Franklin*

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February 2, 1937

Dearest Eleanor:

I find there were one or two things that I wanted to take up with you and yet didn't when I was in Washington.

First, I wanted to tell you that a majority, though it is a very slim majority, voted for a trip to the homesteads. I think those that preferred Washington will probably feel quite happy inasmuch as you are entertaining them at the White House on Sunday, May 23rd. We are keeping a record of how they voted.

*how many will vote*

I am enclosing a memorandum on school dates as they now stand just so you can check them in your book. I am also enclosing the two poems that I read at Franklin's party.

*o sp*

The first opportunity that I have I am going to draw up a tentative plan of the partnership situation and will then submit them to you before I ask Harry to put it in legal form.

We are all in the throes of reports and you know only too well what that means. Mr. Mitchell has just phoned me and tomorrow morning our plans go to the Building Department. He is coming up to go over them with me on Friday evening when we can work without interruptions.

I hope nothing is going to keep me from getting up to the Cottage this weekend if only for a short time. I am afraid it will be the last time that you will be there for a long time and I am keen to have every moment with you that I possibly can.

Much love to you,

Enclosures .

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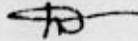
MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

February 3, 1937

Dear Tommy:

I am sorry I have to appeal to you again but Professor de Brunner of Teachers College phoned to say that he had a week's engagement in Louisiana and therefore could not come to us on March 18th to speak on the Farm policy. Is there any one else that you can get for this date and this same subject?

Much love to you,



Mrs. Malvina Scheider  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Day Letter

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February 8, 1937

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th Street  
New York NY

A Mr. Donald C. Blaisdell has been suggested to make speech on farm policy. As our former letter gave February 11 as date for this speech and your recent letter March 18 will you please let me know if March 18 is correct and I will write letter

Malvina T. Scheider  
Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt

February 10, 1937

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Dearest Marion:

I know just how low you are feeling and only hope that everything will come out all right. I will write to both Frances Dickerman and Miss <sup>Herzmann</sup> Callaghan, and also to Dr. Baruch. I suppose things were going along too smoothly for them to continue without some hitch but I am terribly sorry for you that you should be held up when I know just how anxious you are and how trying it is not to have things settled.

I am wondering if you could change the school Exhibition to May 13 instead of May 11. This would be more convenient for me but if you cannot change it, of course I shall be there on the 11th.

Much love,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 E. 80th

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ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

*Here  
Mrs. Baruch  
acknowledged*

February 8, 1937

Dearest Eleanor:

I am enclosing two letters which are more or less self-explanatory. Miss Callaghan simply writes and tells me that your fee for a lecture is \$1000.00 and that she feels confident that you would not come to St. Joseph College for what they can pay at the present time.

She is most interested and anxious, however, for you to speak at the New Rochelle College for Women, Hartford Chapter, for this college she believes could meet your fee. I will appreciate it if you will have Tommy write her just how one goes to work on a thing of this sort and if you have a moment to dictate a note to Frances Dickerman, 87 St. Marks Place, Valley Stream, Long Island, I know that she will appreciate it more than you realize.

I was sorry to have to try to tell you so much in so short a time last night but I felt it was easier than to write it. Should I have good news before the day is over I will telegraph you. Dr. Baruch's address is - Dr. Herman Baruch, Cotton Exchange Building, *Manure Square,* New York City. I think you wanted to write him.

Much love to you, dear,

*Marion*

*Dr. At the moment I am a bit low!*

*to*

Data -

Mrs M. Callaghan

Association - Alumnae  
17 Mt. St Ursula -  
N.Y.C.

Graduate - of New Rochelle  
College -

Worked with Prof. Moody -  
in Busi. Reform Study

Cable Address "Moodystror"

*Called  
2-10-37*

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February 5, 1937.

Miss Marion Dickerman,  
c/o Todhunter School,  
66 East 80th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Marion:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter from a Miss Callaghan, who is a member of the Alumnae of Mount St. Ursula College and a personal friend of Frances. The letter explains itself and I am forwarding it to you in order that you may put it in the proper channels to bring it to the attention of Mrs. Roosevelt, and secure an answer in one way or the other. I also understand that Miss Callaghan was a graduate of New Rochelle College and also worked with Professor Moley in prison reform work.

I do not like to bother you with this matter, but Frances is so sincerely fond of Mrs. Roosevelt that if you can secure a direct acceptance or refusal, this will at least accomplish the objective.

I would like to hear from you as to whether or not the matter of the new school building is settled and hope to see you in the near future.

With love,

*Harry*

HED:  
EY  
Encl.

SAINT JOSEPH COLLEGE  
ASYLUM AVENUE  
WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

February 2, 1937

Dear Mrs. Dickerman:

As suggested by you on Wednesday I shall try to set down my complicated request and in concise terms as possible.

We would very much like to have Mrs. Roosevelt address a special assembly of the College on some phase of social legislation, or on any other topic which touches on our social life and in which she is interested. Mrs. Roosevelt could select her own date sometime before June 1, excluding Holy and Easter weeks, the last week in April, and May 15. The College is still young and therefore is not in a very strong position financially. For that reason we are only able to offer a lecture fee of \$100.

Now, the Hartford Chapter of the New Rochelle College Alumnae is also interested in arranging for Mrs. Roosevelt to speak before a large audience in Bushnell Memorial (Seating capacity 3500) in the evening of the same day that she would speak at the College. She could select her own topic for this address. If agreeable, the executive committee of the Chapter would like to know the fee for this lecture.

We trust that Mrs. Roosevelt will find time, despite the many demands upon her, to come to Saint Joseph College in the near future.

Thank you so much for your kindness in transmitting this request. I trust that we shall meet at the Mount in the near future. Remember me to Sister Aimee if you should contact her before I get around to making another visit.

Sincerely,

*Margaret Callaghan*  
(Miss) Margaret Callaghan  
Professor of Sociology

MC/DT

February 10, 1937

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Dear Mrs. Dickerman:

Mrs. Scheider will write to Miss Callaghan.

I am doing paid lectures which are arranged for me by my agent, Mr. W. Colston Leigh. Of course, I occasionally do them for nothing but Mr. Leigh is very anxious that these be kept down to a minimum and, therefore, I only go to such things as I have been interested in for a long time. I hope things can be adjusted in a way that is satisfactory to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Harry Dickerman  
87 St. Marks Place  
Valley Stream, L.I., N.Y.

S:DD

February 11, 1937

Dearest Marion:

I am sorry to say that I do not know any of the people whose names you sent me and that I cannot be of any help to you in that direction. I do hope everything goes through all right.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 E. 80th

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MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
PRINCIPAL

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

February 9, 1937

Dearest Eleanor:

We seem to have just one hope left and that is to get the consent of seventeen owners of property on 74th Street and also the consent of any mortgage holders to this property. I have two people starting this morning.

I am enclosing a list of those whose consent we must first get. I notice that five of them are Social Register people. The others are not. I have indicated in each case the name of the wife. I hope that some of these people are friends of yours because if we can get a favorable group it may help to influence the others.

We are going to leave no stone unturned to put it through if possible.

Much love to you, dear,

*Marion*  
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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Enc.

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PRINCIPAL  
MISS MARION DICKERMAN

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MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

East 74th S treet

51 Frederick Knowles  
37 Max S. Korn (Atty) 31 Nassau Street, New York City  
39 Rosalind S. Cowen  
45 (Miss) Harriet K. Welles (Social Register)  
45 Roy Upham  
47 City Bank Farmers Trust Company  
49 Alice W. Turnbull (Mrs. Arthur Turnbull - was Alice W. Post)  
51 Bella R. Beer  
53 Marie A. Cowing  
55 Marie R. Scott (Mrs. Stevenson Scott - was Marie Power)  
57 Corporation  
59 Joseph Miller 4 East 53rd Street  
  
50 Clara E. Wagerman  
52 Raymond S. Kramer  
54 Mary Louise Sullivan  
36/8 Artemus Gates (Wife was Alice T. Davidson)  
40 James A. Cole  
42 Elliott Smith  
44 Margaret S. Adams  
46 Henry L. Finch 120 Broadway (Wife was Mary F. Baker)  
48 Rosalie James

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February 12, 1937

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Dearest Marion:

Dickerman

I have sent off the notes  
and hope that it will be of some  
help.

Much love,

Affectionately,

SO

See Mr. Frederick M. Morrison  
Mr. Robert E. Hardy

re: buying property on 74<sup>th</sup> St.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
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Thursday

Eleanor, dearest,

I do not see why some  
people like to make life so difficult  
for others - while some really do  
want + try to help.

We have been turned  
down now by two title companies  
+ nothing remains to be done un-  
less we can get the consent of

all owners & all mortgage holders.  
The first are the ones which seem  
the more difficult though some  
of them have been fine.

The two brokers have been  
working very, very hard & still  
have some pretty big barriers to  
overcome. I think if you had  
a moment to dictate a note

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of encouragement to them it  
would help a lot. If you could  
send them special so they could  
have them on Sunday I think  
it would mean much to each  
one. They are:

- (1) Mr. Frederick M. Morrison  
280 Madison Ave, N. Y. C.
- (2) Mr. Robert E. Hardy  
1280 Lexington Ave, N. Y. C.

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Harry Hooker leave for Washing-  
ton tomorrow & he will tell  
you all of the details which you  
have the time to hear.

Much, much love, dear, & I  
am not discouraged but just  
a little low!

~~to~~

100  
Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th St.  
New York  
N.Y.

March 4, 1937

Please let me know today whether May 11 or 13 has  
been decided for the school exhibition. Love

Eleanor

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March 5, 1937

Miss Marion Dickerman  
Todhunter School  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, New York

Eleventh of May is all right.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

TELEGRAM

The White House  
Washington

33 WU JM 52 D.L. 4pm

New York, March 4, 1937.

Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt:

Will mean much to keep eleventh of May if possible but if it prevents you from doing something that you want to do will try to make the change The difficulty is about the hanging but let me know what you decide Best wishes to you for a most successful trip Love.

Marion.

*Will*  
*Marion*  
*4/11/37*

March 5, 1937

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Dear Marion:

Please extend my thanks to all those in the Junior School for the flowers. They were lovely and I so much appreciate their thought in giving them to me.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman

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MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

*W.H. White-Thomas*  
*one*

March 25, 1937

Dearest Eleanor:

I am enclosing a list of speakers that we have had for the course in Current Events.

Each time I have written to each speaker not only thanking him for coming but offering to pay any expenses that may have been incurred as a result of his coming to us.

I think, however, a note from you just thanking them would mean a very great deal. If you would like to do it I am enclosing the names and addresses.

Much love, dear,

*Marion*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Enc.

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SPEAKERS AT MRS. ROOSEVELT'S COURSE

January 7th - "The Individual's Responsibility to his Community"

Speaker: Mrs. Roosevelt

January 14th - "The Consolidation of Government Activities"

Speaker: Professor Schuyler Wallace  
Columbia University  
New York City

January 21st - "The Part Played by the Federal Works Progress  
Administration in State and City Relief"

Speaker: Mr. Ray Branion  
Room 1001  
265 West 14th Street  
New York City

January 28th - "The Professional and Art Projects which are  
of Special Interest to Women"

Speaker: Miss Agnes Cronin  
Works Progress Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

February 4th - "What the Government is Doing About Housing"

Speaker: Mr. Preston Delano  
Federal Home Loan Bank  
Washington, D. C.

February 11th - "What the Government is Doing About Housing"

Speaker: Dr. Ernest M. Fisher  
Federal Housing Administration  
Washington, D. C.

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February 18th - "The Farm Policy and What It Means to Each One of Us"

Speaker: Miss Grace Frysinger  
Department of Agriculture  
Washington, D. C.

February 25th - "The Social Security Act"

Speaker: Mr. Walter Gellhorn  
Social Security Board  
45 Broadway  
New York City

March 4th - "How Governments are Financed"

Speaker: Dr. W. Randolph Burgess  
Federal Reserve Bank  
33 Liberty Street  
New York City

March 11th - "What is Being Done in Conservation and Resettlement?"

Speaker: Mrs. Dorothy M. Beck  
Resettlement Administration  
393 Chapel Street  
New Haven, Connecticut

March 18th - "The Labor Department- Its Responsibility to Labor -  
Its Relationship to Immigration"

Speaker: Miss Mary H. Ward  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
U. S. Department of Labor  
Boston, Massachusetts

March 25th - "The Position of Education in the Federal Government  
and Its Relationship to the States"

Speaker: Dr. A. B. Meredith  
New York University  
Washington Square  
New York City

Mrs. Roosevelt's Course  
"Modern Trends in Government"

1937

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PROGRAM  
for  
MRS. ROOSEVELT'S COURSE  
in  
"MODERN TRENDS IN GOVERNMENT"  
1937

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7TH. 221 East 71st Street.

The opening meeting will be held at the Junior League House at eleven o'clock. At this time Mrs. Roosevelt will speak on "The Individual's Responsibility to his Community." She will take up in her talk the various activities of the federal government which will be stressed in her course particularly in their relationship to state government.

This meeting will be followed by a luncheon given by the Junior League in honor of Mrs. Roosevelt.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH. 66 East 80th Street. 11:10 A. M.

"The Consolidation of Government Activities."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21ST. 66 East 80th Street. 11:10 A. M.

"The Part Played by the Federal Works Progress Administration in State and City Relief."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH. 66 East 80th Street. 11:10 A. M.

"The Professional and Art Projects which are of Special Interest to Women."

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH. 66 East 80th Street. 11:10 A. M.

"What the Government is Doing About Housing."

This discussion will include the work of the Home Owners Loan Corporation, of the Federal Housing Bureau, and of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH. 66 East 80th Street. 11:10 A. M.

"The Farm Policy and What It Means to Each One of Us."

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH. 66 East 80th Street. 11:10 A. M.

"What is Being Done in Conservation and Resettlement?"

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH. 66 East 80th Street. 11:10 A. M.

"The Social Security Act."

THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH. 66 East 80th Street. 11:10 A. M.

"How Governments are Financed."

THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH. 66 East 80th Street. 11:10 A. M.

"Taxation as it Pertains to National, State, and Local Government."

THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH. 66 East 80th Street. 11:10 A. M.

"The Labor Department—Its Responsibility to Labor—Its Relationship to Immigration."

THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH. 66 East 80th Street. 11:10 A. M.

"The Position of Education in the Federal Government and Its Relationship to the States."

Either during the course or at its completion the class will go to Washington for two days in order to study at first hand the work of the departments which are handling the problems in which the class is interested.

Books to be read will be suggested.

Letters written 4-12-37 -0B

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ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

  
April 9, 1937

Dearest Eleanor:

It was nice having you at the Cottage even for such a brief time on Saturday but particularly good to have you look so well after what I know had been a pretty hard trip.

I am enclosing a list of the girls to be invited for the Senior weekend, May 14th. You don't know with what pleasure they are looking forward to it.

Much love, dear,

*Marion*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

SENIOR GIRLS

- ✓ Miss Martha Scott Clayton  
6 West 9th Street  
New York City
- ✓ Miss Susan Goodman  
998 Fifth Avenue  
New York City
- ✓ Miss Merri Hope Hamilton  
Madison Square Hotel  
37 Madison Avenue  
New York City
- ✓ Miss Virginia Hoffmann  
1185 Park Avenue  
New York City
- ✓ Miss Bettye Hughes  
47 East 84th Street  
New York City
- ✓ Miss Patty Leighton  
1018 Fifth Avenue  
New York City
- ✓ Miss Janet Lippincott  
45 East 85th Street  
New York City
- ✓ Miss Florence McGee  
9 East 79th Street  
New York City
- ✓ Miss Muriel Salmond  
Hotel Winthrop  
Lexington Avenue at 47th Street  
New York City
- ✓ Miss Grace Strahan  
161 East 79th Street  
New York City
- ✓ Miss Jacqueline Towner  
12 East 86th Street  
New York City
- ✓ Miss Elizabeth Ward  
44 East 65th Street  
New York City

April 20, 1937

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Dear Marion:

I am enclosing a copy of the information on the proposed trip for the Current Events class. Can you find out how many will go, how many will have their own cars? We will probably have to rent cars here if very many go. I am planning on having the whole group here Sunday for lunch.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 E. 80th St.  
New York, N. Y.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 20, 1937

Memorandum for Mrs. Scheider:

Railroad fare from New York to Charleston, W. Va. \$18.35; lower berth New York to Charleston, W. Va. \$4.25; railroad fare Washington to New York \$6.80; Pullman chair Washington to New York \$1.25.

The following is quoted from a hotel recommended by the American Automobile Association at Charleston, W. Va., "The Daniel Boone": The European plan single rooms with bath \$2.50 to \$5; double rooms with bath \$4.50 to \$7; breakfasts at hotel dining room from 35¢ to 65¢; breakfasts in Coffee shop 30¢ to 55¢; dinners in dining room \$1 to \$1.50, and also a la carte; dinners in Coffee shop \$1, and also a la carte. The American Automobile Association recommends the Hotel Morgan in Morgantown, W. Va.; single rooms European plan \$2 to \$4; double rooms \$3 to \$6. Costs of meals in this hotel are not given but I presume that they would be about the same as the hotel in Charleston, probably a little less expensive. I am also unable to get costs of picnic lunches but from my experience I would say that for \$1 a fairly good lunch could be obtained.

The following is the mileage from

Charleston, W. Va. to Red House	207 miles
Red House to Tygart Valley	approx. 62 miles
Tygart Valley to Scotts Run	" 101 miles
Scotts Run to Morgantown	" 5 miles
Morgantown to Arthurdale	15 miles
Arthurdale to Westmoreland, Pa.	310 miles
Westmoreland to Washington	142 miles

R.D.M.

April 22, 1937

Dearest Marion:

It was Consul General Gerald Campbell who spoke at the Girl Scout dinner and I think he probably would do very well although I can't imagine his inspiring youth. He was more amusing and entertaining to an older audience. However, it would be a change.

If we start the trip at Hightstown I think we probably would not go beyond Morgantown and would do that the second day and get back to Washington that night. Considering the time we have there I thought sending cars down might be a more sensible way of doing the trip, but I will let you know definitely the mileage, etc. in the course of the next day or so.

I still hope to be with you on time tomorrow but don't wait for me as I might be delayed for I leave here by air in order to make it at all after Forbes's funeral in the morning.

My dearest love to you,

Miss Marion Dickerman

S:DD

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4-22-37

MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
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MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

April 21, 1937

Dearest Eleanor:

I was awfully glad to have your letter this morning.

I will have some suggestions for the senior class. In the meantime, however, it is the Post Graduate group that I am particularly concerned about. Would it not mean an additional day if they were to start at Hightstown for I think that those who are taking their cars are having them go down and then meet them at Morgantown.

I do not know just how long it would take for the trip. Just as soon as you can let me have your ideas I will canvass the class and then can tell you very definitely about cars and everything else.

I think our original plan was to have them meet at Morgantown on Friday morning, May 21st, and have a day at Scott's Run and Arthurdale, and then one or two of the other homesteads on Saturday arriving in Washington on Saturday night, possibly seeing one or two things Sunday morning and then lunch at the White House. You were going to let me know definitely about this and also about the route to ~~from~~ Morgantown, mileage, etc.

One time in your "My Day" you spoke of a British ~~Commander~~ General who spoke at the Girl Scout meeting at which you too were speaking. At that time you commented not only on the value of his ideas but also on the beauty of his language and the scholarliness of his address. What would you think of him as a Commencement speaker?

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PRINCIPAL

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

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I am heartbroken that you will not be at the Cottage on Sunday for I will not be able to get up until late on Saturday afternoon inasmuch as we are examining several new entrants on Saturday morning and then we have a meeting at the Spence School. I shall be glad, however, to see you on Friday.

Much, much love,

*Mama*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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May 26, 1937

Dear Marion:

I gave Franklin the poem, and I'm glad you think the ladies all enjoyed the trip. Tommy and I had a much more strenuous one these last two days, which Nan will tell you about.

I will be at the Junior League for commencement at 10:45 on Friday. Is there any lunch this year which will have to be attended? I am planning to go to Hyde Park at noon.

Mr. Baruch is going to see about a building which he thinks is very excellent and, I hope, will turn out to be something helpful for you.

Much love,

Affectionately,

ER:ms

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80 Street  
New York, N. Y.

THE TODHUNTER SCHOOL  
66 EAST 80TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
PRINCIPAL

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

May 24, 1937

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*5/24/37*

Dearest Eleanor:

I can't tell you how much every one enjoyed the trip nor of their enthusiastic comments that were made on the train yesterday afternoon. I want to write you in more detail later.

As we were leaving Greensburg a man thrust a newspaper into my hands and asked if I wouldn't please promise that you would see the poem which he had written about Franklin. I am enclosing the clipping and if you want to write to him I am sure that he would be more than happy.

Much, much love to you,

*Devotedly*  
*to*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Enc.

Day Letter

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th Street  
New York  
NY

June 14, 1937

Would send something to Mr. Van Loon in the way of expenses.  
I will write him. Love

Eleanor Roosevelt

Write Mr Van Loon & thank  
him for making Frohman's  
Commencement address. Everyone  
loved it so much & I am  
deeply grateful to you for  
being so willing to do it

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TELEGRAM

The White House  
Washington

*Wm*  
*F. D. R.*  
*FR*

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New York, June 14, 1937.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt:

I am writing Mr. Van Loon to thank him for coming to us for graduation Should I send any honorarium Will you send him a note too for I know it will mean so much to him to hear from you Much love.

Marion.

Wm  
would please *franklin*  
in the way of expenses  
and will write *for*  
*FR*

*Believe me*

June 15, 1937

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Dear Marion:

*See*  
*Joseph* I am enclosing a copy of a letter which  
*James* I sent to Mrs. ~~Davis~~ and Mrs. ~~Crosswell~~.

On this trip which you are taking I have a memo. saying that the lady would like to go over the Mohawk Trail, visit Smith College, see a little of Connecticut - New Haven, perhaps - and be at my mother-in-law's for supper Sunday night.

The expenses both for you and the car and the lady will be paid by the State Department, if you will pay everything and send an itemised memorandum to Jimmy he will see that you get it back.

Affectionately,

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Sept. 29, 1937

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Letters from H. N. MaCracken, Vassar College, J. Hillis Miller, and  
Constance Warren, Sarah Lawrence College, accepting luncheon engage-  
ment at Cosmopolitan Club for October 4, sent to Miss Dickerman

October 1, 1937

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Telegram to Mrs. Roosevelt from Donald P. Cottrell, Columbia University,  
"I shall be pleased to attend the luncheon October fourth in New York City  
to discuss Todhunter School plans", sent to Miss Dickerman

Oct. 11, 1937

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DICKERMAN

Letter from Alice C. Dickerman, 6 E. 79th St., NYC, accepting  
member on Board of Trustees on Todhunter School, Sent to Marion  
Dickerman

October 12, 1937

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Dear Miss Dickerman:

Can you let Mrs. Roosevelt know fairly soon whether or not you will be taking the trip to the T.V.A. on the 21 and 22 of November? In thinking it over, Mrs. Roosevelt has decided that perhaps it would be better to go in the spring when everything would be more attractive.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
Todhunter School  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, New York

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*3/10*  
*Industrious*  
*Person*

*Sickerman*  
*10*

Chicago, Ill.  
November 7, 1937.

Dearest Marion:

I have just finished reading the report and am sending it back to Franklin.

On page #30 I think we ought to change the paragraph about taking the girls to the White House every year. I will take them while we are there. You could say instead that I have always arranged to take them on some interesting trip.

On page #42, it should be three women instead of two.

I think the advisory board should be asked not only to look up opportunities for making a living and follow the study of the fields that are least crowded for women which are being made by other groups today, but they should be asked to make a study of fields of usefulness for women who do not have to make a living but who wish to contribute something to their own communities.

Are you arranging to have the extra post-graduate course, and on what basis?

How about asking Harry Hooker to be the lawyer on the board, and I feel sure that Thomas J. Watson would like to be on the board too.

It seems to me that in the post graduate course the most effective work that could be done would be to have a course which would include both graduates and undergraduates, covering various fields of endeavor. For instance three lectures on the dramatic art, including the writing of plays. We could have one talk by Catherine Cornell, one by Mr. Golden, the producer

and a third talk by Rachel Crothers or some other playwright.

Three lectures in the field of painting, covering commercial art, etc. We could have Forbes Watson, Mr. Cahill and Olin Dows and some one in the commercial art field.

In the music field, Mr. Pattison, John Erskine and Deems Taylor.

In the business world, we could have Dorothy Schaeffer, June Rhodes and Mrs. Ogden Reid.

In the political and scientific, I will think up names which will vary the affiliations. Henry Toombs or Eric Gugler could be used just as well as architects if mention is made of other things which they have done.

Why not ask Dorothy Backer to be one of the trustees on the Advisory Board? I think it well to have one man and one woman of the Jewish faith and I think you should have some Catholics and some Republicans!

Chicago, Ill.  
Nov. 7, 1937.

Dearest Franklin:

Will you look at this? I have turned down the pages and marked such places as I think you need to read.

I confess that I think this a tremendous task and wish I could be as optimistic as they are! However, if the market goes up it may not be so bad.

I certainly can not do as much as they hope I will do and that will undoubtedly be a disappointment.

Marion is very enthusiastic about going ahead with it, but I am inclined to take what might be my share and turn it over to Nan and Marion as I do not feel I have earned any of it. With what they now have saved, it seems to me that they could live very simply and perhaps Marion could get a professorship at Vassar or something of that kind. She does not want to do this, or even try to do it and as that is the case, perhaps it is better to try to raise as much money as they can, and if their charter will allow it, to borrow the remainder.

Included fee

Miss Dackert  
 [Total to school] 1937

ENROLLMENTS

Year	1927-28	1928-29	1929-30	1930-31	1931-32	1932-33	1933-34	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37
A	5					5				
I	5	5	6	4	0	0	7	4	3**	3
II	7	12	5	8	7	5	2	6	5*	4
III	4	11	13	7	7	7	2	6	10	3
IV	7	5	14	10	7	8	5	6	9	8***
V	10	11	10	17	14	7	7	4	6	8
VI	7	11	11	12	18	18	9	8	4	7
	45	55	59	58	55	46				
VII	8	9	11	15	16	12	0	10	8	4*
VIII	11	6	6	8	11	16	8	0	10	12
							40	46	55	49
IX	10	12	7	9	5	12	11	7	5*	7
X	5 (U) 4	5	9	5	8	7	6	11	5	5
XI							16	4	15*	8
XII							14	17	6	12***
	36	52	33	35	40	47	47	39	29	32
<u>Total</u>	79	87	92	95	95	95	87	85	82 ****	81

\* One late entry  
 \*\* Two late entries

\*\*\* Lost one  
 \*\*\*\* Year opened with 77

ALUMNAE

Todhunter's aim is to find the real interest of each girl and then to help her to develop her abilities along the line of her interests. For this reason you find the various graduates in diversified fields of activity. We have sent girls to practically all of the large eastern colleges as well as to a number of our universities, and to two of our southern colleges. They have been prepared for art and dramatic schools as well as schools of horticulture and institutions giving business training. We have no Todhunter type though we try to develop a Todhunter quality that will make our students persona grata wherever they may go.

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Alumnae 96 (1927-28 to 1956-57 inclusive)

- 37 Married
- 24 College or University (Vassar 3, Wellesley 3, Smith 1, Cornell 1, University of Pennsylvania 1, Sweet Briar 2, Sophie Newcomb 1, Goucher 2, Barnard 1, Sarah Lawrence 4, Troy 1, William Smith 1, University of Arizona 1, University of Venice 1, Wheaton 1)
- 7 Junior College (Mount Vernon 5, Finch 2)
- 4 Art School
- 6 Secretarial School
- 2 Dramatic School
- 1 Music School
- 2 Professional Schools (Froebel League, Child Education Foundation)
- 4 Special Courses

There are 47 others who have been members of the school for from two to six years and who have definitely contributed to and gained from their educational experience at Todhunter.

- 12 College (Bryn Mawr, Bennington, Smith, Vassar, Connecticut College for Women, Radcliffe, University of London, Wellesley, Yale Art School)
- 1 Junior College
- 3 Art School
- 14 Married

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Excerpts from Letters

Sweet Briar College

March 22, 1937

"Mary Johnston has made a very satisfactory adjustment at Sweet Briar. She is cooperative and adaptable, a good citizen of the community."

(Signed) Bernice D. Lill, Registrar

June 24, 1937

"Mary Johnston came out very nicely with her work this year. In the second semester her grades were all "B". This is a very promising record."

(Signed) Emily H. Dutton, Dean

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Child Education Foundation

February 17, 1937

"Julia Booth's scholastic record in the Child Education Foundation Training School indicates a "B" rating. Her participation in the school life is constructive and enthusiastic. As a day student she has worked out vital relationships with the students in both academic and social activities."

(Signed) Meta K. Schiebert, Dean of the T. S.

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William Smith College

February 8, 1935

William Smith College

February 8, 1935

"I am happy to state that among our entering freshmen Miss Dieckerhoff is one of the most cooperative"

(Signed) Faye Huntington Klyver, Dean

June 22, 1937

"We are enclosing with this note a report of Margaret Dieckerhoff's second semester academic record. As you will see it is a very creditable one."

(Signed) Faye Huntington Klyver, Dean

"Before you wrote me of Margaret I had heard of her from Dean Klyver as the only freshman in the boarding department who had stood out against the seniors and refused to sign a rather silly and unnecessary petition to the President. This last year has been one of those restless, rather upsetting years in some respects for our little college largely due to interference and gossip, certain of the girls having been drawn into it, so when one finds a girl with the courage of her convictions it is a joy to do for her.

"I hope Margaret likes the college. She has been elected president of her class you know and is becoming a real leader in the college life.

"Can't you send us at least half a dozen more such students next autumn."

(Signed) Agnes B. Lewis, Trustee, W.S.C.

August 10, 1936

"Miss Dickerhoff ranked in the first quintile of her class"

(Signed) Florence Haasamud, Registrar

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Smith College

"Helen Calvoceossi won honors in English and has made Phi Beta Kappa"

University of Pennsylvania

June 24, 1937

"Miss Parker's record for the second semester showed a decided improvement, she has earned a good plus record during the last semester. You may be interested to learn that Miss Parker has decided to major in anthropology and has been accepted as a Class A major which means that she will be graduated with honors upon satisfactory completion of the work of the course."

(Signed) Karl G. Miller, Dean

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Pratt Institute

March 31, 1937

"Miss Lidia Vitale is a second year student in the department of Industrial Design. We have found Miss Vitale to be of the highest type. She is alert, intelligent, and talented. I should rate her among the upper three of our department. She has adjusted herself very nicely to our school and should be able to adjust herself to conditions in the industrial and commercial world."

(Signed) Donald R. Dahmer, Super. Dept. of Industrial Design

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Juillard School of Music

June 23, 1937

"I am very glad to tell you something of the work done by Nancy McKee and Hounou Dickerman. I should like to preface the report by saying that we find both young women to have delightful personal qualities."

(Signed) Oscar Wagner, Assistant Dean

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Sarah Lawrence

June 12, 1937

"This student's (Audrie S. Hobbs) work has been consistently satisfactory. She has brought both interest and intelligence to class discussions and in her

contract exhibited a grasp of basic principles and their implication which was thoroughly sound. In her work as business manager of "The Campus" and the "Year Book" she has been able and astute - a thrifty though not a niggardly administrator of Publications funds."

(Signed) Director of Education

"At the last meeting of the Modern Drama group this student (Edith Brooks) read a three-act play which the members of the group felt possessed professional merit. The significant element which was not obvious to them was the amazing growth evident in this student's writing. Compared with work done in the fall it showed real accomplishment and a skilful use of technical information which she has acquired. The play represented faithful work, detailed revision, sustained interest, and enjoyment of the task, as well as genuine ability. I am gratified by her progress and am glad that she plans to continue the work next year."

(Signed) Director of Education

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Vassar College

Report on the results in the College Board Examinations taken by two of our graduates in the class of 1937 for admission in the fall.

Florence McFee

English Cp.	Good
French Cp. 3	Good
History A	Excellent
Plane Geometry	Very Good

Susan Goodman

English Cp.	Good
French Cp. 4	Very Good
History A	Very Good
Plane Geometry	Very Good

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General

Edith Richard who graduated in 1954 has done some interesting work in her art. She has completed an excellent portrait of her great uncle, Lucius Littauer, who has recently made possible the College for Political Education at Harvard.

Laura Robinson after graduation studied book binding a field in which she won distinction.

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

### I. Increase in secondary education in United States.

#### A. More pupils in secondary schools than any other nation.

1. 65% of all <sup>children</sup> of secondary school age in United States in *sec. schools*
2. 95% in many states.

### II. Change in emphasis from primary to secondary school age level demands an orientation in school objectives and curriculum.

III. Private school alone has real opportunity to do the necessary experimental work needed because of freedom from the type of control necessary in public school life; the fact that the numbers of children to be handled makes possible a closer and more intimate relation between staff and student; and for the most part the elasticity possible in a smaller organization enables trends to be more quickly evaluated and therefore modified in time to eliminate, alter, or ~~add~~ to as the case may warrant.

### IV. The leaders in the secondary educational field in our public school system are setting four objectives:

- A. Reorientation of secondary education.
- B. A greater understanding of our common life and its needs.
- C. Preparation for home and family living.
- D. Preparation for larger citizenship as regards the understanding of problems; the power to analyze them; and the courage to attack them.

### V. How a private school can help.

- A. Small and intimate control makes possible greater understanding of students' problems:
  1. Scholastic.

2. Emotional.

3. Social

4. Spiritual

B. Experimentation in curriculum and in social living gives an opportunity for an expanding horizon as regards objectives and possibilities in school living:

1. Larger citizenship.

2. Home and family life.

3. Leadership in society.

C. Intelligent training for social responsibility:

1. Reveal need.

2. Train to understand.

3. Arouse desire to help.

VI. How can Tothunter help?

A. Train well - sound scholarship - good teaching: (Trained mind).

1. Help student to develop power of accurate observation.

2. Help student to know where to search for material.

3. Help student to search for truth.

4. Help student to apply scientific method of analysis to her material.

5. Help student to criticize intelligently.

6. Help student to develop the power to apply her knowledge to the world of today and its problems.

7. To inculcate certain standards of taste and judgment which will serve in any situation which child is placed.

B. Help child to adjust to her:

1. School program.
2. Associates.
3. Environment.

C. Give guidance:

1. In selecting her academic program.
2. In choosing her objectives.
3. In helping her to find the training and assistance to realize her ambitions.
4. In following her for at least four or five years after her graduation in order to:
  - a. Primarily help the student.
  - b. Check on the effectiveness of what the school has given the student.
  - c. Strengthen the spirit of cooperation between the college and secondary school.
5. Help her to learn to see herself in relation to her world which should be a rapidly expanding one.
6. Help her to plan her life so that she will see it in relation to what she can give as well as to what she can receive.
7. Develop in her a belief that real contentment can only come when she is enriching through her own efforts the life and opportunities of those with whom she is associated.
8. Help her to feel the value and "worthwhileness" of what she has to give and therefore to help her to make her influence the best of which she is capable.

VII. What is Todhunter doing:

A. Academically.

1. College preparation.
2. Preparation for professional schools such as:
  - a. Secretarial.
  - b. Horticulture.
  - c. Art.
  - d. Dramatics.
  - e. Training Schools.

(1) Froebel League Training School.

(2) Child Education Foundation Training School.

B. Experiments in program where possible by introducing such courses as:

1. Business methods.
2. Practical psychology.
3. History of the drama.
4. Experiments in social living.

C. Experiments in methods of teaching:

1. Project method.
2. Opportunities for observation through:
  - a. Field trips.
  - b. Personal contacts.
3. Use of psychological tests and prognostic tests.

D. Preparation for citizenship by:

1. Allowing students to participate in school organization and activities.
2. ~~So~~ <sup>encouraging the students to</sup> check on their own failures and successes.

### *Allowing Students*

3. To participate in solving problems which are duplicates of the type of problem to be met in later life.
4. To expose them to ideas and to help them to check and evaluate them.
5. To help them to observe carefully and relevantly the causes and effects of individual and group activities.
6. To bring to them, where and when they are of value, the experiences of other people.

E. "Next Steps" - most of the students at Todhunter plan to be able to be self-supporting even though the need may not be imminent. For this reason the school tries to help each girl find where her greatest interest lies. This is done by:

1. Making known the fields in which women are engaged by informal talks; contacts with women who are in those fields, reading, etc.
2. Going over with each girl her own abilities, tastes, dreams, and ambitions.
3. Helping her to find where the necessary training can be found as in the instance of the girl who wanted to study archeology; scientific care of orchards and planning; development of special writing techniques; nursery schools, etc.

4. Helping her to understand her own assets and difficulties whether academic, social, or personal and showing her how to make the most of her advantages and how to check or overcome her liabilities.
5. Following her for her first four or five years after Todhunter by getting reports from the institutions with which she is associated; by writing her, and encouraging her to write of her difficulties or successes, or better still, when possible to come in for a visit; giving praise when it is merited and making her feel that her school is proud of her; letting her tell of her problems as she sees them whatever they may be; never appear shocked or critical and always give constructive criticism; in serious cases by following up the problem as it may seem best.
6. Making the student in and out of school feel that in her school she has a friend.

VIII. What Todhunter needs:

- A. New building to include:
  1. Auditorium.
  2. Gymnasium.
  3. Roof space.
  4. Library.
  5. Scientific laboratory.

6. Music room - sound proof.
7. Art studio.
8. Twelve class rooms (12-15 capacity)
9. Nursery school space.
10. Alumnae office.
11. Staff room.
12. Adequate administrative space.
13. Business class room.
14. Kitchen and lunch room facilities.
15. Moving picture apparatus.

B. Additions to the staff:

1. Full time science teacher.
2. Full time librarian.
3. Speech teacher - voice recording machine.
4. Other staff members to meet increase in registration.

C. An Advisory Board made up of persons having different backgrounds and different educational experiences to:

1. Keep in touch with what the school is doing.
2. Help to open up new fields to school members.
3. Sometimes to help in the school guidance program.
4. Interpret the school to the type of parent whose interest and cooperation the school wants.

THE TODHUNTER SCHOOL  
66 EAST 80TH STREET  
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MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
PRINCIPAL

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

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November 30, 1937

Dear Tommy:

Thank you for your note. I have changed the two possible dates that Eleanor could give for the campaign dinner to February 4th and February 21st, and will plan for whichever one seems best.

Then will you mail me here at this address twenty of Eleanor's cards to be enclosed with the presents that we are giving the staff.

I am horrified at having to pay the expenses of the speakers not but what it is absolutely fair but this year, more of a blow than it might have been at other times. Is this a result of the economy program?

I am very happy that Eleanor is going to have the school party on January 4th and I am asking all of those who have helped us in getting our incorporation papers, etc., for dinner on the 5th of January. I am reserving tentatively the private dining room at the Cosmopolitan Club for both of these dates.

I am awfully glad that you are going to be at the Cottage this weekend.

Ever affectionately,

*hw*

*for this*  
*copy from*  
*note to Eleanor*  
*held up*  
*to back of journal*  
*to page*

Mrs. Malvina T. Scheider  
20 East 11th Street  
New York City

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December 15, 1937

Dearest Eleanor:

I am enclosing an analysis of the operating expenses of the school for October 1, 1936 to September 30, 1937. I think Elizabeth Reed will probably need this in making out your returns.

My love to you,

*M. Dickerman*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Enc.

December 16, 1937

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Dear Miss Dickerman:

Mrs. Roosevelt says the 22nd of April is all right and she has made note of the other dates. She thinks Friday, May 13, would be a good week end for the seniors to come to Washington.

The invitations to the members of the staff will go out the first of the week. At the moment we are nearly frantic with Christmas.

When Miss Dreier and Mrs. Backer were here they were raving about the play put on by the Needleworkers Girls Union called "Pins and Needles". Do you think your group would be interested in that? If not, Mrs. Roosevelt will select "Father Malachy's Miracle" as she has seen the other plays.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
Todhunter School  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, New York

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December 8, 1937

Dear Tommy:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the letter to Mrs. Biddle. I hope you received the telegram that I sent you immediately afterwards asking that the letter be sent just as soon as possible in <sup>the</sup> pouch as Eleanor said it might.

On the slip that you gave me Saturday you suggest for the school parties Thursday, March 31st; and Friday, April 12th. Unfortunately the 31st comes in our spring holiday which is from two o'clock on the 25th of March to eight-fifty on April 4th. I wonder if instead of the 12th you meant Friday the 22nd of April. This would be an excellent time if this is possible. Will you be a dear and see if you can find another date on Eleanor's calendar in place of the 31st?

*22nd APR  
Wagon 12th*

The School Exhibit will be here at the school at three o'clock on Tuesday, May 10th, and Commencement will be on Friday, June 3rd, at eleven o'clock at the Junior League.

I am enclosing two school calendars, one for you, and one for Eleanor. I thought it might help to make everything a little more clear.

I do not want to bother Eleanor about it but just as soon as you know the weekend that she wishes to invite the seniors to Washington, if she does wish to do this, it would be nice if I could know for I could then plan accordingly.

*Friday  
Wagon 13th*

Unless we make some further plans for the post-graduate course I think this covers all the vital dates though, of course, I am sure Eleanor knows that we want her at school whenever we can have her. This year our Assemblies are on Monday and Thursday mornings.

Much love,

*FD*

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I have reserved the private dining room at the  
Cosmopolitan Club for the School Birthday Party on  
Tuesday, January 4th; and for the dinner that we are  
to give for those who have helped us with incorporating  
the school for Wednesday evening, January 5th. I have  
done nothing about menus but will be happy to do so if  
that is what Eleanor wants me to do.

For the play for the Birthday Party the staff  
would be happy to go to any one of the following four  
and if there is one of these that/you haven't seen they  
would be particularly pleased to go to that one:

- "Susan and God"
- "Father Malachy's Miracle"
- "Barchester Towers"
- "The Star Wagon"

I am enclosing a list of those to be invited to  
the Staff Party.

*How about  
going to Paris &  
needed attention  
Father Malachy's  
Miracle*

12/9/37

MRS. ROOSEVELT

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1937-1938

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Opening Day of School, Wednesday, September 29, 1937.  
Condition Examinations, Tuesday, September 28, 1937.  
Closing Day of School, Friday, June 3, 1938.

HOLIDAYS

Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Closing Day of School, Friday, December 17, 1937.  
Opening Day of School, Monday, January 3, 1938.

SPRING VACATION

Closing Day of School, Friday, March 25, 1938.  
Opening Day of School, Monday, April 4, 1938.

Christmas Play - Friday, December 17th,  
11:00 A.M., MacDowell Club

School Exhibit - Tuesday, May 10th, 65 East 80

Junior Party 1 4-5

Senior Party 1

MRS. SCHEIDER

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1937-1938

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Junior Party ?

Senior Party ?

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ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

*What play for  
staff*

December 9, 1937

Dearest Eleanor:

I have reserved the private dining room at the Cosmopolitan Club for Tuesday, January 4th, for the Staff Birthday Party; and for Wednesday, the 5th of January for the party that you and I were going to have for those who have been most helpful in helping about our reorganization.

Will you approve the enclosed invitation and *make* any suggestions that you wish. If you will return it to me I will see that the invitations are sent out.

My love to you,

*Marion*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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*Every success for the party  
& Saturday night! Love,  
FR*

December 16, 1937

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Dear Marion:

I am planning on having our annual school "birthday" party dinner at 7:15 p.m. on January 4 at the Cosmopolitan Club, and I hope very much that you, Nan, and Molly can be with us. We will go to a play afterwards and I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to seeing you all.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman

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Toddhunter

Marion Dickerman

Miss

Josephine Allen

Frances Trilothan

Margaret Dickerman

Helen A. Parsons

Ida H. Robinson

Margaret M. Clark

Susan Fowler

Mrs. Edwin Hughes

Miss Anne B. Blackwell

Lena M. Buckley

Charlotte Register

Marion Haviland

Madame Fred Ernst

Mrs. Lillian H. Atherton

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December 21, 1937

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Dear Marion:

I want to thank all of the Todhunter girls for the lovely orchid which they gave to me. Will you please tell them how delighted I was to have it and how much I appreciate their thoughtfulness?

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickeman  
Todhunter  
66 E. 80th St., NYC

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To Mr. Roosevelt  
with a great deal  
of love & best  
wishes -  
The Todhunter  
girls

December 22, 1937

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Dear Miss Dickerman:

The President gave Mrs. Roosevelt these tickets to give away and she thought you might be able to use them.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
Todhunter School  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, New York

DD

MRS. R.

To give away these tickets.

F.D.R.

Called  
12.22.37

Lord Macarona  
Secretary

THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY  
NEW YORK

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12.22.37

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The Trustees desire to increase the membership of the Museum, which is now about 20,000. Members would greatly further the progress of the Museum if they would suggest at least one name for membership on the attached blank.

We feel certain that there are thousands of intelligent citizens who would welcome Natural History Magazine.

F. Zuebe Davison  
President

MRS. R.

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Send me a ticket  
please

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F. Trubee Davison  
President

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VAL-KILL COTTAGE  
HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY  
NEW YORK  
TELEPHONE, Poughkeepsie 433

free  
December 24<sup>th</sup>

Dear Tommy,

I was glad to know  
Z leana was again on land!

The six people to be  
added to the dinner at the Kashmir-  
stan Club, 122 East 66<sup>th</sup> Street for  
Wednesday evening, January the  
fifth at seven thirty are:

Mr. + Mrs. William Carter Dickerman  
✓ 6 East 79<sup>th</sup> Street,

N. Y. C.

✓ Mr. ~~James~~ James W. Gerard  
1014 Fifth Ave.

✓ Mr. John P. Rice Jones  
150 Nassau Street

✓ Mrs. Ruth Bryan (Roddey (spelt wrong!))  
17 West 81<sup>st</sup> Street

✓ Mr. 1<sup>st</sup> Street Morgan (who has recently  
gone on Warm Springs Board  
& used to be in charge of President  
Ballo)

I do hope these can go off  
Monday - I am telegraphing  
I believe that now.

Love,

TR

Copy of letter to be sent to the following who have helped  
us in incorporating the school:

Mrs. Roosevelt

Mr. B. M. Baruch

Miss Dickerman

Dr. H. B. Baruch

Miss Cook

Mr. Benjamin M. Nathan

Miss Goodwin

Mr. Milton Kupfer

Mr. Harry Hooker

Judge Samuel I. Rosenman

*et*

It would give Mrs. Roosevelt and me a great deal of pleasure  
if you would have dinner with us at the Cosmopolitan Club, 122 East  
66th Street, New York City, on Wednesday evening, January 5th, at  
seven-thirty o'clock.

We are very appreciative of all the help that you have given  
us in connection with incorporating the school and we want to tell  
you a little something of our plans for the future.

12/9/37

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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List of people invited to Todhunter School Dinner at the  
Cosmopolitan Club on January 5, 1938.

Mrs. William Carter Dickerman.  
Mr. James W. Gerard.  
Mr. John Price Jones.  
Mr. Keith Morgan/  
Mrs. Ruth B. O. Rohde.

The letters are dated 12-27-37.

Speakers - Todhunter Current Events Course, 1938

The following officials asked to make suggestions as to speakers:

January 6	✓ Miss Marguerite Owen, TVA
" 13	" " " "
" 20	✓ Hon. Nathan Straus - recent federal housing legislation.
" 27	Mr. Walter Brown - state housing legislation.
February 3	✓ Mr. John Ihlder - slum clearance
" 10	✓ Hon. Stewart McDonald - cheap housing through private development.
" 17	✓ Dr. T.F. Parran, Jr. - Federal Public Health work.
" 24	Dr. Edw. S. Godfrey, Jr. - State Public Health.
March 3	Hon. John H. Fahey - medical service for low income groups.
" 10	Dr. Parran - attitude of medical profession toward modern methods in medicine.

January 3, 1938

Dear Marion:

Mrs. Roosevelt has given me Tuesday, March 1, in the afternoon, as the additional date which you say is needed. I imagine before you get this you will probably see her.

I am sorry that I won't be with you this year at the Todhunter School party but at the moment I am nursing a very bad cold and neuritis. My coming to New York is so extremely uncertain I wired Gertrude not to get a theatre ticket for me and I am letting the Cosmopolitan Club know there will be one less. I am sorry to miss this party but the way I feel now I would certainly not be an addition to any gathering.

Affectionately,

(signed) "Malvina"

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, New York

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VAL-KILL COTTAGE  
HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY  
NEW YORK  
TELEPHONE, Poughkeepsie 428

to sum in 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dear ~~John~~ <sup>John</sup>,  
Your letter of Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>  
came today and I can imagine  
just how busy you are!  
We missed you over  
the week end.

I have noted Friday,  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> for our party + May  
13<sup>th</sup> for the dance week end in  
Washington - there is one more  
date needed + if it would be  
possible to have it in March

before that school closes on the  
25<sup>th</sup> it would divide our year  
more happily. Will you see what  
can be done. As we stand:

Jan - Mid year

Feb - Begin new term

March -

April - 22 one party

May 10 Exhibition

13 Senior Week End

Washington

June - Exams - Commencement

3 - Commencement

I know awfully little of Pius

and needles" but whatever Eleanor  
decides I am sure will be fine.

Don't work too hard. Have a  
happy Christmas!

Love,  
~~to~~

# TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM

The White House  
Washington

1/4/38

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1924

MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
TODHUNTER SCHOOL  
86 EAST 80 STREET  
NEW YORK NEW YORK

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JOHN B BLANDFORD GENERAL MANAGER TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY  
WILL ARRIVE AT SCHOOL THURSDAY MORNING AT ELEVEN TO MAKE SPEECH

MALVINA T SCHEIDER

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January 10, 1938

Memorandum for Miss Dickerman

Dear Miss Dickerman:

Miss Owen, of the Tennessee Valley Authority, has informed Mrs. Roosevelt that Dr. Harry A. Curtis is willing to speak to the Todd-hunter group on Thursday morning.

The following is quoted from Miss Owen's letter, for your information:

"I believe you met Dr. Curtis when you visited Muscle Shoals last autumn. You will recall that he is in charge of the Authority's experiments in the production of phosphatic plant foods at the Muscle Shoals plant."

M.T.S.

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Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th Street  
New York  
N.Y.

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January 11, 1938

Marion dear:

~~Mrs. Frances Crane~~, who has been down here for the week end and who is a sister of Richard Crane of Westover, is coming to see you. She is much interested in what I told her of the new plan for the school and might be willing to go on the board if, after talking to her, you feel that she would be a good person.

Affectionately,

SO

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 E 80  
NYC

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DR CURTIS OF TVA ILL MR NEAL BASS ACTING CHIEF CONSERVATION  
ENGINEER COMING IN HIS PLACE

M.T.SCHEIDER

x Mrs. Perry Walsh, Hyde Park, N.Y.

January 12, 1938

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Dear Miss Dickerman:

Mrs. Roosevelt wonders if you could not get uniforms from this woman if it is found that the working conditions are good and the work she does is satisfactory.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
Todhunter School  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, New York

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January 13, 1938

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Dear Marion:

We are having the President's birthday dinner on the 29th of January this year at 7:30 here in the White House.

I thought instead of making speeches at the dinner this year, it would be amusing if each person would come either in costume or with something to present to the President as a reminder of some special incident, and the President will be asked to guess what the incident is. The other guests may join in the contest and we will all keep score. If the President has a perfect score, he will be given a prize. Of course if you prefer making a speech describing your incident, or to write something to be read, or in some way to act out the incident, that will be fine. The ladies as usual will leave the gentlemen free after dinner for their usual entertainment.

We are hoping very much that you and Nancy will be able to come and are looking forward to a happy evening.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 E. 80th St.  
NYC

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January 17, 1938

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Dear Marion:

X I have written to Ethel Derby about  
Mary Louise Strong.

I could attend a dinner on Monday,  
February 14 or on Sunday, February 27, or  
sometime in April.

I am glad that you have had so much  
encouragement from these various people.  
As you probably know, Mr. Baruch's wife died  
yesterday and I am going up tonight on the  
midnight to be at the funeral. He has been so  
kind to me I felt that I really ought to go.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 E 80  
NYC

SO

THE TODHUNTER SCHOOL  
66 EAST 80TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
PRINCIPAL

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

*I could attend received Monday the 14th  
or Sunday Feb. 29th  
M. J. Pratt*

January 14, 1938

Dearest Eleanor:

Mrs. Strong is very anxious that Mary Louise should be invited to join the middle holiday dances. I have written to Mrs. Pratt and am enclosing a copy of that letter. I have also written to Mrs. Derby. A word from you to Mrs. Derby would be far more effective. I did, however, want to give you some of the facts about Mary Louise. If you feel that you could and would be willing to write a second letter to Mrs. Derby or a letter to any one on the enclosed list I know Mrs. Strong would appreciate it.

*write letter  
to Derby*

A number of interesting things have happened since our dinner at the Cosmopolitan Club. Mr. Taylor called me the following morning and asked if we had exhausted all possibilities of renting for a year or so an adequate building. I told him that I never felt that anything had been exhausted although we had made a pretty careful survey but that perhaps something new might have developed. He asked if I would be willing to meet a friend of his, Mr. Matthew Ely, who might be able to throw some light on the matter. Of course I told him I would be delighted to. Mr. Ely came to see me on Saturday morning and I went over the whole situation with him. He promised to let me hear from him this week. I will let you know what he has to suggest.

I wrote to Mr. Taylor and thanked him for his suggestion and told him how much it meant to know that he was interested.

Thank you so much for sending me Mr. Gerard's letter. Nan saw him at the luncheon which Mr. Farley gave. He had quite a long talk with her at that time and seemed really interested and quite eager to help. Since then I also have received a little note from him.

THE TODHUNTER SCHOOL

66 EAST 80TH STREET

NEW YORK CITY

MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
PRINCIPAL

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MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

On Sunday I had luncheon with Mrs. Rohde. She too has said that she would help in any way that she could.

Yesterday morning brought the note from you about Mrs. Frances Crane. I went to see her last evening but we only had about forty-five minutes together. I liked her better than when I had met her before. She seemed so sane and controlled as well as being definitely interested in what we were attempting to do. She is going to try to come up to school this afternoon but failing this will get in touch with me the next time she is in New York. I do thank you for this contact and think it may be most helpful.

This morning brought your cable from Mrs. Biddle. I am delighted that she is coming to this country for it will give us an opportunity to talk further. I am heartened by her expressed desire to be of help and do hope that this will mean financial help leading eventually to an active interest in the thing itself.

I have called Mr. Jones to get his reaction to the meeting. He is still working on the pamphlet and I do hope it will be forthcoming very soon.

Dr. Baruch has gone south and therefore I have not seen him since our dinner meeting. He called me, however, the morning after the dinner and seemed so grateful for the opportunity of sitting next to you and of talking with you about our plans. He was quite heartened. I am interested to know if Mr. B. M. Baruch has anything whatsoever to say.

I was rather shocked at the news of Mr. Nesbitt's death though I realized he was far from a well man.

THE TODHUNTER SCHOOL  
66 EAST 80TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
PRINCIPAL

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

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I follow what is happening to you by "My Day"  
and realize what a strenuous time it is.

A number of rather interesting things have  
happened which I shall look forward to telling you  
about when I see you. I did, however, want you to  
have this news right away.

Much love to you, dear,

Marian

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

enclosures

*P.S. I did see Mrs. Crane again, she came  
up to school & really was keen + understanding.  
The enclosed letter has just come from Mr.  
to unear- I told him when the "21<sup>st</sup>" came  
love! Mr. Jones has also called to  
for an other date. I read  
I'd forward Mr. Duncans  
away too long  
series of  
fairly*

MIDDLE HOLIDAY DANCES

Mrs. Winthrop Aldrich  
▪ James Lenox Banks  
▪ Lyman C. Bleecker  
▪ Charles C. Coulter  
▪ W. Shippen Davis  
▪ Richard Derby  
▪ Harry M. French  
▪ Richard V. M. Ganbrill  
▪ John H. Iselin  
▪ Shepard Krech  
▪ Charles Pratt  
▪ Charles S. Sargent  
▪ Samuel S. Walker  
▪ Philip B. Weld  
▪ Huntington Tappin

January 14, 1938

My dear Mrs. Pratt:

I am writing you on behalf of Mary Louise Strong who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludlow P. Strong of 114 East 90th Street, New York City.

Mrs. Strong hopes that it will be possible for Mary Louise to be invited to join the middle holiday dances. Inasmuch as I realize ~~the many girls in New York~~ who also wish to join this group I am taking this opportunity to tell you a little something of Mary Louise and her parents.

*that there are*

Her father was graduated from Princeton in 1909 and is a former vice president of the Princeton Engineering Association. He is by birth a New Englander coming from a rather old New England family. His father was Edwin Dewey Strong.

Mrs. Strong is a Southerner. Her name before her marriage was Alice Daves deRosset. Her father the Reverend Frederick A. deRosset was rector of the church of the Holy Communion in Charleston, South Carolina, until his death. He was listed in "Who's Who". His first cousin, Mrs. Gabriel deRosset Mears Waddell was for twenty years president of the Colonial Dames of North Carolina. Mrs. Strong is of French Huguenot extraction. Her family has been in this country for a great many years. Her great, great grandfather was the first Episcopalian Bishop in Mississippi.

Mary Louise is a delightful and talented child. Her knowledge and appreciation of music is far beyond that of any girl of her age with whom I have come in contact. She is quiet and yet animated in her every day

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life and I think would be a girl whom you might enjoy having as a member of your group.

I will indeed appreciate anything that you can do for her.

Very sincerely yours,

Principal

Mrs. Charles Pratt  
945 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

The John Price Jones Corporation  
150 Nassau Street · New York

JOHN PRICE JONES, President and Treasurer

Office of  
ROBERT F. DUNCAN  
Vice-President

January 14, 1938

Miss Marion Dickerman  
The Todhunter School  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Dickerman:

For various reasons it seems as though the February 4th date for the proposed dinner with Mrs. Roosevelt is not the most practicable. Dr. Faruch felt that it would be better for us to take the date of February 21st. We agree that the latter date would be much better than the 4th.

But in looking at the calendar, I notice that the 21st comes between a week-end and the Washington Birthday holiday. I fear that it would be difficult to obtain on that night the attendance that we desire.

Do you think it would be possible to obtain from Mrs. Roosevelt a date three or four days either side of February 21st?

Sincerely yours,

*Robert F. Duncan*

RFJ/N

THE TODHUNTER SCHOOL  
66 EAST 80TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
PRINCIPAL

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

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January 24, 1938

Dear Malvina:

Thank you for sending me Mrs. Walsh's letter. We might be able to use her some time for costumes for plays but I do not think it would be practical to have her make the school uniforms for it means many fittings and adjustments throughout the year and she would be tremendously handicapped if she were in Poughkeepsie with no place in New York.

I shall keep her in mind, however, for anything that I think would be possible for her to do.

I do hope you are feeling much better. I am looking forward to seeing you on the 29th.

Ever affectionately,

*Maana*

Mrs. Malvina T. Scheider  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

February 2, 1938

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Dear Miss Dickerman:

Will you let me know how many there will be in the senior class and may I have the names? We are trying to get everything organized before we go away for a whole month and I would like to have these names to leave with Mrs. Help, and also so Mrs. Roosevelt can allot the rooms, etc., and make plans for the week end.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
Todhunter School  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, New York

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February 10, 1938

Dear Miss Dickerman:

Mrs. Roosevelt has written letters of invitation for the week end of May 13 to all of the girls of the senior class.

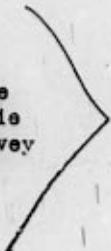
Mr. George T. Eye, of 535 Fifth Avenue, is the name of Mrs. Roosevelt's agent. I think he has a very limited list of clients, but it will do no harm to refer anyone to him, even though I think he is loathe to take on new people.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th Street  
New York  
N.Y.

TCDHUNTER SENIOR CLASS

Miss Lois Parker  
Miss Sally King  
Miss Amelia Huvelle  
Miss Amelia Christie  
Miss Betty Ann Harvey  
Miss Jean Billings  
Miss Lear Eddy



all in 100 4/12/38

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February 14, 1938

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, New York

April fourth is all right. Have engagement for April twelfth here.  
Other dates still free. Love

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

100  
February 24, 1938

Dear Miss Dickerman:

Mrs. Roosevelt asked me to send you these tickets for the opera on March 11. Mrs. Roosevelt subscribed to them through Mrs. William Carter Dickerman as it is a benefit performance.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th Street  
New York  
N.Y.

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February 28, 1938

Dear Miss Dickerman:

Enclosed is Mrs. Roosevelt's contribution  
to the Alumnae Bulletin.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, N.Y.

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TO THE EDITOR

I am very much interested in your new undertaking and I want to congratulate you on starting an Alumnae Bulletin.

I am sure that it will be of great interest to all of the graduates of Todhunter School and their parents and will serve the purpose of drawing graduates together and keeping them informed of the happenings in each other's lives.

Graduates of a school form such an important part in the school's existence that every step which they take towards keeping together and taking greater interest in the development of the school is a satisfaction to everyone interested in the school.

The graduates can have far more influence on the undergraduates than can the teachers. Their example and accomplishments are a constant interest and inspiration to the young girl. She is apt to feel that what another girl has accomplished she can also accomplish, whereas if her teacher were to tell her that a certain accomplishment were possible, she would probably doubt it and doubt her own ability to achieve it. Therefore, I welcome this new effort on your part not only for what it will do for you but also for what it will do for the undergraduates and for the school in general.

E.R.

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E.R.

THE TODHUNTER SCHOOL  
66 EAST 80TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

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MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
PRINCIPAL

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

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February 14, 1938

Dearest Eleanor:

The alumnae are now attempting their first alumnae bulletin which I hope is going to be quite worthwhile and really very interesting.

They are going to carry articles not only on different colleges but also on their travel experiences, social experiences, etc. I am going to write a short article for them on our hopes for the new school.

They are keen to have a very short article from you on anything that you wish to write about but I think they hope you will want to congratulate them on what they are attempting. Perhaps you will find a minute for something of this sort within the next week or ten days.

Much love to you,

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

THE TODHUNTER SCHOOL  
66 EAST 80TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
PRINCIPAL

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

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March 2, 1938

Dear Malvina:

Thank you very much for the tickets for  
the opera on March 11th which you sent me for  
Eleanor. I certainly shall look forward to using  
them.

Ever affectionately,

*Malvina*

Mrs. Malvina T. Scheider  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

March 5, 1938

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Dear Marion:

This letter will introduce  
Miss Elisabeth von Hesse, A.N.A. Club,  
Room 1722, 353 West 57th Street, who  
is really very wonderful on voice  
training. I do not know if you have  
any girls who would be interested but  
I thought perhaps some of the graduates  
might like to do some work with her.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman

S:DD

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NEW YORK CITY

MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
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MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

*with list of  
addresses for  
Mrs. Thompson  
to  
M. Dickerman  
April  
Filed  
3-18-38*

March 8, 1938

Dear Miss Thompson:

It was nice to have a note from you this morning. The names and addresses are as follows:

Mrs. Rustin McIntosh  
The Brearley School  
610 East 83rd Street  
New York City

Miss Ethel Stringfellow  
The Chapin School  
100 East End Avenue  
New York City

Miss Dorothy Brockway  
The Spence School  
22 East 91st Street  
New York City

There are some signs of spring in the country and I suppose Washington is even more advanced than we are.

I hope I am going to see you some time.  
How is little Eleanor Cynthia?

Much love to you,

*James*

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D. J. Perrott  
letter sent to  
each one. 3/29/36

ROUND TABLES

At The Todhunter School - 66 East 80th Street, New York City

- January 20 Federal Housing Legislation.  
11:00 a.m. Mr. Ernest M. Culligan, U. S. Housing Authority.
- January 27 State Housing Legislation. 21 → 0 →  
11:00 a.m. Honorable Carl Pack, Member of the Assembly.
- February 3 Slum Clearance.  
11:00 a.m. Mr. John Ihlder - Alley Dwelling Authority  
for the District of Columbia.
- February 10 Cheap Housing Through Private Development.  
11:00 a.m. Honorable Stewart McDonald, Federal Housing Administration.
- February 17 Federal Public Health.  
11:00 a.m. Dr. W. F. Draper, Assistant Surgeon General of the U. S.
- February 24 State Public Health.  
11:00 a.m. Miss Marion Sheahan, Director of State Division of  
Public Health Nursing. ✓
- March 3 Medical Service For Low Income Groups.  
11:00 a.m. Mr. William F. Penniman, Federal Home Owners Loan Corporation.
- March 10 Attitude of Medical Profession.  
11:00 a.m. Speaker to be announced.  
  
Dr. G. St. J. Perrott  
United States Public Health Service  
Treasury Department  
Washington, D. C.

POST-GRADUATE COURSE

November 21 and 22 Trip to the T.V.A. area.

December 1 Rural Electrification.

Dr. Boyd Fisher, Rural Electrification Administration.

Mrs. Roosevelt presiding.

December 9 Soil Conservation.

Mr. H. H. Bennett, Chief of Soil Conservation Service  
Department of Agriculture.

January 6 The T.V.A.

Mr. John B. Blandford, General Manager of the T.V.A.

January 13 Muscle Shoals.

Mr. Neal Bass, Chief Conservation Engineer,  
substituted for Dr. Harry A. Curtis who is in  
charge of the Authority's experiments in the  
production of phosphatic plant foods at Muscle  
Shoals. Dr. Curtis was ill and could not come.

- Jan. 6 Miss Owen, TVA, says that someone, probably Mr. John B. Elandford, Jr., General Manager, will give a well-rounded picture of TVA activities.
- Jan. 13 Cannot say. How about Mr. Elandford's making a presentation?
- Jan. 20 Federal Housing Legislation - Mr. Ernest M. Culligan, U.S.H.A.
- Jan. 27 State Housing Legislation - ~~Probably Mr. Poletti.~~ *See serial*
- Feb. 3 Slum clearance - Mr. John Elder
- Feb. 10 Cheap housing through private development - Mr. McDonald, FHA
- Feb. 17 Federal Public Health - Asst. Surgeon General W. F. Draper.
- Feb. 24 State Public Health - Miss Marion Sheahan, Director of State Division of Public Health Nursing.
- March 3 Medical service for low income group - Mr. Wm. F. Penniman - HOLC.
- March 10 Attitude of Medical Profession - Dr. Farran wants further information.

*Make copy of  
the program  
from  
Jan 27 &  
see serial  
Elandford*

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January 20 Federal Housing Legislation -  
Mr. Ernest M. Culligan, U.S. Housing Authority.

January 27 State Housing Legislation -  
Honorable Carl Pack, Member of the Assembly.

February 3 Slum Clearance -  
Mr. John Ihlder - Alley Dwelling Authority  
for the District of Columbia.

February 10 Cheap housing through private development -  
Honorable Stewart McDonald, Federal Housing Adm.

February 17 Federal Public Health  
Dr. W. F. Draper, Asst. Surgeon General of the U.S

February 24 State Public Health  
Miss Marion Sheahan, Director of State Division  
of Public Health Nursing.

March 3 Medical service for low income groups  
Mr. Wm. F. Penniman, Federal Home Owners Loan  
Corporation.

March 10 Attitude of Medical Profession  
(Dr. Parran wanted further information before  
making suggestion)

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April 15, 1938

Dear Marion:

I have your letter about Miss Scott  
and I will see her as soon as I can.

Is your Mademoiselle entirely satis-  
factory or would you want to see Halene Crooks?  
You will remember her and I am sending you a copy  
of a letter from Mrs. Gorham.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 E 80  
NYC

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THE TODHUNTER SCHOOL  
66 EAST 80TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
PRINCIPAL

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

March 18, 1938

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

This is to introduce to you Miss Phoebe Harrison Scott of 305 West End Avenue, New York City, who is a friend of Anita de Coppet whom you will remember was with us for many years.

I have suggested to Miss Scott that she write you fully what she has in mind rather than trying to see you personally because I know how very little time you have in your busy life to talk over matters however interesting with individuals.

Very sincerely yours,

*Marion Dickerman*  
Principal

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

May 3, 1938

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Dear Marion:

Will you please thank the members of the Senior School for the lovely corsage they gave to me? It was a real pleasure to have and I am grateful for their kind thought.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman

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To Mrs Roosevelt  
with best love -  
The Senior School

May 12, 1938

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Dear Marion:

Please thank all of the girls for me for the lovely corsage which they gave to me. It was nice of them to do this and I want them to know of my appreciation.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
Todhunter School

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*Gift of  
Corsage*

To Mrs Roosevelt  
with love  
From Todhunter

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May 16, 1938

Dear Miss Dickerman:

This necklace was found in one of the  
rooms. Does it belong to any of your girls?

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th Street  
New York  
N.Y.

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May 18, 1938

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Dear Marion:

It was very kind of The Seniors to give me the lovely corsage and I hope you will thank them all for me. It was a real pleasure to have them here and I am so glad they had a nice week end.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickeman  
66 E. 80th St., NYC

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To dear Mrs Roosevelt with  
love and sincere appreciation  
for a most wonderful week  
end.  
The Seniors

May 21, 1938

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Dear Marion:

I am sending you these books because they seem worth looking into.

Will you send them to Mrs. Bradley, at the Hyde Park Library, when you are through with them?

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 E 80  
NYC

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Ken Book

June 6, 1938

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Dear Mrs. Dickerman

Thank you very much for inviting me to the luncheon which you are giving for the staff of the school. I regret that it is not possible for me to accept.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Harriet A. Dickerman  
117 West 10th Street  
NYC

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Dear Mrs. Forrester

My Daughter <sup>MAY 31 1929</sup>

Marion and I are  
having an informal  
luncheon for the  
members of the staff  
at the school on Monday  
June the seventh  
at one thirty -

We hope you can  
join us  
Very Sincerely  
Harriet Dikerman

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June 22, 1938

Dearest Marion:

November 19 is probably the only date on which I could possibly speak for the University Women. However, that is too far away for me to be positive, so I can only accept tentatively.

Affectionately,

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Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th Street  
NYC

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THE TODHUNTER SCHOOL  
88 EAST 80TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
PRINCIPAL

MRS. MARILYN D. ROSS  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

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the but to give money for  
we support the school only  
accept tentatively*

June 15, 1968

Dearest Eleanor:

By a series of coincidences I find myself at the moment the Acting President of the New York Branch of the American Association of University Women. I have neither the time nor the energy to hold this position for any length of time and am only keeping it so as to give the Board a chance to find the right type of person to be President during the year when the World's Fair opens for their organization has rather ~~an~~ an ambitious program to carry out at that time.

We are, however, attempting one or two experiments that I know will be of interest to you, particularly that of internes for this summer.

We are now making our plans for our fall luncheon and it was the unanimous request of the Board before I became Acting President that we make every effort to secure you as our speaker at the fall luncheon. Any of the following dates would be possible - October 22, October 29th, November 5th, November 12th, or November 19th.

Last year they had the luncheon at the Rainbow Grill at Radio City. We find that this is already booked for November 12th of this year. *This is not essential!*

I do hope that you will be able to do this for the Association for they are so keen and eager to have you. I hardly need tell you how much it will mean to me if you can accept.

Much love to you,

Maureen

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August 25, 1938

Dear Marion: [Dickerman]

I am terribly sorry that I cannot be with you for the opening of school on September 28, but I have to be in Washington.

I have put down December 21 and also June 2 as definite dates.

Could you not find out yourself who is in charge at Rikers Island and couldn't he ask that Harold Woodruff be put in the state hospital? I cannot think of anything else that we could do.

My only suggestion on the post graduate course is to have your Economics teacher take charge of it and get local people to cover the subjects. The group is really too small for the federal people to go. I will write all of the letters which you have suggested.

I am writing this letter because the week end promises to be very hectic and I may not have a chance to talk with you.



THE TODHUNTER SCHOOL  
66 EAST 80TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
PRINCIPAL

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Roosevelt-Page #2

Her place is being taken by Miss Leslie McCarthy, whose address is Low-Keywood School, Stamford, Conn. A note welcoming her would be very much appreciated. Miss McCarthy is an interesting person, who in addition to experience in this country also taught for a year in one of the big English Schools.

Elizabeth Hone of Lyons Falls, N.Y., is also coming to us this year to teach science. If you care to write to her I know it will please her.

Mrs. Rohde phoned me yesterday to see about entering one of her grand-daughters for the coming year. It made me very happy, though I know it is going to be difficult for her past record at Spence is not a strong record academically. It will be interesting, however, to see what we can do.

I am enclosing a letter that I have just received from Harold Woodruff's mother. If there is any way that we can help, I would like to. Perhaps we will have a minute to talk it over this weekend.

I have been turning over the post graduate course in my mind. If you have any suggestions, do let me have them.

I had a bit of a visit with Caroline last night and was glad to find her looking so well and in such excellent spirits.

Much love to you dear and I shall hope to see you on Friday.

Love  
Marion

August 22nd, 1938

Miss Marion Dickerman  
Todhunter School  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Miss Dickerman:

The New York Times tells me that you have returned from your important mission. May I congratulate you on the successful completion of this assignment. Of course, I realize that you must be overwhelmingly busy right now but I fear that this is your usual situation and that since I will have to trespass on your good nature at some time it might as well be now.

As I informed you this spring, my son, Harold is still in the New York City Penitentiary on Rikers Island and unless something is done about it will have to remain there until next April. Then he would be released only to face further charges for other offenses which his disturbed mental condition caused him to be involved in.

He still does not seem able to understand his predicament and while he does not impress strangers as insane, to me, his irrational talk and actions when I visit him leave no other conclusion possible.

May I, therefore, ask you again to help in getting a commitment to a State Hospital where he can get the supervision and treatment he seems to need. With many thanks for your extremely kind interest, I am,

Most Sincerely yours,

*(Mrs.) May W. Woodruff*

Mrs. May W. Woodruff  
State School  
Orange County, N. Y.

September 27, 1938

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Dear Marion:

We tried to get in touch with  
+ Mr. and Mrs. Gerna Holmquist but found  
that they had checked out of the hotel  
before we called and had left no forwarding  
address. I am sorry that I could not have  
met them.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
Todhunter School

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Muriel, I telephoned the Mayflower and was told they checked out on Friday, the 23rd; left no forwarding address. They had been at the hotel with a group of people for five or six days, touring.

Mollie

John M. T.

write  
Miss F. we  
to get the  
had gone

20 EAST 11TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

Mrs Reed -

Telephone Mrs. Halmquist  
ask for lunch Tuesday - She +  
her husband - 1 P.M. - at Mrs.

Then call photo Dept -  
Mr Summerline or whatever is  
Protocol Day Mrs R has  
asked at request of a  
friend

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ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

*Handwritten note:*  
A note to Mrs. Roosevelt  
from Miss Dickerman  
Tuesday

*Handwritten note:*  
A school  
9-27-38

September 20, 1938

Dearest Eleanor:

Mr. and Mrs. Gorna Holmquist, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., are the Swedish people concerning whom I spoke to you on Sunday. Mr. Holmquist is the head of the largest department store in Stockholm and was most helpful to the Commission when we were there.

It will mean a great deal to both him and Mrs. Holmquist if they can meet you and I am sure each and every one of us on the Commission will appreciate anything you can do for them.

We finished the Swedish report yesterday. I hate to have the work over for I have certainly enjoyed it.

My love to you.

Ever affectionately,

*Handwritten note:*  
I do hope you will be at Hyde Park this week end!  
Love  
FD

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
20 East 11th Street  
New York City

THE TODHUNTER SCHOOL  
66 EAST 80TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
Principal

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

*Mailed  
Has the  
letter come?  
I am sure it is  
a record*

*Not yet  
mailed*

October 10, 1938

*Just file*

Dear Malvina:

This morning in Assembly the children passed a resolution expressing a desire to send Eleanor a telegram of congratulations on her birthday. They want to send her a singing telegram. If it isn't too difficult won't you try to fix it so Eleanor will receive it personally.

Ever affectionately,

*Maian*  
~~Principal~~

Miss Malvina Thompson  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

October 13, 1938

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Dearest Marion:

Many thanks for the lovely night gowns. They will be most useful and are the prettiest I have had for a long time.

Many thanks, too, for your telegram and for your nice long letter. It does not look as though I would be in New York City and able to come up to the school for some time, but I do want to meet the new staff members and be at one assembly so I shall try the first chance I get. I am glad you had seventy-four for the opening but I wish too that you could get at least six more.

Thank you for wiring me about Nan's brother. I am so sorry that she had the added burden when she is so busy. It was quite wonderful of her to come down for such a few hours last night and, of course, I understand why you could not come and I really did not want either of you to make the trip this busy season.

I hope I shall see you at least once before the Christmas play, but I will surely see you then any way.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th St. NYC

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66 EAST 80TH STREET  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
TELEPHONE, RHINELANDER 4-6478

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Wednesday

Dearest Eleanor,

Many thanks to you for your telegram of good wishes which arrived in time for Assembly on an opening day. We are all now looking forward to the time when you yourself can come to Assembly. Mondays + Thursdays are our regular meetings but should any other day be possible for you we should happily plan accordingly. We want you as soon as it is possible.

We have opened with seventy-four  
which is one better than last year - if  
only we could some how pick up  
six more I should be happy indeed.

The new staff members are work-  
ing well & I am anxious for you to  
meet them. We have a man, Mr. Deck-  
ert, for Chemistry & a most attractive  
young girl for Spanish.

Thank you for trying so hard  
to have Mr. & Mrs. Halmgren at the  
White House. They both appreciated  
it - what happened was that they  
left <sup>Washington</sup> sooner than they had planned  
in order that he could speak at

a conference in Boston.

I had them for dinner at the Cosmopolitan Club the other night with Dr. Baugh, Mally & a Mr. Lunny whom she met & liked on the boat coming over. I am sorry the Holmquist did not meet you especially on their account & also because I knew you would have enjoyed them. They are both young, very attractive & most intelligent.

I telegraphed you this morning about Fred for I knew you would want me to have leaves to night for

65 EAST 80TH STREET  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
TELEPHONE, RHINELANDER 4-6478

Marsena for the funeral is to morrow.  
It was cancer - which so often seems  
to be the case these days.

I hope all is going well with you  
on your trip + that you are enjoying  
it. My love to Tommy + much  
to you, dear.

Devotedly,  
Marian

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January 4, 1939

Dear Marion:

I have been going over my engagement book and find that the week end of May 19-21 will be the best week end for me to have the graduating class here at the White House. Will you let me know if this time is agreeable to you and how many girls there are this year?

We can decide on what they would like to do a little nearer the time.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th Street  
NYC

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January 10, 1939

Dear Marion:

We are having a birthday dinner this year, as usual, for the President. It will be at 7:30 on Monday, January 30, and we are counting on your being here.

I am asking everyone to come prepared with a forecast of what may happen to the President in the coming year. It will be a general fortune-telling party.

We hope very much that you can be with us and of course we expect you to spend the night.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 E 80  
NYC

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7 tickets to admit bearers to the Members room of the American Museum of  
Natural History sent to Miss Dickeman.

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February 3, 1939

Dear Miss Dickerman:

If <sup>Irma</sup> Mrs. Labastille has already seen Mr. Junge, there isn't anything more which can be done.

As you know, Steinway furnishes all artists and if she comes up to their standard, I know Mr. Junge will give her every consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

MCT:mds

Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80 Street  
New York, N. Y.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Tuesday

Dear Eleanor,

The Mrs. Labastille-whose  
letter is attached, ~~she~~ tried to see  
you when you spoke at the  
D. D. U. W. luncheon. When  
she failed to do so she spoke  
to me. I referred her to Mr.  
Junge with the following

result.

I pass her letters + credentials  
to you to pass upon + do  
with as you will. I know her  
only casually in the work of  
the O. K. U. W.

I am to bother you with

at all.

Ever affectionately,  
Marion

C O P Y

January 23, 1939

Miss Thelma Brunnett:  
American Association of Colleges  
Concert Project  
19 West 44th Street, New York

Dear Miss Brunnett:

I am please to report that Mme. Irma Goebel Labastille made a visit to the New Jersey State Teachers College on January 3 and 4, 1939. The enclosed program shows the nature and extent of her services.

It is my feeling that the material which Mme. Labastille presented through her music, exhibits, demonstrations and lectures is important and timely. She understands the problems of Latin American relationships and discusses them clearly and effectively. In her musical programs she shows great skill and along with her art she presents interesting stories of South American life.

As a lecturer Mme. Labastille demonstrates scholarship, careful organization of materials and effective presentation. We were deeply impressed by her accomplishments and her ability to stimulate interest in our South American neighbors and to discuss their problems with authority.

From a personal standpoint, I am pleased to say that her manner is charming, she receives full cooperation from students and staff and adjusts herself splendidly to the interests and needs of the college.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) H.A.Sprague  
President

## Plays Music of Early Latin Americans

**Woman Specialist in Harmonies of Aztecs and Incas to Supervise Programs of Smithsonian Institution.**

When the Smithsonian Institution invited Mrs. Irma Labastille recently to assist in its broadcasting programs on early American cultures, it started her unpacking some of the interesting material which she collected during several years of travel through Latin America and the islands of the Caribbean and getting them ready to wear when she should direct the musical programs which will sound so unfamiliar to the ears of North Americans.

Mrs. Labastille had previously co-operated with the Department of Interior in its series, "This Brave New World," and had put her O. K. on every one of its twenty-six program scripts on Latin-American subjects. In the Smithsonian series she will feature the music of earlier Americans using the instruments they used.

### Religious Expression.

Primitive music developed as an expression of religious feeling and for use in religious ceremonies, Mrs. Labastille reminds one.

The Aztec ceremonies in the rain god brought forth both distinctive costumes and distinctive music. The head dress for this ceremonial shown on this page is made of the green black-spotted tail feathers of the sacred quetzal bird tipped with multi-colored parrot feathers. The head designed to be fastened around the head is painted in Aztec design. With this were worn many silver ornaments enclosed with gold—chest ornaments, bangles, arm & knee, anklets as well as a heavy Agate ornate metal belt.

As to many points of this metal. In Aztec ornament little copper bells were fastened. Inside of each were pebbles and during the ceremony these bells were tinkled.

### Aztec Instruments.

The Aztecs had various instruments, the sacred conch shell, still used; a flute-like whistle and war drums—these last overspread with tiger skin. Their music scale contained only five notes. But it is related that when Montezuma came forth from his capital to meet Cortez, he was preceded by his musicians and minstrels and that the latter produced pleasing sounds by throwing up silver balls and catching them in copper basins, each basin being tuned to a different tone.

Ancient Peru had her pan pipes and music played on one of these will be heard in the Smithsonian broadcast of Sunday afternoon, April 17. The Peruvians also used a flute known as the quena which was made of bones of the condor, the deer and even of human bones.

### Wind Instruments.

Many quenas are found in Inca graves but no drums. This fact, Mrs. Labastille thinks, tends to bear out Wagner's belief that man used wind instruments before he used percussion instruments. Early Peruvian music was less blatant than that of early Mexico.

Mrs. Labastille treasures the white Voodoo priestess costume (mambo) which came from the heart of Africa and which she found in Haiti. She will wear it, with its bright red head wrapping in the program on Haiti. She will play various instruments used in Voodoo worship including some of the drums. Voodooism from the scientific standpoint will be presented in the Smithsonian broadcast. Its development from mythology will be outlined and Voodoo chants will be heard. Mrs. Labastille herself taking the part of the priestess, which is much more important in this ceremonial than that of the priest.



Mrs. Irma Labastille in the costume of an Aztec worshipping the Rain God.

## Promotes Better Understanding Between Americas

### Mrs. Labastille's Piano Recitals Are One Path to Friendship

This is the third of a series of stories on prominent North Jersey women. Most of the names are familiar to you for they have appeared in stories of social and civic activities. The fourth of the series will appear on this page Friday.

BY DOROTHY E. WILLIAMSON

Whether it is because Mrs. Ferdinand Labastille of Upper Montclair was named Yrma, after a Peruvian god or not, the fact is that Latin American culture, with emphasis on music, is her chief interest today. She spends most of her time giving piano recitals with commentary and costumes to acquaint North Americans with the music of their neighboring continent.

Using material gathered during five years of travel in Latin America and the islands of the Caribbean, Irma Goebel Labastille presents two-day programs in colleges, gives individual recitals and radio broadcasts and makes recordings. In her "spare" time she raises her 4-year-old daughter Mariette and works on two books.

It was a melody sung by Haitian coffee sorters as they worked which first caught Mrs. Labastille's interest. The music was exactly like the first part of Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Song of India," but the work song was hundreds of years older than the composer. She decided to trace the Russian's activities and found that he made a trip through the islands and on the South American coast might have heard the strains. In Brazil she found a song which resembled the second part of "Song of India."

#### With Native Tribes

That started Mrs. Labastille collecting native music and studying its origins and influences. An accomplished famous pianist who had been on concert tour in Europe for three years, Mrs. Labastille was able to play the unfamiliar music and to become acquainted with modern Latin American composers. She began to delve into Latin American culture and during the five years in that territory she lived with dozens of native tribes, earned their friendship and was allowed to witness their religious festivals and participate in their ceremonies.

At her home in Haddon place, Upper Montclair, Mrs. Labastille described some of her experiences. "One time I was allowed to look at some panpipes and trumpets belonging to an Indian tribe in the South American jungle. I was warned that for a woman to look upon these sacred instruments was to look upon certain death, generally by poison. I was really nervous. I had made a four-month search for their wailing music used in myste-



Left, Mrs. Irma Goebel Labastille pauses before the fireplace in her Upper Montclair home before leaving for a concert performance. Right, Mrs. Labastille, in the costume of a Voodoo priestess, shakes the rattles used in an African religious ceremony.

rious ceremonies so I didn't stop then, but I was very anxious to get back to my ship afterward.

"In Haiti the natives usually hostile to whites became particularly friendly with me, and a Voodoo priest whom I knew there once said to me, 'Nothing will ever happen to you when you are associated with Haitians. You have been sympathetic with us.'

"I thoroughly believe in these powers and I feel that his spell saved me when a young girl, wife of a Haitian, tried to Voodoo me in anger."

#### Something Happens

Mrs. Labastille's immunity doesn't keep the spell away altogether, however, because every time she demonstrates her Voodoo drums, which are supposed to be used only for religious ceremonies, something happens.

"Several weeks ago Unity House in Montclair burned as I was on my way there to give a concert complete with Voodoo drums. A few weeks ago I was going to Massachusetts for one of my college appearances. The new streamlined train I was on had some sort of fire trouble which necessitated every passenger's getting put and chas-

what was in my luggage he wouldn't touch it.

"One time en route to this country from South America I put on a Voodoo ceremony as part of a ship-board evening's entertainment. The automatic steering gear of the steamer was out of control for 20 minutes. None of the engineers could find the trouble but suddenly everything was all right. The captain said he had been with that apparatus for 18 years and it was the first time anything had gone wrong.

"Ever since, each time we board a steamer to or from South America we have received a radiogram from the captain requesting a scarcity of Voodooism."

Mrs. Labastille's life has been a series of unusual experiences

As part of her program of promoting better understanding between North and South America through music culture, Mrs. Labastille also takes music of ours to the south. In June she will go to Northern South America to give concerts composed of North American music. Her short wave broadcasts of classical and modern piano music to South American radio audiences are part of her mutual education.

head dresses, textiles, paintings and photographs. This active woman is a member of the advisory committee of the office of education in the Department of the Interior for Latin-American broadcasts, chairman of the international relations committee of the American Association of University Women, New York branch; a member of the Society of Women Geographers, the League of Composers and the American Society for Comparative Musicology, contributor to the "Handbook of Latin-American Studies," author of her own published arrangements of Latin-American folksongs, radio artist on NBC and CBS and recording artist for RCA.

PROGRAM

LATIN AMERICAN MUSIC

with commentary

IRMA GOEBEL LABASTILLE  
pianist

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Ceremonial Music

Suplicio Incaico.....Inca  
Xtoles.....Mayan  
Danza Azteca.....Aztec

Creole Music

Cancao da Rede.....Para  
Aire Criollo.....Jujuy  
Yaravi.....Bolivia  
Ranchera.....Santiago del Estero

More Ceremonial Music ( chanted with percussion accompaniment)

Samba, from Makumba Service...Brazil  
Work Song.....Haiti  
Two Vodou Chants.....Haiti

Modern Music

Danza Guerrera.....Juan Jose Castro  
Que Suenas.....Honorio Siccardi  
Cirandas, Noi and 7.....Hecotr Villa-Lobos  
Danza Lucumi.....Alejandro Caturia  
Batuque.....J. Octaviano

111 HADDON PLACE  
UPPER MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY  
MONTCLAIR 2-5990

January 26, 1939

Miss Marion Dickerman  
The Todhunter School  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Dickerman:

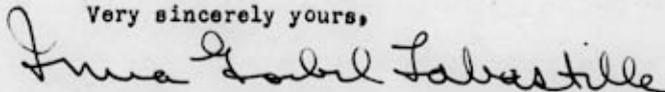
I wish to thank you for your kind letter of January 14th. I appreciate greatly your willingness to speak to Mrs. Roosevelt about me and my recital work during your visit to Washington on January 30th. I am enclosing some publicity which could be handed to Mrs. Roosevelt if you deem it proper.

May I say that I had an interview with Mr. Junge yesterday afternoon and after reading the reports of some of my recent engagements he told me that he too, will be delighted to recommend my work to Mrs. Roosevelt when he is in Washington this coming week. So I feel that with both of these splendid recommendations everything possible will have been done.

I would like to state just very briefly here what my recital work includes: Ceremonial Music of the Aztecs, Incas, and Mayans; Creole Music from all the Republics; African chants and work songs sung with percussion accompaniment (found in the Caribbean area); Modern Latin American Music. I give the recitals in costumes when desired. My Aztec and Peruvian costumes are particularly colorful and elaborate, with lovely headdresses. All of my material I gathered during extensive research over a period of five years residence in the various Latin American Republics.

Again my thanks, and my kindest greetings. Believe me, with high regard,

Very sincerely yours,



Irma Gobel Labastille

IGL:WP

P.S. It might interest Mrs. Roosevelt to know that I have been giving numerous programs for A.A.U.W. branches in the interest of raising funds for the fellowship fund.

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UFFENBACH, ONTARIO, N. Y.

February 11, 1939

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Dear Miss Dickerman:

We did receive the book called "The Poetry of the Bible", from England at Christmas time and we had no way of knowing who sent it to Mrs. Roosevelt. There was no card in it - at least there was no card in it when it reached my desk. I will remind Mrs. Roosevelt to write to Mrs. Hirst at once and explain to her why she had not heard. I am glad to have this information as I have been holding the book on my desk waiting for just such an identification.

Henry is back at work and very much better. He is still being extremely careful of himself and I am afraid I am not too sympathetic.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
The Todhunter School  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, New York

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THE TODHUNTER SCHOOL  
88 EAST 80TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

*Replied  
2-11-39*

MISS MARION DICKERMAN  
PRINCIPAL

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

February 7, 1939

Dear Malvina:

I have just had a troubled note from Helena Hirst asking if Eleanor received the book "Songs of the Bible" which she sent to Eleanor and the President for Christmas.

She did not want me to ask Eleanor for she only wanted to make sure the book was received and since she had heard nothing from Eleanor she was a bit troubled. Can you find out for me casually without too much trouble.

I do hope Henry is much better. Much love to you both.

Ever affectionately,

*Maureen*

Miss Malvina Thompson  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

March 15, 1939

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My dear Miss Dickerman:

Before Mrs. Roosevelt left the city she asked that the enclosed two tickets be sent to you when they were received.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, New York

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Miss Fanshawe  
685 Madison Avenue  
New York  
Regent # 2115

MAN: 530

March 6, 1939

check sent  
2/13/39

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Knowing of your great interest in working girls and their welfare, I am writing to ask if you will help the benefit we are having for the Association to Promote Proper Housing for Girls, the details of which you will find enclosed.

The artists are contributing their services, and the expenses are being kept down to the lowest possible amount, besides helping this very worthwhile charity, one would have a most enjoyable evening, it is really going to be lovely.

We would appreciate it so much if you would take a box or tickets.

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Jerome Fanshawe

Write request to send tickets to Marion  
Kocherman

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MISS FANSHAW E

685 Madison Avenue

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April 22, 1939

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Dear Marion:

Thank you so much for your  
wire of sympathy, which Hall and I  
both appreciated.

It is sad to have a brilliant  
young person cut off so tragically.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman

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MARION

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*Handwritten signature*

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May 12, 1939

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My dear Miss Dickerman:

On Saturday, the 20th, Mrs. Roosevelt has promised Dr. Louise Stanley of the Bureau of Home Economics, Department of Agriculture, to go over to Beltsville and Greenbelt to see how that project has developed. Dr. Stanley is providing lunch for every one who goes and the plan is to leave here about 11:30 and get back to the White House in time for the group which is to sing at four o'clock. Mrs. Roosevelt wonders if you think this might be of interest to the graduates. If so, we will arrange for them to go. However, if you would rather stick to the plans which you suggested we will be very happy to make those. Mrs. Roosevelt realizes, of course, that the girls may be too young to be interested in this sort of jaunt.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
Todhunter School  
66 East 80th Street  
New York, New York

T:ED

July 24, 1939

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Dear Marion:

Philip

Thank you for your letter enclosing the one from Geschwind, which I am returning. I have since gotten a letter from him saying that he had written me before he received your check.

I am so sorry that I have invited people on Friday who want to talk to me and I am afraid they would not fit in with the picnic. You are very kind to ask us all.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman

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VAL-KILL COTTAGE  
HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY  
NEW YORK  
TELEPHONE, FOUGHKEEPSIE 428

Monday

Dear Eleanor,

I wanted you to see  
Wanda's letter to me - perhaps you better  
return it to me for it is all that I have  
if I need to show that he has not  
been treated so badly.

On Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup>, Mrs  
Parkhurst together with those you are  
working with her in the experiment at  
Theatre-in-the-Dale are coming over  
for a picnic. It will add much to  
every one's pleasure if you, Tommy  
& any one who is with you will

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Mrs. Parkhurst  
Hyde Park, N.Y.  
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

VAL-KILL COTTAGE  
HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY  
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Join us for a picnic lunch at about  
one.

I enjoyed being with you yesterday.

Ever affectionately,  
Wanda

September 16, 1939

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Dear Marion:

I will be very glad to have you and Miss Parkhurst spend the night of the 18th or the 25th of October at the White House. Let me know which date it is apt to be. I am afraid I will not be here on either one of the nights, but you will be well looked after in any case.

The first part of the lecture trip is over and we are back here for two days, although we start out again Monday morning.

I know how much it must mean to you not to have Mollie and how anxious you must be about her. I hope you will not have to get on without her for too long.

It is very nice to know that you and Nan are going to have an apartment of your own again. I am sure it will be lovely as both of you can make delightful interiors and I shall hope to have a chance to see it.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
115 East 86th Street  
NYC

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more time.

We plan to leave on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>  
+ will spend the that first  
night in Washington, if it  
still is possible for us to  
stay at the White House we  
both would like to very much  
+ I can let you know  
very soon whether it would

be the 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. If you were  
there it would be nice of course &  
I should like to have Miss Park,  
I must meet you & you both have a  
bit of a talk. Should there be time. I  
hope you will like her.

No one knows how much I miss  
Wally. sometimes it seems almost more  
than I think I can face for so much  
of it <sup>Sam & Anna</sup> we had planned & worked  
out together. The thought of what  
she is going through makes it  
no easier.

I spent last night with the Dun-  
ning family at Darwin & they all  
asked me to send you their love.

THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB  
122 EAST 66TH STREET

The apartment is being sold  
by bids - I hope you will some  
day let us show it to you.

I hope the first lecture trip  
of the season was a great  
success.

Ever affectionately,  
Maman

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September 27, 1939

Dear Marion:

It will be perfectly all right for you to be here the night of October 25th. I have told both Mrs. Nesbitt and Mr. Crim and they will be looking out for you.

I have told Mrs. Meredith at the Inn and Mr. Work at Arthurdale that you will be there sometime in the afternoon of the 26th. I think Mr. Work had better take you to Scotts Run if he is not too busy as it will save time. I think you would be wiser to drive straight through the next day to Alderson to the prison, as you would be seeing two such similar things if you visit another homestead. I am not writing Dr. Harris as you probably know her and can make your own arrangements.

I can well imagine what Molly has been through and I am terribly sorry. I think there will be many things that we can do over here to alleviate the suffering of the civilian populations in other countries, but it takes a little time for the Red Cross to decide what steps it will take. However, I am sure that any plan will afford things for the school to do, as well as for you personally.

I hope your trip will be most successful and that you will have good weather.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
115 East 86th Street  
New York, N.Y.

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*Pauline*  
Write Mrs. Polly Meredith  
Arthur Dale Inn, Arthur Dale, W.Va.

On Oct. 26th, Miss Dickerman and Miss Parkhurst will motor down to Arthur Dale and they will be spending that night at the Inn. We thought you would like to know ahead so you can reserve a room for them.

Glenn Work - Arthur Dale, W.Va.

Dickerman and Parkhurst motoring down to Arthur Dale, Oct. 26th, getting there in late afternoon. Mrs. R. thought if he is not too busy he might take them to Scotts Run and show them over the homestead.

Dickerman (new address)

Dear Marion:

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I hope your trip will be most successful and that you will have good weather.

AFPEC.

E.R.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

September 25<sup>th</sup>

Dear Eleanor,

I am glad your lecture trip  
has been going so well and hope you  
are enjoying much of it though I know  
some must be a bit of a grind but that  
I guess is life.

The comments on the President's  
speech are fine. I thought it was ex-  
cellent - one of his best. Caroline wrote  
me a very moving account of the

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scene itself + some of the comments.

School opened to day. We have an enrollment of nearly five hundred which is to me at least quite staggering.

Molly's letters are tragic. She helped first with the distribution of gas masks + then with the evacuation of London at least that part which was sent to their part of Sussex. First came school children, then expectant mothers,

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+ then mothers with small children -  
poor pathetic things, up at five-thirty,  
loaded on trains + busses, travelling  
all morning with no idea of destination  
until after they start, just carrying en-  
ough to tide them over a short time,  
not knowing what is happening to  
their men folk. It is worst than mad-  
ness. The Goodwins cleared their liv-  
ing room + put up cots + when

Mally wrote Part had just received their  
first grant.

I long to do something to help as I  
am sure thousands of others do.

But to come back - I am here & here is  
my job though at times this is hard for  
me to remember.

Mrs Parkhurst & I are planning to  
come to Washington on Wednesday,  
October 25<sup>th</sup> & if we may spend that  
night at the White House it will

be fine. Then Thursday morning we will drive to Lithedale - going first to Scats Run + then staying the night at the Inn. Friday will be for the school at Lithedale + the hamlet + generally. Saturday we can go on to Taggart's Valley on the federal picnic which even is best than Sunday for the other + back by a night train to New York.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Is that good planning? I shall appreciate  
your suggestions for I want this to be  
such a worth while trip for Miss Park-  
hurst that she will take at least a  
part of it as a basis for the seniors  
trip in the spring.

Thank you for helping me.

Ever affectionately,

Wanda

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277 Park Avenue  
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275 Central Park West  
New York City

January 9, 1939

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November 9, 1939

Dear Miss Dickerman:

Can you give us Molly's address in  
England? We do not have it and Mrs. Roosevelt  
wants it for Christmas.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
115 East 86th Street  
New York, N.Y.

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January 24, 1940

Dear Marion:

The birthday party this year is considerably changed. I am not asking all of the people who were formerly asked. Some of them perforce are away and so we have decided to abandon the old type of party. There are to be no stunts or speeches and there is no group gift that I know of. Heaven knows where we will be next year or what type of party we may have!

March 8 comes in a week when I will be on a lecture trip, so I will not be able to come to the benefit in New York. I think the idea, however, is a good one.

Mrs. Dorothy Canfield Fisher writes me she is about to contact the private schools on her children's crusade, which they are also getting over in the public schools. I hope very much all of the private schools will enter into it. I thought I would write you ahead, so you will know about it if you hear from her.

It was nice having you here and I am glad you enjoyed it.

Affectionately,

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Miss Marion Dickerman  
115 E 86  
NYC

Tuesday Evening

Dear Eleanor,

Thank you so much for letting me stay with you during the conference. It is always an interesting and real experience for me to come to Washington when there is something that I can have even a small part in doing. The conference itself surely should be a spring board for similar conferences in the various states with all of the incentives to action which are bound to result.

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We are trying for the first time in New York some cooperation among all of the so-called independent schools: Chapin, Miss Hewitts, Spence, Buckley, Allen Stevens - and etc. - the twenty-three - in all. We are trying to get together on a number of ideas & plans. The first one to take definite form is a joint benefit for the Greater New York Fund on Friday March the 8<sup>th</sup>. We are all sending in for the benefit about fifty children so there will be over two thousand children's voices singing together. We hope to achieve two things: money for New

York's needs + the feeling of fellowship among the children which sometimes come from a joint experience.

At the last meeting I was asked to tell you something of what we are attempting + to ask you if you would be the guest of honor of the committee. If you can I hope you will truly consider it for it is a step in the direction which I think you would like to see the schools of New York move.

Is anyone planning a group present for the President's birthday

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

this year? If so Nan + I should like  
to be in on it, if we may.

I enjoyed the two young men -  
"Albatt" + "Joe" who were with you +  
wish that I had had a little more  
time to talk with them.

Many thanks for having me.

Affectionately,  
Marion

February 27, 1940

*Musford*

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Dear Marion:

I have been going over my calendar for the next several weeks, and find that if you still want to bring the Todhunter girls who are with you in Dalton, I can have them for the week end of Friday, May 3 to Sunday, May 5.

I have a dinner engagement for Saturday night so cannot dine with you, but I can arrange for a movie for the evening if you wish. I think in all probability that Franklin will be off on the boat, but he may still be at home on Friday so the girls can have a glimpse of him before he leaves.

Will you let me know as soon as possible as I find my weeks are filling up very quickly.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
115 E. 86th Street  
NYC

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Write Miss Dickerman:

Dear Marion:

I have been going over my calendar for the next ~~few~~ several weeks, and I find that if you still want to bring the Todhunter girls who are with you in Dalton, I can have them for the week end of Friday, May 3rd to Sunday May 5th.

I have a dinner engagement for Saturday night so can not dine with you, but I can arrange for a movie for the evening if you wish. I think in all probability that Franklin will be off on the boat, but he may still be at home on Friday so the girls can have a glimpse of him before he leaves.

Will you let me know as soon as possible as I find my weeks are filling up very quickly?

Affec.

E.R.

115 EAST 86TH STREET  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Tuesday

Dear Eleanor,

I have just come from a  
senior class meeting where the fifty seniors  
of Toddhunter + Dalton had come together  
to plan their commencement.

They all seemed moved by  
one strong & very genuine desire: that  
you should give the address at their com-  
mencement which is to be on the after-

noon of June 5<sup>th</sup>.

They asked that I tell you  
that it is because of the willingness which  
you have shown to lead understand-  
ing to the young people of today

that makes them want you so much.

Is there any possibility of your considering it? Miss Parkhurst is so eager & keen to have you as the girls.

As for me - you know I would like nothing better but I know I have no right to ask anything more of ~~the~~ you after your generosity to our even special dinner group this week end.

Affectionately,

Marion

March 6, 1940

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Dear Marion:

I have written to the five girls whose names you sent me, asking them for the week end of May 3-5. You can let me know nearer the time what you would like them to do.

I had a grand vacation in Florida!

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman  
115 East 86th St.  
NYC

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MARIAN DICKERMAN  
115 EAST 86TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

Sunday

Dear Eleanor,

I am sure it will bring  
great pleasure to the girls to come  
to you for May 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> and I ap-  
preciate your willingness to have them.  
I am sending their names and ad-  
dresses on the enclosed sheet in case  
you want notes to go to them  
direct.

Nan and I were in the  
country last week end where the  
snow made every thing very lovely.

MARIAN DICKERMAN  
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I hope you have enjoyed your  
stay in Florida.

Ever affectionately,  
Marian

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March 15, 1940

Dear Marion:

I was sorry to hear of Grace Hasen's death, but I have had no letter. I will, of course, be glad to lend the ring.

Affectionately,

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Miss Marion Dickerman  
115 E 86  
NYC

Wednesday

Dear Eleanor,

Thank you for your telegram  
of sympathy which I received in Westfield.

Affectionately,  
Helen