In the meantime Dr. Baruch, Mama's father, told his brother, Mr. Baruch, assures me of his own accord, that he would like to make a contribution & 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 whose I think both could & would like to but
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 treasure them & I get a great kick out of being able to give them to them so a double thank you & much love.

Marian
January 20, 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, or anything that has occurred during the past year that is amusing or significant.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman
66 East 80th Street

NYC
January 26, 1937

Dear 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,

[Handwritten note: "I am thrilled!" and "and I hope you are a little bit too!"]
February 2, 1937

Dearest Eleanor:

I find there were one or two things that I wanted to talk to you about 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.

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.

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
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

Miss Marion Dickerman  
66 East 80th Street  
New York NY

A Mr. Donald C. Blassedell 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
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 Helen 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
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, New York City. I think you wanted to write him.

Much love to you, dear,

[Signature]

At the moment I am a bit low...
Stella
Miss M. Callaghan
Alumni
17 Mt. St. Ursula
N.Y.C.
Graduate of Vassar College
Honor student with Prof. Inlay
in Latin and German"
Miss Marion Dickerman,
c/o Todhunter School,
65 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,

[Signature]

HED:
BY
Encl.
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 16. 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 Alice if you should contact her before I get around to making another visit.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Callaghan

Professor of Sociology
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.
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

S:DD
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,

Marvin

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

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February 12, 1937

Dearest Marion Dickerson:

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

Much love.

Affectionately,

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

re: buying property on 74th St.
Thursday.

Eleanor, dearest,

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

We have been turned down twice by two title companies, and nothing remains to be done. 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
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 W. Moenian
   280 Madison Ave., N. Y. C.
2. Mr. Robert E. Hardy
   1280 Lexington Ave., N. Y. C.
Harry Hacker leaves for Washington
Tom to manage & 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.
Miss Marion Dickerman            March 4, 1937
66 East 80th St.
New York
N.Y.

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

Eleanor
March 5, 1937

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

Eleventh of May is all right.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
The White House
Washington

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.
March 5, 1937

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
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,

[Signature]

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

Enc.
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.
February 18th - "The Farm Policy and What It Means to Each One of Us"
Speaker: Miss Grace Fryzinger
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

February 25th - "The Social Security Act"
Speaker: Mr. Walter C. 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
333 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
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.
April 9, 1937

Dear 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,

Marian

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

✓ Miss Martha Scott Clayton
   6 West 3rd 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
   1016 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 S. 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

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.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
April 20, 1937

Memorandum for Mrs. Scheider:


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 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
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 from Morgantown, mileage, etc.

One time in your "My Day" you spoke of a British 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?
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.
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,

Miss Marion Dickerman
66 East 80 Street
New York, N. Y.
May 24, 1937

Dearest Eleanor:

I can't tell you how much everyone 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,

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

Mrs. Van Loon & thank her for making Thursday
Commencement address. Everyone 
expected it so much & I am 
pleased grateful to you for 
being so willing to do it

ER
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.
June 15, 1937

Dear Marion:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I sent to Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Cromwell.

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 itemized memorandum to Jimmy he will see that you get it back.

Affectionately,
Sept. 29, 1937

Letters from H. N. MacCracken, Vassar College, J. Hillis Miller, and Constance Warren, Sarah Lawrence College, accepting luncheon engagement at Cosmopolitan Club for October 4, sent to Miss Dickerman.
October 1, 1937

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

Letter from Alice G. Dickerman, 6 E. 79th St., NYC, accepting member on Board of Trustees on Todhunter School, sent to Marion Dickerman
October 12, 1937

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
Dearest Marion:

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

On page 40 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 postgraduate 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 postgraduate 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 lecture 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, 1887.

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.
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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 98 (1927-28 to 1936-37 inclusive)

37 Married
24 College or University (Vassar 5, Wellesley 5, Smith 1, Cornell 1, University of Pennsylvania 1, Sweet Briar 2, Sophie Newcomb 1, Goucher 1, Barnard 1, Sarah Lawrence 1, 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. Dutten, 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. Scheiebert, Dean of the T. S.

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William Smith College
February 8, 1936
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, 1938

"Miss Dieckerhoff ranked in the first quintile of her class"  
(Signed)  Florence Haasamud, Registrar

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Smith College

"Helen Calvooressi won honors in English and has made Phi Beta Kappa"
University of Pennsylvania
June 24, 1957

"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, 1957

"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, 1957

"I am very glad to tell you something of the work done by Nancy McKee and Hounou Dickerman. I should like to prefact 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, 1957

"This student's 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 McGee

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General

Edith Richard who graduated in 1934 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 of secondary school age in United States.
      2. 85% 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 Todhunter 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. 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.

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.


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.
   Encouraging the students to
2. Check on their own failures and successes.
Learning 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 about 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.
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.
15. Moving picture apparatus.

B. Additions to the staff:
1. Full time science teacher.
2. Full time librarian.
4. Other staff members to meet increased 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.
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,

[Signature]

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

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

Enc.
December 16, 1937

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 90th Street
New York, New York
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 a 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?

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.

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,
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: Mrs. Roosevelt 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.

12/9/37
SCHOOL CALENDAR
1937-1938

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, 83 East 80
Junior Party
Senior Party
SCHOOL CALENDAR
1937-1938

Opening Day of School, Wednesday, September 29, 1937.
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Junior Party ?
Senior Party ?
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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,

[Signature]

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

Enc.
December 16, 1937

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
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Marian Dickerman
Josephine Allen
Frances Trickett
Margaret Dickerman
Helen A. Parsons
Ida H. Robinson
Margaret H. Chapp
Susan Fowler
Edwin Hughes
Anne B. Blackwell
Lena M. Buckey
Charlotte Regester
Marion Haviland
Madame Fred Ernst
Lillian H. Atteiton
December 21, 1937

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. 60th St., NYC

DD

To Mrs. Roosevelt
with a great deal of love and best wishes.

The Todhunter
9/18
December 22, 1937

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
The Trustees of The American Museum of Natural History take pleasure in enclosing tickets of admission for the ensuing year, and wish to express their appreciation of the cordial cooperation of Members in maintaining and extending the work of the institution.

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[Signature]
President
Mrs. R.

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F.D.R.

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F. Trubee Davison
President
December 14th

Dear Tommy,

I was glad to know
2 Leonian was again on land!

The six people to be
added to the dinner at the Leonian
Club, 123 East 66 1/4 Street for
Wednesday evening, January the
fifth at seven thirty are:

Mr. & Mrs. William Carter Dickerman

6 East 79 1/4 Street,

W. N. C.

Mr. James W. Guirard

1014 Fifth Ave.
Mr. John Price Jones
150 Harlem Street
Mrs. Ruth Bryan (Rodde Letter wrong)
7 West 81st Street
Mr. Thos. Morgan (who has recently
gone on Warren Springs Board
and used to be in charge of President
Ball)
I do hope there can go off
Monday. I am telegraphing
I learn to flap now.
Yours,

[Signature]
Copy of letter to be sent to the following who have helped in incorporating the school:

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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
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. Eith Morgan/
Mrs. Ruth B. O. Rohde.

The letters are dated 12-27-37.
The following officials asked to make suggestions as to speakers:

**January 6**
- Miss Marguerite Owen, TVA
- Mr. Walter Brown – state housing legislation.

**February 3**
- Mr. John Ihlder – slum clearance
- Hon. Stewart McDonald – cheap housing through private development.
- Dr. T.F. Parran, Jr. – Federal Public Health work.
- Dr. Edw. S. Godfrey, Jr. – State Public Health.

**March 3**
- Dr. Parran – attitude of medical profession toward modern methods in medicine.
January 3, 1939

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,

(Marked) "Malvin" 

Miss Marion Dickerman
66 East 80th Street
New York, New York
June 18, 1949

Dear Toothy,

Your letter of Dec. 16th came today and I can imagine what a joy your am! We missed you over the week end.

I have noted Friday, April 22nd for one party + May 13th for the Duncan week end in Washington. There is one more date needed + if it would be possible to have it in March.
Before school closes on the 25th it would divide one year more happily. Well can we see what can be done? As we stand:

**Jan.** Mid year

**Feb.** Begin new term

**March**

**April** 13, 23, 30. Party.

**May** 10. Ex. Recital

13. Senior Week End

Washington

**June** - Exams - Commencement

3. Commencement

I knew awfully little of Pino.
and Needles” but whatever Eleanor decides Dan will be fine.
Don’t work too hard. Have a

Happy Christmas!

[Signature]

[Date]
MISS MARION DICKERMAN
TODHUNTER SCHOOL
66 EAST 80 STRE T
NEW YORK NEW YORK

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

MALVINA T SCHIEIDER
Memorandum for Miss Dickerman

January 10, 1938

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 Todhunter 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.

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

Miss Marion Dickerman
66 E 80
NYC
TELEGRAM
OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

1/12/38

The White House
Washington

M. T. Scheider

MISS MARION DICKERMAN
66 EAST 80 STREET
NEW YORK N.Y.

DR CURTIS OF TVA ILL MR NEAL BASS ACTING CHIEF CONSERVATION ENGINEER COMING IN HIS PLACE
January 12, 1939

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
January 15, 1938

Dear Marion:

We are having the President's birthday dinner on the 29th of January this year at 9:30 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

S: DD
January 17, 1938

Dear Marion:

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
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.

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.
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.
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,

[Signature]

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

Enclosures

P.S. I did see Mr. Rose again the other day.

The enclosed letter has just come from Mr. Roosevelt, who has also received this letter from the 21st. I am sorry to hear of your illness. Much love to you.

[Handwritten note:]

I am sorry to hear of your illness. Much love to you.

Yours ever,

[Signature]
MIDDLE HOLIDAY DANCES

Mrs. Winthrop Aldrich
James Lenox Banks
Lyman C. Bleecker
Charles C. Coulter
W. Shippen Davis
Richard Derby
Harry H. French
Richard V. H. Gambrill
John H. Iselin
Shepard Krech
Charles Pratt
Charles S. Sargent
Samuel S. Walker
Philip B. Weld
Huntington Tappin
January 14, 1958

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. I believe that 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.

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
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
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. Baruch 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,

[Signature]

FFD/N
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,

[Signature]

Mrs. Malvina T. Scheider
The White House
Washington, D. C.
February 2, 1938

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
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. Bye, 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 loath to take on new people.

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman
66 East 80th Street
New York
N.Y.
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 2/10/38
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
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.
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.
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.

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E.R.
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E.R.
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,

Marian

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

[Signature]

Mrs. Malvina T. Scheider
The White House
Washington, D. C.
March 5, 1938

Dear Marion:

This letter will introduce Miss Elisabeth von Hasse, A.W.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
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,

[Signature]
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Mr. William F. Penniman, Federal Home Owners Loan Corporation.

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Attitude of Medical Profession.
Speaker to be announced.

Dr. G. St.J. Ferrott
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. Blandford, Jr., General Manager, will give a well-rounded picture of TVA activities.

Jan. 13  Cannot say. How about Mr. Blandford’s making the presentation?

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Dear Marion:

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

Is your Mademoiselle entirely satisfactory or would you want to see Helene 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
March 18, 1938

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

This is to introduce to you Miss Phoebe Harrison Scott of 505 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,

[Signature]
Principal

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.
May 3, 1958

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
May 12, 1936

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

To Mrs. Roosevelt
with love
From Todhunter
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.
May 18, 1938

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 Dickerman
66 E. 80th St., NYC
May 21, 1938

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
June 6, 1938

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
Dearest Marion,

Marion and I are having an informal luncheon for the members of the staff at the school on Monday, June 1st, at one thirty. I hope you can join us.

Very sincerely,

Harriet Euderman
June 22, 1936

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,

Miss Marion Dickerman
66 East 80th Street
NYC
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 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 held the luncheon at the Rainbow Grill at Radio City. We hope that this will already be booked for November 12th of this year.

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,

[Signature]
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.
It seems strange to be writing to you, but there are a number of things that I am keen for you to have on record, and, therefore, am taking this opportunity of putting them all in a single letter.

First - I am enclosing a calendar of the school year. You will see that we are opening on Wednesday, September 23rd, and I do hope that it will be possible for you to be here for Assembly that morning. It makes such a difference if you can.

Our Christmas Party will be at the MacDowell Club on Wednesday, December 21st, at 11 o'clock.

Commencement Friday, June 2nd, at 11 o'clock, probably at the Junior League.

These three days are fixed and I am keen to have you make a note of them, if you will, so that, if possible, you will be free.

It would mean everything to Betty Ann Harvey if you found a moment to send her a note at 1060-5th Avenue, congratulating her on her showing in the college boards examination. She made one high honor, two honors and one good, which is really an amazing showing.

Then too, if you have a moment to send a letter to Miss Ida H. Robinson, 7 Granville Place, London, West 1, to tell her how sorry you are that she is not returning to us and congratulating her on the work she has done at Todhunter for the last five years. I know it will mean much to her. She certainly has been an outstandingly fine influence.
Mrs. Roosevelt-Page #2

Her place is being taken by Miss Leslie McCarthy, whose addresses is Low-Heywood 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 about 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 see her looking so well and in such excellent spirits.

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

[Signature]

[Name]
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.
Dear Marion:

We tried to get in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Gorna 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
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 tried
Me to go. She

told me

20 EAST 11TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Mrs. Lund -

Telephone Mr. Halmquist

take your lunch Tuesday. She 

her husband, 12 M. at M.

Then call photo dept.

Mr. Summerlin or Whanal, is

Proctor. They Mrs. R. has

asked at request of a

friend.
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,

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

Miss Malvina Thompson
The White House
Washington, D. C.
October 13, 1938

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 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
Dearest Eleanor,

Many thanks to you for your telegram of good wishes which arrived in time for Assembly an opening day. We are all now looking forward to the time when you yourself can come to Assembly. Mondays and Thursdays are our regular mornings 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-five
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 working
well and I am anxious for you to
meet them. We have a man, Mr. Beck-
art, for Chemistry & a most attractive
young girl for German.

Thank you for trying so hard
to have Mr. & Mrs. Holmgren at the
White House. They both appreciated
it - what happened was that they
left 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. Baruch, Wally, a W. C. F. man whom we met & liked on the boat coming over. I am sorry the Holmgren 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 hear from him to-night for
Massena for the funeral is to-morrow.
It was cancer— which so often seems
to be the case three days.
I hope all is going well with you
an your trip & that you are enjoy-
ing. My love to Tommy & much
for you, dear.

Devotedly,

Marian
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
7 tickets to admit members to the Members room of the American Museum of Natural History sent to Miss Dickeman.
February 3, 1939

Dear Miss Dickerman:

If 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,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

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

The Mrs. Labastille when letter is attached, tried to see you when you spoke at the O. O. U. W. Luncheon. When she failed to do so she spoke to me. I referred her to Mr. Fung with the following
I pass her letters and credentials to you to pass upon and do with as you will. I know her and casually in the work of the O.H.U.W. I am to bother you with it all.

Even affectionately,

Marion
January 25, 1939

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

Dear Miss Brummett:

I am pleased 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 selected Miss. Izina Labastille recently to assist in its broadcasting programs on early American cultures, it started her unsparking sense of the interesting melodies which she collected during several years of travel through Latin America and the islands of the Caribbean and getting them ready to wear where she should direct the musical programs which will sound so unfamiliar to the ears of North Americans.

Miss. Labastille had previously cooperated with the Department of the Interior in its series "This Brave New World," where every one of its twenty-five programs selected Latin-American subjects. In the Smithsonian series she will feature the music of various nations using the instruments they used.

Religious Expression.

Primitive music developed as an expression of religious feeling and for use in religious ceremonies.

The Aztec ceremonial 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 queer black-splotched tail feathers of the sacred quail, a bird tipped with multi-colored parrot feathers. The head dress is fastened around the head in Aztec design. The body dress was richly ornamented with gold-a sheet, ornaments, feathers, and phallic and tuba, strings as well as a heavy and a marine metal belt.

In many parts of this metallic adornment little copper bells were fastened. Inside of each were poch and during the ceremony these bells were tinkled.

Aztec Instruments.

The Aztecs had various instruments, the sacred cock shell still used; a flute-like whistle and war drums, these last covered with tiger skin. Their music scale consisted only five notes. But in the scene, reproduced from El Ajusco, he was provided by his musicians and instruments that the latter produced pleasing sounds by throwing up silver bells and catching them in copper bawls, each bawl being tuned to a different tone.

Incidents Peru had her pan pipes and music played on one of these occasions. This was the subject of broadcast of Sunday afternoon, April 17. The Peruvians also used a flute known as the quena which was made of horn of the condor, the deer and even of human bones.

Wind Instruments.

Many quenas are found in Incas graves but no drums. This fact, Miss. Labastille thinks, tends to bear out Wagner's belief that men used wind instruments before he used percussion instruments. Early Peruvian music was less elaborate than that of early Mexican.

Haiti.

Miss. Labastille, to broadcast the white Voodoo priestess costume (see cover) which came from the heart of Africa and which she also found in Haiti. She will wear it, with its bright red head wrapping in the program on Haiti. She will use various instruments used in Voodoo worship including some of those mentioned in the Aztec ceremonial. The whole Vodoun starely will be presented on the Smithsonian broadcast. Its development from mythology will be outlined and Vodoun chants will be heard. Miss. Labastille also will take part of the priestess, which is much more important in this ceremonial than that of the priest.

Mme. Izina Labastille in the costume of an Aztec worshiping 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 Irma, 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, Mrs. Irna Goebl 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 Marjorie 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-Korsakov’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 gather music and 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 pampipes and trumpet 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 mysti-

ocious 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 demonstates 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 Massachussets 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 out and—”

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

“One time en route to this country from South America I put on a Voo-
doo 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 cap-
tain said he had been with that apparatus for 15 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 acts...
PROGRAM
LATIN AMERICAN MUSIC
with commentary

IRMA GOEBEL LABASTILLE
pianist

I
Ceremonial Music
Suplicio Incaico..............Inca
Xtoies..........................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 Lukumba Service...Brazil
Work Song........................Haiti
Two Vodu Chants...............Haiti

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

[Signature]

Irma Goebel Labastille

[Handwritten note]
P.S. It might interest Mrs. Roosevelt to know that I have been giving recitals for A.A.U.W. branches in the interest of raising funds for the fellowship fund.
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IRMA GOEBEL LABASTILLE

Extensive research in the anthropological and ethnological aspects of early American and African cultures adds significantly to her exposition of the music of these peoples.
Caribbean islands, tropical jungles, the high Andes, the wastes of Patagonia—wherever geographic factors yield essential diversities of musical pattern, there Mme. Labastille noted down typical melodies and rhythms, and gathered realia for her exhibition. Joining in fiestas, old-age religious ceremonies and rituals, dancing and singing as a native, she learned their music living it with them.

To the college she brings the lure of these far away places. Withal, she is at home in the college community, for much of her life has been lived in college circles. She is concerned with educational questions and has a thorough appreciation for campus life.

Her hobby is journalism. For five years her articles on South America appeared regularly in "The New York Times". A recognized music critic, she has served on a European weekly, an Argentine daily, and is a frequent contributor to journals of music and other magazines in the United States and abroad.

MARKS OF RECOGNITION AND PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Member Advisory Committee of the Office of Education in the Department of the Interior, for the Latin American broadcasts.

Chairman of the International Relations Committee of the American Association of University Women, New York Branch.

Active member of the Society of Women Geographers—The League of Composers—The American Society for Comparative Musicology.

Contributor to the "Handbook of Latin American Studies", Harvard University Press.

Author of her own arrangements of Latin American folksongs, Silver Burdett & Co.
Radio Artist on NBC and CBS networks, and on the short wave stations to South America.

Recordings of Latin American music for RCA.

During her two day visits to colleges Mme. Labastille gives a formal piano recital with commentary, illustrating some of her collection of native instruments as well. In her informal conferences with students she draws on her wide experience in related fields and discusses:

Exhibition material
Native recordings
Social and cultural relations (with International Relations groups)
Musical Criticism (with music and journalism students)
International Radio (student radio activity)
Dramatization of Events in Latin American History

III HADDON PLACE
UPPER TOWNSHIP, N. J.
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 indentification.

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
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,

[Signature]

Miss Malvina Thompson
The White House
Washington, D. C.
March 15, 1939

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
March 6, 1939

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,

[Signature]

Note: The note at the bottom of the page is handwritten: "With warmest thanks tickets to Marion".
A Spring Night in Vienna

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A Spring Night in Vienna

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MISS FANSHAWE
685 Madison Avenue
Regent 4-7114
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
NEW YORK NY 1037A APR 20 1939

MRS FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT
20 EAST 11 ST NYK

HEARTBROKEN AT NEWS OF DANNYS DEATH DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND
HALL LOVE

MARION
1040A
May 15, 1939

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
July 24, 1939

Dear Marion:

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

DD
Monday

Dear William,

I wanted you to see the enclosed letter from me—perhaps you better return it to me for it is all that I have if I need to know that he has not been treated so badly.

On Friday the 18th, Miss Parkhurst together with those you are working with her in the experiment of Theate are coming away for a picnic. It will add much for everyone's pleasure. If you can, Tommey and one who is with him will...
Join us for a picnic lunch at about 2 pm.

I enjoyed being with you yesterday.

Ever affectionately,

[Signature]
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
Sept. 14 44

Dear Eleanor,

Much as both Laura and Parkhurst and I wanted to go to Outhdale this week affairs here at school have not made it possible. We are however only postponing it and will go down later taking a little
We plan to leave on Wednesday October 18th or 18th and will spend the first night in Washington. If it still is possible for us to stay at the White House we both would like it very much. I can let you know very soon whether it would be possible.
be the 18th or 25th. If you were there it would be nice of course to I should like to have Miss Park, I must meet you, you both have a bit of a look. Should there be time I hope you will like her.

No one knows how much I miss Molly. Sometimes it seems almost more than I think I can face. For so much of it all we had planned & worked out together. The thought of what she is going through makes it no easier.

I spent last night with the Dean, my family at Darvin & they all asked me to send you their love.
The apartment is being sold
by J.R. - I hope you will see
it as soon as possible.

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

Ever affectionately,

[Signature]
September 27, 1939

Dear Marions:

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.
Write Mrs. Polly Meredith  
Arthurdale Inn, Arthurdale, W.Va.

On Oct. 26th, Miss Dickerman and Miss Parkhurst will motor down to Arthurdale 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.


Dickerman and Parkhurst motoring down to Arthurdale, 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)

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AFFEC.

E.R.
September 25th

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 excellent—one of his best. Caroline wrote me a very moving account of the
I see myself in some of the comments.

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

Wally's letters are tragic. He helped just with the distribution of gas masks then with the evacuation of Landau at least that part which was sent to their part of Sussex. First came school children, then expectant mothers.
+ their mothers with small children.

Poor pathetic things, up at five-thirty,
loaded on trains + buses, 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 worse than mad-
ness. The Goodwins cleared their liv-
ing room + put up rate + when
Wally wrote last had just received their
first bounce.
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.

Wlio Paskiehth & I are planning to
come to Washington on Wednesday,
October 25th & if we may spend that
night at the White House it will
be fine. Then Thursday morning we will drive to Athundale - going just to 2 cats Run & then staying the night at the inn. Friday will be for the school at Athundale & the hamlet itself generally. Saturday we can go on to Taggart's Valley on the federal ruin which even is best than Sunday for the other & back by a night train to New York.
Is that good planning? I shall appreciate your suggestions for I want this to be such a worthwhile trip for Miss Park. I trust that she will take at least a part of it as a basis for the serious trip in the spring.

Thank you for helping me.

Ever affectionately,

[Signature]

115 East 86th Street
New York, New York
Miss Ethel Beck
Birch Lane
Suffern, New York

Miss Ruth Burgess
1326 Madison Avenue
New York City

Miss Sydney Holmes
318 Warwick Avenue
Douglaston, Long Island
New York

Miss Patricia James
129 East 82nd Street
New York City

Miss Jane McCrillis
416 Fowler Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Miss Eloise McElhone
12 East 88th Street
New York City

Miss Lois Parker
309 West 89th Street
New York City

Miss Betsy Proudfit
151 East 83rd Street
New York City

Miss Ann Schwab
277 Park Avenue
New York City

Miss Janey Sharon
275 Central Park West
New York City

January 9, 1939
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.
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 perform 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,

Miss Marion Dickerman
115 E 86
NYC
Tuesday Evening

Dear Emana,

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 springboard for similar conferences in the various states with all of the incentives to act upon which are bound to result.
We are trying for the first time in New
York some cooperation among all of the
so-called independent schools: L'Arche,
Nirvana, New York, Knecht, Abben Stenn.
Some will 20-32 twenty-three in all. We are
trying to get together on a number of
ideas and plans. The first one to take de-
finitive form is a joint benefit for the
Greater New York Fund on Friday
March the 8th. We are all sending in our
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 is needy for the feeling of fellowship among the children which some times come from a saint experience.

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

Do any one planing a grand present for the President's birthday?
this year? If so, have I should like to be on it, if we may.

I enjoyed the two young men.

"Albalt" and Joe who were with you. I wish that I had had a little more time to talk with them.

Many thanks for having me.

Affectuiously,

Marion
February 27, 1940

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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Affec.

E.R.
Dear L. Thomson,

I have just come from a reunion dinner meeting where the fifty seniors of Todhunter and Dalton had come together to plan their commencement.

They all seemed moved by one strong and very genuine desire that I should give the address at their commencement, which is to be on the after noon of June 5th.

They asked that I tell you that it is because of the warm welcome which you have shown to read understanding in the seniors, people of to-day.
that makes them want you so much.

Is there any possibility of you considering it? Mr. Baskhurst is so eager to have you as the girls.

As for me - you know I would like nothing better. I know I have no right to ask anything more of you after all my generosity to you, but I mean good this week end.

Affectionately,

Yours
March 6, 1940

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
Dear Eleanor,

I am sure it will bring great pleasure to the girls to come to New York from May 3 to 6th and I appreciate your willingness to have them. I am sending their names and addresses on the enclosed sheet in case you want notes to go to them direct.

Man and I were in the country last week and when the snow made every thing very lovely.
I hope you have enjoyed your stay in Florida. 

Ever affectionately, 

Marian
Hansie Drury 118 East 73rd Street
Virginia Mae Arthur 11 East 92nd Street
Jacqueline McRee 136 East 64th Street
Miss Lucie Martin 147 East 63rd Street
Miss Dina Pattison 48 East 68th Street
March 15, 1940

Dear Marion:

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

Affectionately,

Miss Marion Dickerman
115 E 86
NYC
Wednesday

Dear Eleanor,

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

Affectionately,

Maurice