

April 28th 11

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The Decmery, Bryn Mawr,
Pa.

Dearest Mary

It is 2 P. M. Scheduled
letters for 2 hrs, came in at
10⁴⁵ met the Exec. Com. at
12. Only Howard Comfort
who was so embarrassed he
did not once catch my
eye and Philip Garrett who
was as bland as a Mary
morning. ^{were there} The business took
1/2 hr & then I came away
& left them to discuss the
situation. After this I saw
Dr Thomeen & made an appoint-
ment for you at 2³⁰ P. M.

② on Wed. next. My train gets
to Board St at 2¹⁵. So re-
member in case I forget to
mention it again. We can
look up yr train later. Feel
I will answer Bpp letter. Mrs
Elder discovered nothing. Wame
saw her & told her, when she
said she had heard you were
with us, that just at present
you had left and were either
in N. York or Boston. Julia's
letter is — just exactly like
Gertrude. I hope you will
not answer it. She can never
have really loved you to
pursue you so on no possible
excuse. It seems to me
dreadful altho. it is pre-

cruelly like what I know her
to be. I think as I said before
if your life is to begin to be
simple and happy you have
no choice but to refuse all
acquaintance with such a
person. Her determination to
force yr hand seems to me
almost too bad to be felt in
real life — after an intimacy
like yrs there. How can she
do it after you have shown
so clearly your wishes. All
possible reasons of past
love & past friendship ought
to make it impossible

(4) but I suppose your money &
what Julia was always talking
about over balance all this
(She ^{was} always seemed to me
immensely to over estimate—
I mean the horrid part. I often
used to wonder how a
woman who had associated
for so much of her life
with well bred people could
be so vulgar as to take her
cast like pt of view. It was
the first thing that occurred
to her in connection with you
or people knowing you. I suppose
in part it comes from her
family character & in part

from the fact that every one (3)
both The Decency, Bryon Moor,
sides no one belonging to her.
her has intelligence or breeding
or wealth or position
or any thing to furnish her
with a standing standard. I
always felt it & knew it
& when I did not know

you, my dear - was so des-
paired you sympathized ^{kindly}
with a pt of view I did
not see how you could fail
to notice. It was one of
the mountains I had to cross
to reach my paternal land
- Julia's altitude ab, such things.

④ Dr Jacobi was procking but
it does not matter. I hope
you put it on yr back. You
surely have a right to treat
a bruised back, have you
not?— whatever you said
it does not matter. No one
has discovered ^{in Ball} you, I am
sure, ^{except perh. Mrs. the Davelle}
flowers ^{who has never sent you} but ^{sent to B. M.} that ^{resign} ^{heart}
I wish you ^{could} really ^{hear}
understand about my letters.
There is so much to do every
moment of the time that
I simply cannot get a
moment of the moments I
get I cannot use I am
too tired. I have not read

a newspaper since I saw you
 in New York & only the 2 books
 you sent me Coe's & folios I
 have only half read. I had
 a headache, took ^{yeast}phenacolin &
 3 drops of digitalis as Gerhard
 told me, & nevertheless had
 a bad heart attack for ~~2~~
 15 min. the first since the one ^{the day}
 before I came to N. Y. My grad.
 student's dinner wh_{ch} I had planned
 to think you might be there - Mrs
 Gentry our Berlin Fellow, Mrs
 France & Mrs Macken both Euler
 grads & Mrs Emery our last year
 European Fellow went off well &
 in the evening lots of grad. students

came over. It is like 2 farles
a month my reception to the
students. But another Thursday
is lived thro. And next wed.
I shall see you. I wish you
were better, but I think it is
nat. ~~at~~ to feel weak on 1st
going out - Y^r hair woman
has said a just saying. How
pleas'd I am. Of course you
brush yr hair too much.

All my courage has
come back & I am thankful
for always evidence as I
am it wel be very meriting
to look distressed or
ill. I think it will come
right but if not it is one
of those things that simply
cannot be helped. And

The Decency, Bryn Mawr,
 everyone who knows Pa.
 will understand. Dr Rh
 & I will together explain to
 the Faculty & Students & it is
 much pleasanter to have
 him more distressed than
 I am & taking the ground
 that I have no other
 course of action.

I wish I had not promised
 to tell you all the details
 I am sure I ought not to
 write you, as it must trouble
 you. Daniel Scull is now
 as worked up as Uncle
 James & Dr Rh — so the

⑩ thick of combat thickens. James
Wood may refuse to withdraw
& as far as I see then the
nominating Committee will
have to support him. &
it is just possible that the
Trustees who appointed the
nominating Committee may
feel bound to support
their Committee. But I will
I think only be by some
accident of the kind, or in
a grand row where the
Board loses its temper that
I shall lose my majority.

It is the most unnecessary ⁽¹¹⁾
fight ever waged. I believe
that every member of that Board
except Isaac Cope likes me in
his heart & would prefer me as
President, but it has all
come about thro. the determined
animosity of the most strong
willed member of the Board.

It wd be come if it were
not so unattractive. Bad
rule is horrid. Now the
whole Board is trotting about
to & seeing each other —
Chas Harkshorne & Dr Rich —
were talking downstairs while
our Ex. Com. met upstairs

(12)
Howard Comfit & Philip
Garrett went to work the moment
I left, I am sure. Uncle James
had I think gone to see Chas. Taylor.
It is pleasant to feel that
one is being discussed to shield
thru out an indefinite no. of days.
I hope you liked my letter. I
made it personal on purpose
Nothing else will appeal to
them. I want them to feel how
unpleasantly I shall be treated.

Now my dear one please
forgive me for such letters, all
presidency when they ~~are~~ are letters
at all. I send you many
kisses & much love & wish I could be
with you Sunday in our Cath. room