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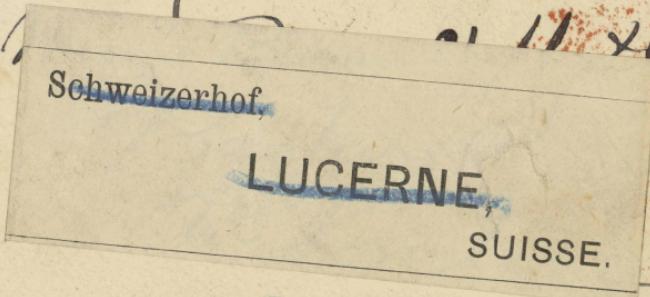
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Mrs. Mary E. Garrett

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Dearest Mary no letter from  
you this week, that is last week,  
and none so far, and it is Tuesday  
of the next week. Your last was from  
Barreth Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, and you had  
the opportunity to send some  
casual enclosures too dated Purenberg  
Aug 26 - three days after yr Sunday.  
Well, I did not write on Sunday,  
nor Monday, because of no letter;  
but today I suppose just this once  
I will write you a few lines just  
in case there may have been  
a good reason, & not only that  
you preferred to talk to Mrs. M.

② He Sweet and Emma James & Mr  
Manly - I suppose he is the man  
that lives with Henry James & who  
will live with him no longer after  
~~the autumn~~. Since I wrote - was  
it not from the Isle of Shoals? - I  
have bagged my physiologist &  
both Emma & I like him much.  
We ~~had~~ stayed there till Saturday  
noon - two days of gorgeous  
blue lights on the sea & all  
sorts of little near the shore where  
the rocks dipped their feet  
into the waves - there is nothing to  
do there - to walk around the  
outside of the shoals among the  
crabs & largish lakes only  $1\frac{1}{2}$   
hrs; but it suited me as I had  
a graduate pamphlet to get out

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& I worked all day by my window,  
almost afloat between the azures of  
the sky & sea - There were even there  
horrid people who introduced them-  
selves & who had, or would have, girls  
to send to B.M. It is such a  
drawback to American travel - to  
go about with B.M. hung like a  
millstone ab. one's neck. Talking of  
"programs" Teachers new presidency  
has reorganized the Meth. Col - he  
has adopted the "group system"  
wholecale in our form, not the  
I.H.S., & has copied sentence aft.  
sentence of my program, often  
altering only the wording. It is  
a good sign I suppose, only the prof  
must swell himself enormously to  
swallow the group system, with their  
tiny corps of teachers. And it is rather

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each be think their labor & trouble especially  
in the charge of a woman we th' l  
a miserable graduate student &  
their chemistry entirely directed by  
a man whom we could scarcely  
have kept as instructor. From  
the Isle of Shuall (Celia Thaxter was  
very very second rate posing as a lover  
of nature etc. She quite deserved that  
most fatuous sonnet Browning  
wrote her for her husband's ~~tombstone~~  
~~epitaph~~) we went to Boston Yelad.  
There two days (The Brunswick's table  
is infinitely better than the Venetome  
I trust <sup>the Verdone</sup> am going & we trust the  
Brunswick returning. There is no  
comparison & the rooms on the Trinity  
side are charming, almost  
romantic. Services, every thing is  
better) we spent a morning in  
the alcoves of the Harvard library

looking over there Elizabethan drama books. They have not very many but in other directions esp my Arthurian saga the library is delightful. I went to hear the County Fair in the evening sitting directly in front of Mr & Mrs "Daniel" on their way from Mr Desert. Then Sat. we strolled over at Clark & I had a long talk with Stanley Hall ab. many things Old Clark is so ill he cannot even sign cheques & as he has hitherto paid the Univ. bills out of the change in his pocket the situation is awkward. Hall & H. both Warren & Hob were prizes. It is so amusing to be treated as a man and a brother, a fellow president by low & Hall etc. Sat. night at the Murray Hill & home by 1st train Sunday finishes my journal No words can describe the state of things at the school - here we

when I went there Monday morning at  
nine o'clock. It beggars description  
I could have shed tears from  
the leaky roof which was leaking  
in two places, great pools down  
into the Slop or room & the drawing  
room, to the cellar which was  
literally 2 feet under water  
all over, flushing back from the  
drains in the floor, & up again to  
the corner of the gymnasium where  
another pool sparkled in the  
sun. Nothing was done, nothing,  
Mr. Lee might as well be a  
giant, they pay no attention to  
him & wee not hurry. The plumbing  
was not alone, the gale not cut,  
the big gale not stayed - oh well  
nothing was done. I assure you  
I took off my hat & gloves &  
began to send messages in all  
directions - Mr. Lee was busy finding

a boarding place for Mary Fallon  
so nothing shall be found of him  
~~but~~ <sup>life</sup> Mary Fallon spared him to  
call at 9 P.M. Monday night - but  
the report that I was there spread  
abroad & like flies after the winter  
one by one they crept out of their holes  
these derelict people, & by noon  
knuff was at work, Hale was culling  
the gate Tilbert was making the  
lennies crawl & Haer was excavating  
& Brady was at work on the door  
etc etc. I was there till yesterday  
& today from 9 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The disorder  
that existed all last year, I mean  
the things out of place that had been  
been in place is frightful - I have  
made Lou & James walk after  
me & pick up every thing & I think  
we must tell Mrs Colvin that

(B) now that it is in perf. order it must  
be kept so The library table from  
Boston has come & the 6 chairs  
I ordered to go with it & the library looks  
charming - Yr lib. furniture has come  
& behooved the mole that greets my  
attempt to swear at art prof  
duly I will pay all out of sch. money  
for the present if abs. nec. to pay all  
at all) the pedestal are simply  
perfect, & the yard & tennis courts  
will be ready by the 22<sup>nd</sup> - The  
enclosure will be ready for Mrs  
Colvin on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> -

No one but Fraser will undertake  
the job & he has contracted to level,  
excavate, sod, plant the  
whole yard exclusive of tennis  
courts for \$ 1490 - If he furnishes  
trees & vines there will be \$ 25 more

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He has agreed to plan according  
to Mr Olmsted's direction & on him  
I am to make one more attempt.

Ab. the water in the cellar  
lawn in despair. This is the drain  
that is the trouble - we are in the  
cellar only 1 foot above ground level  
& oh Mr Marshall!! he was ordered  
to make the cellar one foot  
higher which ~~we~~ have given a  
sufficient fall & the ~~we~~ not 1/3  
separate people have told me  
(this) there have been lately heavy  
rains & recently a deluge <sup>I sat</sup> of night.  
But he says it's always so to less  
degree. I am going to write to Mr.  
Marshall ab. that & the roof - to  
let him know at least how badly  
things are going. The swimming pool

(again Mr Marshall unopposed  
(from every body) has as I tell so little  
fall into the drain that all the  
front gages flush back into it.  
& Mr Marshall altho. knowing  
this was so refused to trap it just  
outside of pool. This ought to be  
done now, only if canoe surgeon  
never let me ~~do~~ know Kingfish report  
& now it is too late. However I am  
to get esker shells etc etc <sup>I used to say I am</sup>  
expecting the coming the gym & laboratory cemented over.  
~~So you see~~ <sup>again</sup> - This is really  
only a school letter with an autobiographical  
introduction, a sort of curriculum  
vitae of a week - You deserve  
nothing more than this recital of  
woes, you know even yr roses ~~were~~  
~~at least~~, wh<sup>e</sup>re very beautiful,  
and your red bouquet of country  
flowers whose ~~an~~ old fashioned  
name I cannot remember.

Do not console me

Wednesday - Sept 9<sup>th</sup> -

now the do the very nice grapes  
that came this morning for my  
letter.

How many quick I have only  
15 minutes before the mail closes  
for Thursday's German learner.  
I have had a long talk with Mr.  
Pennington (Mr. Lee has got  
every thing in a snarl ab. the  
swimming pool) who says my  
experience will not only not be  
ugly outside but will be  
far far prettier than the aek  
pit - He says he will drop  
every thing else & draw up all  
plans & specifications so as to

(2) let me get bats on them complete  
on Monday, that the whole thing  
is perf. simple & can be done  
far better now alone while the  
yard is in disorder, that the  
drainage trouble can be entirely  
cured by my plan of  
raising the whole bottom 1 foot  
& a safety valve can be put  
at the outlet making assurance  
doubly sure (this kniff says  
must be done. I will cost in  
present foul \$100 all the as  
the brick & must be torn up)  
Mr Pennington says the whole  
they will not take 4 weeks  
& the pool can be used as now  
except for one week while the

wall between the two is taken down  
All the walls can be built before  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> - It will cost he  
thinks 500 but \$100 will  
be taken off for the trapping  
wh<sub>ch</sub> will have to be done any  
how - but the holes will be for the  
whole thing now I want it done  
at once without yr  
seeing the plans for we cannot  
wait & now the yard wall is  
exactly ready for excavating  
It will make no difference  
to the outside & will not extend  
beyond the gables step projection  
It will not come above the  
level of the window

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4 inches below the present lowest  
step & its deepest plan  
be at the full heel pt on the  
bay Mr Penny says we  
should have at least  $30 \times 14$   
swimming space

Even if this cost's more  
I think if you can afford it  
nothing ~~will~~ possibly  
be nearer. I can't send you  
a plan till Mr Penny has  
made one - The copper  
roof will exactly match the  
tipes & be in keeping - No area  
will be needed for the windows will

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only he half as hydas present  
now lumber - It works like  
a charm -

I am out of my snarl  
today a little Ferguson  
seems inclined to lend  
to the roof at his own expense  
at least I hope so. We  
have f<sub>ig</sub>gled out why the gym  
leaked - it was not  
cemented

In great haste  
Yours much

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Invert what reflected yrs  
old & durable - watershed  
- made

Invert with no soil

youngest little & yellow

Youngest I think will

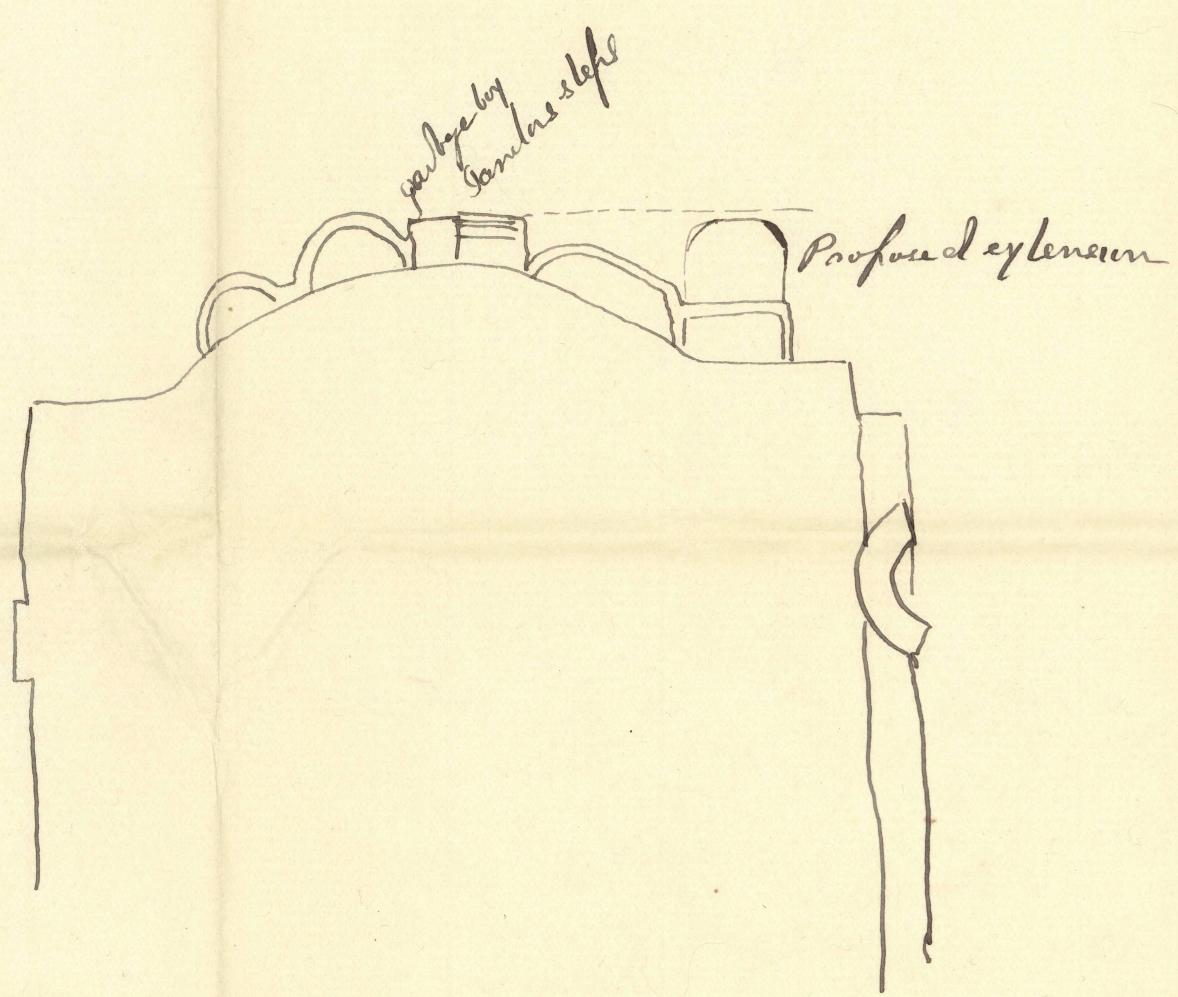
reflect more at the forest &  
soil - or reflected to  
youngest has less refined

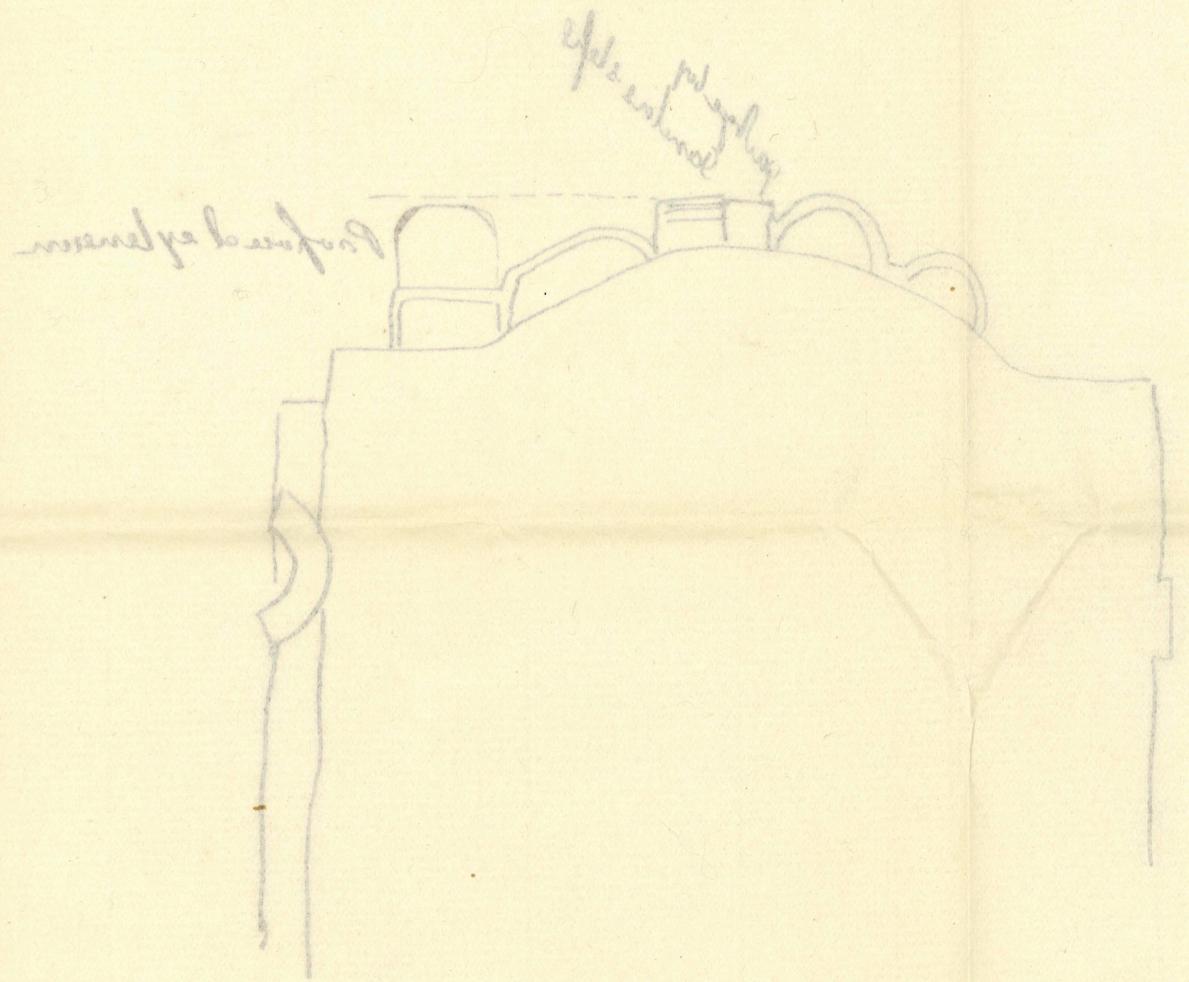
less sand - I think

lethargic

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the next day





level

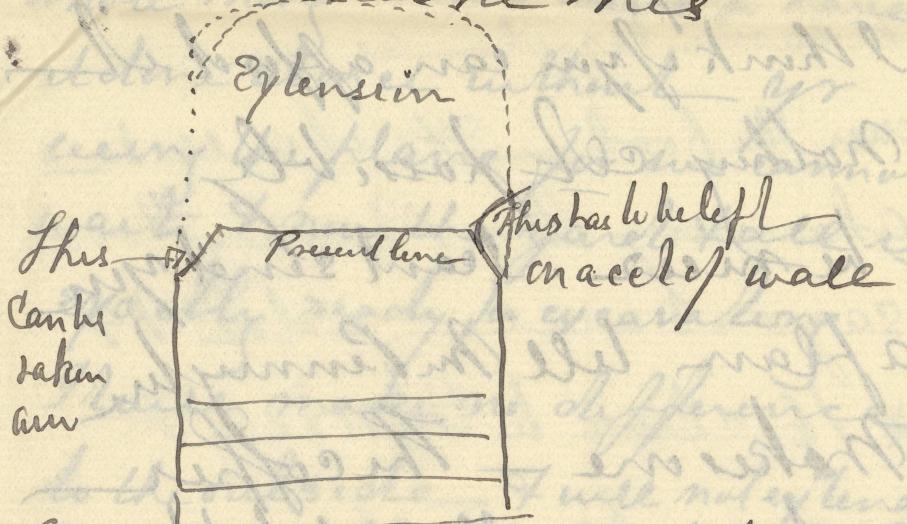
rough slab

that is it will

Presently what is even the rough  
slab underneath

It will have no area ~~ended~~  
ending in a rounded bay, all ~~under~~  
setting on a stone coping  
the roof of the pool ~~must~~  
will be unchanged ~~just~~  
~~the same level~~ as now all  
over the pool It will be  
charming Mr Penney ~~now~~  
says it will ~~cost~~ cost 13  
X 16 clear to the size &  
we can have a sprung  
board & diving ~~Tall~~

He said of his own accord - he  
could not imagine why it had  
not been done on the fuel place.  
It will have a copper roof  
slightly slanted from the  
rough slab & will not be four  
feet above ground. I needle  
it will look like this



The bottom will be sloped  
gradually from the the