

Genia, O., Tuesday, July 5th, 1892.

My dear, dear Father:

Your letter came about an hour ago (on the noon mail), and, as you see, I begin to answer it promptly, although I have my doubts about its being sent before tomorrow. I am sorry for the lack of letters last week; but somehow I cannot keep track of whether Don and Halley write on their days or not. My time is Tuesdayⁿ Wednesday, and I think I never fail in one letter a week at least, do I?

There was good news in that watered-for letter. To get a certificate without so much as a word of examination is far better than I had ever dreamed of. So the old "diploma" will do a little good after all! And the time of the school, too, suits me perfectly: altogether it is delightful. To tell the truth, it is just in time to suit me: I am down on the new League programme to lead Young People's Meeting September 4th; and school to begin Sept. 5th, will just clear me, for which, I must confess, I am thankful. The subjects for the next six months are unutterable: poor Don is down for "Our League - Department of Correspondence", Matt. 7, 12, Gen. 23rd. Just look up the reference some time. My subject is one of

the best, but I nearly got, "Missions. Blighted Children in
Heathen Lands and in Christendom!"

The glorious 4th. is over. Liddell and Frank came in
to "see the sights", and stayed over night with us. Poor
Xenia, - her celebration was a pretty flat failure. The first bal-
loon was late, and only rose a little way, after all: while
the second one was such a fizzle that it didn't even go up -
just tipped over and spilled out all its smoke! The races
were at bad, I guess; no one seemed to hear the band contests;
there were no speeches; and, though they had some pretty
fireworks, they didn't have "Washington Crossing the Del-
aware". But the two boys had a good time, which was
the main object. They were to walk home this morn-
ing, - as far as Gow Station, that is, and their father was
to meet them there, for he had to drive Frank Drake and
his folks (who spent the fourth there) to the station. But
they missed him in some way, and between nine and
ten he appeared in search of them. I dare say that they
reached the farm before he did. They are such very
nice boys. Liddell borrowed some books to take home, and
could scarcely tear himself away from the rest.

Wednesday morning.

When I stopped writing yesterday to mail Aunt
Lizzie's letter to you, I thought I had told you all
there was to tell, but since then, - well, since then I
have received the offer of a summer school, and shall
go down to accept it tonight. Ahem! I don't know,
really, that I should call it a school, - it is merely
the chair of Latin. How I know you are being con-
sumed with curiosity to know whom, when, where,
why, how; wherefore, ^{what,} I am to teach, but I have
a good mind to plague you and make you read
through line after line of nonsense before you reach
the all-important whom. When? then. This summer,
during the month of July and most of August, - that
is, until the pupil and I both go away. Where, I
don't know. Why and wherefore, - because the pupil
and family are going to move this fall and the
pupil (who took second honors in the Xenia High School
this year) is going to enter Worcester University, where-
fore (having taken German in the H.S.) she wants to
be grounded in beginner's Latin, so as to read Caesar

and Virgil together in the fall (a la my distinguish-
ed self), and Miss McCracken being unable to take
her because her mother is ill, she - for the pupil is
a she - came to me. 'How', will, I am afraid be 'poorly';
and now we have reached the whom. It is Bena
Lee. I will tell you more about the arrangements
in my next letter: I can't now because there aren't
any.

Of course Aunt Lizzie told you far more about Hal-
ley than I can: she seems rather better today. Aunt
the rest of us are all 'middlin.' I hope it will all turn
out well about the powder. I have not the time to
write more, so, with a great deal of love, I am,

Your daughter,

Mary Leslie Newton.

The Epworth League concert was a grand success: -
they took in more than \$25