Sunday, 8:50 a.m.

Maud 1911

Dear Mother,

I have this one sheet of paper this size left, so I'll use it up first.

I can't tell you how surprised I was Wednesday to get such a long letter from you. You had written twice the week before and so I rather expected a decided reaction. The disappointment however, was very pleasant. You sound awfully busy. Can't you leave the other house till I get home & can help.
you? We’ll have ten days after Xmas & come work there mornings if we just hustle our own work thru by nine or half past. Just when did Aunt Kate go & how are the girls getting along?

There’s no use of your sending to Katherine for a night gone, when I’m right near Boston. I think I won’t try to start the thing right away, but the next time I go in town I’ll look around. I just think it would be cheap for me to have the thing bought where Dad could peel out for it.

I haven’t had a letter from Jack since that one I
sent you. He must be feeling happier or he'd cast more of his burden Wellesley-ward.

Well, such an exciting three days as we've had! In fact, the whole week has been a rush. We had two class meetings a day part of the first of the week. Then Thursday, A.M., every Jr. went to chapel & sat there it generally. They waited till all the Sr.s had marched out & then made a wild rush thru the Soph transept (how do you spell it?) up to C. H. - just the way we Sophs rushed toward the green last May Day. Loads of people were starting from
C. H. to the lib., caught by
the mad rush, turned &
beat it back to C. H. There
Dickey Griffin (Pres.)
&
Marg. Ryder (V. Pres.) led
cheering. 1st they cheered
'74, then '16, 8 '17. The
other classes had not an inkly
of what was going to happen,
but they cheered me & each
other for a while. Then Dickey
stepped up on the "fernery"
& read the challenge to '16.
After she was thru we all
crowded close to the fernery,
leaving our little opening of
Dickey & Marg. walked thru
& out of C. H. without being
noticed by a soul. They
were loose around the
campus all day long & weren’t caught once.
The use of any vehicles even to bicycles was prohibited betw. 4:05 & 9:30. No one was allowed in West Woods after 6:00 P.M. as every thing was perfectly safe & sensible. About one of 3.
two in every three of upper class wore dark blue gym waist & bloomers with the legs pulled down as far as they’d go, a primperny mask just like everyone else’s mask, and a muddy tie around her hair. The disguise was perfect – you couldn’t tell a soul, ’16 was utterly mixed up.

At 8:45 ’15 had step-singing on all the chapel steps, set by act. 4 at 9:10 we had a rousing bonfire back of the power house where we danced & yelled. Then at 9:30 we had cheering in C.N. centre led by Dickey & Marg. in their ordinary everyday clothes, both as calm as could be. Everyone vowed we couldn’t have done it, altho ‘14 admitted that it would have been like ‘15 to have everything over with by 4:30.

Fri. a.m. we had more cheering & of course the Sophs. had signs all around 2nd centre, just like last year. We had another