

Muhlenburg Mission.

Monrovia. Liberia. Africa.

April. 15th 1897

MY DEAR ELLA-

The mail of last week brought me your letter of Feb. 22nd and I need not tell you I was glad to hear from you. At the time I wrote you I did not think of marriage as Miss. Whitfield was not then in the country but had gone to her home in Canada for rest. She has as you learned no doubt been on the Coast as a missionary for nine years and is well posted on all matters pertaining to the part of Africa.

I am sure you will like her as she is a very bright well trained and well educated woman and very kind. I am sorry I do not have at hand a picture but if you will remind me of it next time you write I will try to send you one. We have been very busy getting into the new house which we have just built but which is not yet quite completed. The carpenters and painters are at work and in another week we hope they will finish. Our carpets just came from England a few days ago so we will put them down as soon as the house is in condition.

It is a real cozy home like little place and for this country very well built. It stands on a high hill overlooking the river and has lovely surroundings. I am sending you a picture of it which will give a good idea of its surroundings.

There is a palm tree in the front and it is surrounded by coffee tree with a great many bananas in the rear.

It has a very broad veranda which in this climate seems a necessity. I am also sending you a picture of the landing just below the house. Mrs. Day is in the front of the large canoe and a couple of native canoe men in the stern. The river is dotted over with small islands and is very picturesque and beautiful.

This is the beginning of the rainy season and we have frequent showers. Later on it will rain almost continuously for months but those of us who have been here a long time do not mind it any more than you do a winter in the U. S.

This is our time to for gardening. We can raise nice beans, cucumbers, cabbage, radishes and other vegetables tho a good deal of care is required. There is at this season plenty of the best of pine apples and bananas and other tropical fruits which are very luscious.

I do not blame you at all for being careful about marriage as it is the one important step of a life and once taken can not be retraced. I wish you could be with us in our home. I am sure you would like as we have a very beautiful home life.

I do not know when I shall be able to go to the U. S. but when I do I shall arrange to remain a long time, perhaps always. I have no special arrangements for the future only to do the will of the Lord.

I hope this will reach you safely and find you well. Give my love to all the family. I never hear from any of them except through you. Do they live at the old place?

*Loving yours  
Dorice A. Day*

*Avon*

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London Mission  
Liberia, Africa  
April 18th 1887

MY DEAR WILLIAM

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Wm. A. R. [Signature]