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address, and it will
reach me.

41 Revere St.

Boston. Oct 22nd '80.

Dear Miss Cope.

I must ask a thousand pardons
for this long delay. "Business before pleasure" has had
to be my motto this ^{past} summer, and consequently I have neg-
lected my friends. I trust however they will forgive me,
and I will make an attempt to improve in the future.

Your letter was gladly received and read with interest.
I almost imagined at the time you were within speaking dis-
tance. It sounded so natural. I did enjoy coming over to see
you so much. you were always so entertaining and ^{well} so many interesting
stories to tell me.

I came up from Lynn several weeks ago. have been stopping
up to my sister in Boston, but got a week. I expect to go to Somerville,
only a short ride out in the horse care. I was hoping Sam would
come while I was here, but we have not heard from him for some
time. so I suppose he is not coming yet awhile.

My cousin, Miss Moore, stopped in Lynn and made me a short visit when she first came North. I hoped to meet her again, on her return from the East, but missed her. I was in town the day before, but could not go up the next day. She called to see my sister, and she was away — spending the day, so we were disappointed all round.

I had a very pleasant summer at the beach, and was quite loath to leave and come to Boston. The longer I stand there, the better I seemed to like. Lynn is quite a wealthy city and there are many elegant residences and beautiful drives in its vicinity. You may have heard that the shoe trade is the principal business there, and it is carried on very extensively. Many of the old residents are of Quaker origin, and occasionally you meet an old person in that peculiar style of dress.

I did not see Mr Curtis and Mabel, their stay in B. was very short I heard. As Mr C. has not married, I suppose Aunt will remain there this winter, and Mabel will go down after.

I heard Miss Patty and her mother were going West, have they gone, do they intend to make a long visit?

My sister is much better than she was last winter. The little one, now a year and a half old, is as much as one can tend to. He is such a strong healthy boy, he tries us all out, he is a good little fellow and we all love him dearly. He is just learning to talk.

This is a dark rainy night, a fair prospect for a long storm. I can imagine you with, or for, in your cosy sitting room, with your papers and books, enjoying yourself. Possibly you may have company, but I think not.

Since I have been here, my sister has had her carpets up and now they are down again, and she is about settled for the winter.

Cecis Bustin, whom I mentioned to you, has been very successful. He did not remain in Bryan long, but went to Boston and very soon obtained a position at the Commonwealth Hotel, one of our best family hotels, business being rather quiet. It was a good time for him to go in, so he soon learned their ways, and was liked very much. After this season was over at the beach, many of the old waiters came back, and Cecis was afraid he would be turned off, so he left. It was not long however before he got just what he wanted, a chance in a private family, where he would have some time to study. He is now at Bristol Rhode Island in a wealthy family, then one three house girls and a coachman besides. One of the sons in the family is a prominent lawyer, and he is instructing him during leisure hours. He has also free access to a large library, so I think now, he is just where he wants to be, has good pay, and time to study, and gives satisfaction. I trust now he will be able to accomplish his purpose. A Southern gentleman from Tennessee came to Boston some years ago, for the same purpose, to become a lawyer. He told me, a colored person would stand a much better chance than he did, for colored help is so much in demand. As Cecis has had no trouble, it seems to be so. There are some very smart colored lawyers here, who are very popular.

I wonder if you have read of the "Savings Deposits," so called, which has been in existence for several years. There were deposits from all over the United States. It was supposed to be for single women, who could deposit from two hundred to a thousand dollars, neither less nor more, and receive in advance 3 per cent a month interest on a

hundred dollars, payable quarterly. It was supposed to be carried on
by women, there being a fund back of it to support it. Soon after the 1st
of October, through the newspapers, both a run began on the bank and
now it has collapsed, and the President and Cashier ^(both women) are in jail, but
can not get bailed out. The greatest excitement prevailed here regarding
it. A great many will lose their all, while others have gained, some
have doubled their money. the new depositors of course are the heaviest losers.

It was a insignificant establishment, near our beautiful park.
I hope you have read about it in ^{one} of your papers, for I presume it will
be published all over the country. Such a complete swindle. It did not
really reach the poor class, but those in ordinary circumstances.

Have you been to the new Episcopal Church? I hope you
have long before this! I think Mr Smith a very interesting speaker.

Our church has been newly frescoed, and other repairs done inside.
It looks very nice - it has needed freshening up for some time.
Mr Clarke is as popular as ever, and gives us excellent sermons.

I was in N. Y. the 17th of Sept. and saw the long procession
and Henry Ward Beecher over with the New York regiment. do you
like his sermon? I think Mr Dunn enjoys them.

I am not a very interesting letter-writer as you have seen
but I would be delighted to hear from you when you feel like writing.
Love from Aunt once since I returned. She is so busy. I was de-
lighted. I assure you. I trust you are well. I hope you do not
have the rheumatism now. I am very well indeed, much better than just
of this summer. I will try to be more prompt in answering next time.

I trust this will find you well and happy. Sincerely yours, Hattie A. Purdon