

Chicopee, Mass.
Sept. 30, 1905

My dear friend,

Just this afternoon I
have heard about Marg-
aret! And to think of my
sitting here, so near you,
& not knowing. Mr. Linn
sent me the notice, saying
he hoped I could tell
him that it was not our
Miss Kelley. I telephoned
to Northampton, & got
Mrs. Sessions. But she
did not know where you

were going.

I am glad Margaret was with Mrs. S. the last few days. She is a beautiful, large, calm soul.

My brother-in-law asked me to say how glad he would have been to help you in any way. He read the notice last night, but I was not in the room, & my sister said it could not be your Margaret. She did not know the Deans, nor that she was at Smith's.

Margaret was so beautiful in June. I spoke of it to many people & thought of writing you. I had never seen anyone grow so much in grace. Her manner was cordial & interested & she was gay & dignified at the same time, & just. Mrs. Lowbridge came to see me one day, & was charmed with her. She asked Margaret about the Jones school & Margaret

way of answering was
so frank & at the same
time so fair, that Mrs.
T. relied on her judgment
as if she had been an
equal in age. She spoke
of it several times after-
wards, how attractive
she was.

I will not ask you
to tell me about it,
I am going back to the
Home soon, & Louie will
tell me.

I go back to the chil-
dren's babyhood. It

seems such a little
time since, I thought
of it last summer,
& rejoiced for you
that they had all grown
up to be so fine.
Mrs. Hamline said one
day "Whatever Mrs.
Kelley has had I suf-
fer it is worth it."
Of course it is worth it.
You have been wonder-
ful; & you are wonder-
ful, now; I have no

doubt. I am very
sad for you.

I met Dr. Gardiner
Mrs. Evans' brother, at
Brooks Ave. He spoke
of Miss Kelley's tale;
said that she slipped
away, unobserved, when-
ever he & his sister
might write any conver-
sation apart, & there
was very agreeable &
charming at these times.
He said a great deal,
quite spontaneously,
in praise of her, which

Of course gave me pleasure,
me.

Give my love to
Bo & John. I am
thankful you have
them. You know I am
sure, what is in my
heart.

Always lovingly yours,
Ellen J. Starr.