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STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
Department of Public Instruction,

Sacramento, May 20 1876.

My dearest friends at Cal.

I am to go east on Monday, with Mrs Raymond, & daughter - to my be-
loved friend Mrs Doggett who
is thought by Mrs Sacimus to be
in a very critical state of health.

You have probably heard me speak
of this life long friend. She lost
her husband very suddenly Apr 3,
and thus lost the precious remains
on their way to Chicago - and
the friends say that if any thing
can save her from the stupor of
grief it will be my coming & taking
her out of the desolate home. This
is only one of several reasons for going

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Monday -
see right foot & see
place - great eye. when the
few have not come yet but
will be over. M.L.

I have to look after the affairs of
my own widowed mother - but
it is a reason for hastening the trip.

I shall see - hear, so, as fast as
my limited faculties will allow - &
then back to California never is
dear as in leaving it. Keep that
blessed mother of yours' love until
I can sit by the big fire place
and tell her all about it, & after
that I will help you keep her.

God bless you three, the Shanty
Trophy!

The ferns have not come in yet,
but thank you all the same. The
flowers I have put up are very fine,
many of them, on black paper look
enough like the panels which are
now so fashionable to be mistaken

for them.

Go to the commencement,
and do hear Mary Seavon if
you can. She spent an afternoon
with me last week, & we went
over much old & new ground -

Oh how shall I ever overtake
all I have to say to you -

Again with a loving
good bye.

Laura C. Carr.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Public Instruction

Sacramento, May 20, 1876.

My dearest friends in Cal.- [The Strentzels]

I am to go east on Monday, with Mrs. Hayward and daughter - to my bereaved friend Mrs. Daggett, who is thought by Mrs. Scidmore to be in a very critical state of health. You have probably heard me speak of this life-long friend. She lost her husband very suddenly Ap[ril] 3, and then lost the precious remains on their way to Chicago - and the friends say that if anything can rouse her from the stupor of grief it will be my coming and taking her out of the desolate home. This is only one of several reasons for going. I have to look after the affairs of my own widowed mother - but it is a reason for hastening the trip.

I shall see, hear, do, as fast as my limited faculties will allow - and then back to California, never so dear as in leaving it. Keep that blessed mother of yours, Louie, until I can sit by the big fireplace, and tell her all about it, and after that I will help you keep her.

God bless you three, the Strentzel Trinity!

The ferns have not come in yet, but thank you all the same. The flowers I have put up are very fine. Many of them, on black paper, look enough like the panels which are now so fashionable to be mistaken for them.

Go to the Commencement, and so hear Mary Livermore if you can. She spent an afternoon with me last week, and we went over much old and new ground.

Oh, how shall I ever overtake all I have to say to you.

Again with a loving goodbye,

Jeanne C. Carr.

Monday,

All right, last dud in place -- goodbyes spoken. The ferns have not come yet, but will be sent.

J. C. C.