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Portage, Wis. Apr. 27 1901.

Dear Maggie, Sarah, + the Rest -

I enclose Maude Watson's letter, which explains itself.

I returned from Payette yesterday afternoon - It seems that - Mrs.

Robertson had the grip in the winter + had not been quite so

strong since that time - But she kept up her work in her persevering

way - Had even done some house cleaning the week before her illness

began and bought a new bonnet - The first, she said, since Mary's death.

She went to church on Sunday the 14th - On Monday did not feel as well

as usual, was worse on Tuesday and they called Dr. Binney who called

it pneumonia + called the case a serious one - The family were nat-

urally alarmed - But Maude sent for her sister - Mrs. Busford - who came at

once + took care of her house + family so that Maude could stay with Mrs.

R. day + night - Mary Blackley + the neighbors helped too - Hamilton who

has been in Madison all winter in a printing office happened to beat home for a few weeks - So was there too



On Saturday she seemed better and they were quite hopeful - But at 11 o'clock on Saturday night she was taken very much worse - and she could not speak to them again. She tried painfully hard to do so. Maud's letter tells the rest - She was laid to rest beside John Watson & the family in the Arlington Cemetery. On Tuesday the 23rd On a beautiful Spring Day + + + She left no "Will" But Haintt's Jim seems likely to settle everything about the property & disposal of things in a peaceable & satisfactory manner. The house which she occupied is to be rented - James had rented the farm & he will live there & board with the family who live in the house & helps him to work it. H. has "let" his farm <sup>and</sup> hardly knows what he will do - Go back to Madison probably - His family live in the house on his farm - & are very comfortable indeed - She & the children seem well & happy. The baby is now nearly seven months old & a great pet in the family - I & two of the little boys went across the field to the woods <sup>and</sup> gathered lots of the beautiful Anemone - I enclose <sup>some</sup> hoping that they may keep their color until they reach you.

(3.) Dr. West & little family are still with me - In some way the house which they thought they were sure of - Slipped from them & before they knew it was rented by some one else - who had looked at before they did - or something of that sort - They have not found any thing else which suited them - and now of that - Baby is well & thriving - The family is much smaller - She had two women here until she was about seven weeks old - A girl in the kitchen & a woman to help her & the Baby. Poor little thing she had a hard time the first five weeks - as they could find no food which would agree with her - & she nearly starved - She hardly weighs eleven pounds now & will be ten weeks old tomorrow. But she is well - & so sweet & good. They have put in a little garden - <sup>and</sup> will stay with me for the present. I have my board - for the brooms they have - And while I pay them nothing they have no rent to pay - and that is worth something to them while they are getting started here - For Ostro pathy is not as well known here now as it will be in a few years - or perhaps 8 - months. He has a number of patients but not as many as he would - By a good deal - He will kindly give me <sup>two</sup> - or three treat-  
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ments a week. free <sup>of</sup> charge -  
I began regular treatments on the  
teeth of this month - I think it  
is helping me - I hesitated about  
taking them when I could not af-  
ford to pay him - but he very  
kindly said he did not want  
any pay - That I had already  
paid him - + was paying him  
all the time - But did not explain  
how I did it - He is a very consci-  
entious, Christian young man,  
I have great confidence in him,  
+ hope he may do well here -

Poor little Arthur Quon!  
I only heard yesterday about his  
accident - and how courageous he  
was about it - all - He must be a  
dear little fellow -

Well Maggie I think of you very often  
+ am glad that you can have Sabbath  
with you so much of the time, when  
you are not feeling well - The Lord  
bless you both now + always I  
pray - My love to you both -  
Each and all -

Mother's Grammer is full of large  
fine blossoms -

Love and Goodbye -  
Will send you Page the papers, soon,