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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. Busch - 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 be at 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 then.
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 Hamilton & Jim
seem 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 ^{and} hardly knows
what he will do - Go back to Madison
probably - His family live in the
house on his farm - & are very com-
fortable 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 ^{and} gathered lots of the
beautiful Anemone - I enclose ^{here}
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 look-
ed at before they died - or something of
that sort - They have not found any
thing else which suited them - and
now that Baby is well & thriving - the
family is much smaller - She had
two women live 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 seven pounds now
& will be ten weeks old tomorrow.
But she is well - & so sweet & good.
They have put in a little garden - ^{and}
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
Osteopathy 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 wants - By a good deal - He ^{very}
kindly gives me ^{two} - or three treat-
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ments a week. ^{£43} free of charge -
I began regular treatments on the
tenth 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 Quond
I only heard yesterday about his
accident - And how courageous he
was about it - He must be a
dear little fellow -

Well Maggie I think of you very often
& am glad that you can have Sarah
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 Granum is full of large
fine blossoms -

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