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Mss.
A Trabue, Alice Elizabeth, 1876-1961.
T758a Papers, 1746-1961.

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Correspondence,
1913-1916.

Chamard's
Lorne House

Pointe-au-Pic, Aug 13 1913
QUE.

Dear Alice:

We were very glad to
get such a good wonderful let-
ter from you, to know that you
found so much to enjoy in the
people and place at Roger Rock.
I felt sure you would from
what I heard of the place. I
wish you could stay another
week. I am glad you are
going to see Annie in Washing-
ton from what Steve wrote
Edmund I think he will be off
for the South. Please explain
to Annie how sorry I was that
I could not have the chil-
dren before we left and why
but I hope we will find
them still in Ky. on our return

and that we can then them
down for a little visit then.

We find some very pleasant
people here. Luenda and I are
not good sports as we play
neither golf nor tennis nor do
"the bridge" as I heard a lady
say yesterday, ~~but~~ only
divisions is walking and
we are good walkers - and
occasionally driving. I regret
that I do not play golf and, I be-
lieve, bridge too, as I suppose
I will be going to summer hotels
for many years. ~~Therefore~~ you
are playing bridge this summer -
When are you to be in it? You
must stay with us till you can
make satisfactory arrangements.
I am writing in red, because
it happens to be in our comment hence
Council - Please excuse ~~me~~.

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Pointe-au-Pic, QUE. 191

We leave here about the 28th
and stop over at Quebec for a
day or two then on to Montreal for
five or six days, then straight
home. I will be delighted to
get there too. I would not
have left by except that I
knew that E. J. needed the rest
and change and I think you
did not get away too soon.

He had an engagement to play
golf with Mr. Jaff Monday and
Tuesday, he was too sick to play
on Monday but the next day
he had a fine game. Friday
he plays with Mr. Chas. Jaff, the
brother. Mrs. Wm Jaff has
not yet recovered her power of speech
entirely and her friends say she
is sensitive about meeting strangers

As she lives very quietly
here. Mr. Japt is certainly
a very genial person, is a
great favorite ~~of~~ here.

Lucenia and Edmund are
down stairs attending a
Cape Chautauq and from the
round of lectures and appeals,
I imagine every Society is hav-
ing a good time.

I must close and
go to sleep. As I am
very tired I will try to
write you a better letter soon.
With affectionate regards
from Edmund Lucenia and me
I am yours with love
Sister Carrie

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN
(Trustee of the State)

Reuben G. Thwaites
Superintendent,

Madison,

November 20, 1913.

Miss Alice E. Trabue,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Madam:

In response to yours of the 13th:

The cost of the transcription and collation of the manuscript Narrative of Daniel Trabue would exceed \$40, possibly ne nearer \$50, as it is written in a cramped hand somewhat difficult to decipher. Since the death of Dr. Thwaites, the policy of the Society in regard to permission for the publication of its manuscripts has not been determined, and at present it would not be practicable to arrange with you for such a matter.

We have found no further evidence of the services of Lieut. James Trabue in the Colonial Wars, than that of his brother's Narrative; we can have made for you a transcript of that part of the manuscript and sworn before a Notary. I presume it would be accepted by the Society you wish to join. I presume you have the Revolutionary services of James Trabue. Doctor Draper made the following note in Draper Mss. 57J1:

"James Trabue, Commissary in Kentucky in 1780, captured in June of that year (Martin's and Riddell's Stations) Journal of full session Virginia H. of Delegates 1781, p. 50, 64."

The authenticity of the narrative is beyond question, subject, of course, to historical interpretation and allowances that must be made for an old man's memory. The manuscript was written in 1827 by Daniel Trabue of Adair County. He died in 1840, and four years later Doctor Draper made extensive extracts from the manuscript at the house of Maj. John Croghan, Louisville. Sometime later he secured the original narrative by permission of James Trabue, son of the author. The style of

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the narrative is plain and homely, but that of a man entirely in possession of his powers of memory. Doctor Draper relied upon his statements for many facts, and it is improbable he could have been mistaken about his brother's services with Dunmore, although it would be positive evidence of his rank in Dunmore's army. As far as we know, no muster lists of Governor Dunmore's division of the army are extant. It would seem, therefore, that Daniel Trabue's statement of James Trabue's services should be accepted as historically true.

Yours very truly,

D. C. Munro,

Acting Superintendent.

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New Orleans, La. April 24th, 1914.

Mr. S.F.J.Trabue,
Punta Gerda, Fla.

Dear Sir:

Your favor 21st inst., is received. I shall communicate again with you should I fail to accomplish my ends. I hope I shall not be thwarted in my efforts.

To me your name is not unfamiliar. Early in the 50's I was in school in Cincinnati, and, a prominent individual, then, lived in Ohio or Kentucky- and had your name. My father, an ancient planter on the Mississippi River, above New Orleans, used, often used to mention his name. At that time a magnificent and very fast steamboat to run on the Ohio River was built, and, named S. F. J. Trabue, doubtless after him, but instead, it was made to ply between Memphis and New Orleans. A certain Tucker was her Captain. That boat was destroyed by fire while laid up in the Summer, and, just opposite New Orleans.- And now I would like to know whether you are of the strain. Another steamer, the James Trabue, was running, then between Cincinnati and New Orleans. Of course, all these are now only reminiscences of predilection to me and, too, not without reasons I think.

Very respectfully yours,

F. J. Lecke,

#626 Poydras St.,

care of N. G. Ricks & Co.

1914
Dec 30th

Dear Alice -

You are very thoughtful,
very faithful & very generous
to send me such a fine
box of beautiful moss. green
jelly - or emerald green jelly -
at any rate, no matter how

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fine the color is. The taste is still
finer and I have enjoyed it and
shall enjoy it greatly. It was a
very welcome Christmas Box, & I thank
you for it Alice dear, and wish
you a Happy New Year -
With love and gratitude your
aff old teacher
Emily Davison -

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going to have regular
graduation exercises though
we start to school the very
next day. I haven't gotten
a dress yet and it is the
hardest thing on earth to even
get a style for one this time
of year. The house is full
for the time being though it
has not been all winter.

I wish you were ~~here~~ if
~~you will come~~ I am quite
sure that you have grown
a lot of knots in your back
since the last time I rubbed
it. You'd better come on and
let me get to work on it.

P.S. This letter ~~is~~ ^{is} full of love
needs copying but I've got to write some more and ~~soon~~ ^{soon}.

Jan. 16, 1915.
Sunday.

Dearest Auntie,
I really meant to write
you sooner but I have been
very busy. The silk stockings
that you sent me are lovely.
They are so pretty and I would
rather have silk stockings
than anything. I am very
busy all the time for besides
doing two terms work in one
I ~~do~~ take a French lesson
every day. Virginia is studying
music very hard. She takes
two vocal lessons and one piano
lesson a week and practices hard

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at both. Yesterday she took a special
bit of work and practised nearly
five hours. She can't play anything
yet but she is improving steadily.

Mrs. Goodhue, her vocal teacher says
that she expects Virginia to have a
great voice and though it is hard to
tell yet she thinks it will be a soprano
or mezzo-soprano. She says that all
Virginia needs to succeed is work and
of course money. Virginia was getting
to be very popular ~~but~~ and received
a great many invitations to dances
and theaters this winter but she will
not go out anywhere and does not really
seem to care for anything but music.

Mrs. McMillan has been sick
for several days with indigestion.
She went to her sons for Christmas
and there ate everything she wanted.
Since she came back she has done
the same so of course she is sick.

~~She is the same~~ Mamma is pretty well
and hasn't had a headache for some
time. I am going to high school
the first of February. We are

Louisville, Ky., April 13th, 1915.

Carr. V. Van Anda, Esq.,
205 E. 57th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Noting one of your interesting editorials on the New York Constitutional Convention, I am sending you some literature of which I have been guilty on the tenure of Judges, viz: Report of the Judiciary Law Reform Committee of our State Bar Association, of which I was Chairman in 19 and proposed amendments to Sections No.112 and No.129 of our State Constitution.

I do not believe it practicable to obtain the appointment of Judges in Kentucky, and I even doubt that appointment by such Governors as we generally get and under conditions as they act would be advisable. I believe, however, that the secret of a proper judiciary is the same today as when Hamilton wrote in the Federalist, an independent tenure. It is the independence of the tenure rather than the method of selection of Judges which is important. The tenure is independent no matter what is the method of selection.

I hope that you may find some interest in the report of our Committee, and that we may obtain benefit from your reports of the proceedings of your Convention, and your editorials thereon on the subject of judiciary tenure. I have never been able to interest our Legislature sufficiently to obtain a submission of an amendment, nor have I made much headway even with the Bar. Our Louisville Association, however, has backed me by a vote of six to one in a called meeting.

I am not

[13 Apr. 1915]

C.V.V.A. #2.

I have known your wife so long, and her and her family so favorably, and have heard my sister so often speak of you, that I entertain the hope of making your acquaintance some day, and feel at liberty to write to you.

Very truly yours,

T/M

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out to her home for
lunch.

I find so many things
have accumulated in
the last two weeks, and
felt I must take time
to write you this morn-
ing.

Mr. Graham + hope you
are in love.

Let me hear from you.
we enjoyed being with you
so much. affectionally,
Maudie.

5 May 1915

Dear Alice,

we had a
pleasant trip home
found New Orleans
friends on the train,
Mr. + Mrs. Galley, you
went to school in Va.
with her, she was
Berrie Jones of Maryland.
we found everything at
home all right, the

Days were well, which
was the main thing,
both wanted to know
all about the wedding,
about every body.

Our stay in Louisville
was delightful, Alice
please say to Mrs
Robertson how sorry
I was not to have
seen her again
& have lunch with

her on Saturday. I would
write her myself but don't
know the address. Please
remember me to Mrs. Coniters
& tell her Mr. Pickers remembers
the Clark Inn. very pleasantly.
When you see Mrs. Wilson
please tell her how
much I enjoyed going

Papa said in a letter
that he would come up
soon so very likely we
will all go away for a
little while. Virginia is
taking vocal lessons now
from a Mrs. Goodhue who is
considered the best vocal
teacher in town. She says
that Virginia will have a
fine voice but she has
strained it a little and
it will take some time

1645 K St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.,
June 26, 1915.

Dearest Auntie,
The lovely picture arrived
several days ago and I was
delighted to get it. I would
have written immediately
but I have been very busy
as you always are the last
few days of school. The
picture was in perfect condition
and is certainly beautiful.
It was so nice of you to
have it framed.

I have been having my picture taken and ~~and~~ am going to send you one as soon as they are finished. The proofs were not very beautiful but I reckon I expected too much of the photographer. Mrs. Mac is leaving on the 6th of July to spend the summer with her son.

We are having a nice dull time here as everything is closed so I expect to be very much rested when fall comes. In fact ~~unless~~ I think I get more rest here in a hot town which everyone has deserted than I possibly could in the country at Pendleton.

for it to get in good
shape. She charges two
dollars and a half a piece
for lessons to beginners
who take two a week. They
have to take two because
at first the pupils know
so little that it is im-
possible to have them
practice much at home.
Later when only one is
taken a week the charge
is three dollars a lesson.

Mama has not been very well since she came back from Kentucky and has had frequent headaches. We go swimming now in the pool and Virginia is learning to ~~swim~~ live. I can't & did so of course I think it is silly to work so hard trying but I am leaving some new strokes. I must close now as I have some other letters to write but I want to thank you again for the picture. Hope you are well and having fewer "knots". Love to all.

Your devoted niece,
Marion. South. Trabee.

July 15

Lake Mohonk Mountain House
Mohonk Lake, N.Y.

Dear Alice Glad to get
your letter. We have cold, wet,
weather nearly all
the time till today.
Give love to Uncle
Bob & Mary from us
both.
The grey girl is certainly
nasty - a skunk?
Don't lose your tem-
per tho' - for in los-

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I'm been out one hour dig-
-ging. Mr. M. - knows,
showed the way of it, that
it is in the - keeps
a cool, & Mr. M. - clear
head.

How much
The other as King & Jones
for you & others - to
see - big stone - to
O. P. - on the
of the

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Frankfort. Oct-6th

Dear Alice. I am writing
to ask you to make a few
enquiries for me regarding
the expense of supporting
a bed in the wards of the
Children's Hospital in
Louisville. of course I could
not afford a room - having
many small charities already
but I thought of a bed in

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in the words - some think
they are all put in that
way - but is not certain -
You have heard about dear
little John Hunt. being
drowned just as I arrived
there - at Ves. I wanted to have
some memorial of him -
and thought some little
help to sick. Suffering children
would be the most approp-
-priate. if you can find out

about it - I would be most
obliged - Sister received
your note about ready made
things - and will consider it -
she is at present absorbed
in the house building which
takes all her time & money -
I was sorry to miss your
little visit this summer and
hope for better luck next time
you come this way - where you
are always welcome -
With love - L. W. Lobrot -

Oct-14th

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Dear Alice - Thank you
for the trouble you have
taken about the bed in the
Children's Hospital - I am just
starting, rather unexpectedly,
to be for a month absent -
when I return, will come to
Lexington - or will get you to
help me arrange this matter -
I will send \$100 - a year
during my life - ends in my

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Will - will leave \$2000¹² to
the Hospital for children -
The gift is to be in memory
of John Hunt-Lewis. I don't
care especially whether or not the
name is on the bed, but I would
like to have some special bed
to be his - as that would be the
bed I would think of - Jane
is coming East in a short time
to bring me home - I am quite
busy getting my trunk ready - Mr
Williams is going with me to

point his portrait for me -
I don't think it a very good
time - as he is so very sad - but
maybe it may divert them
a little - goodbye - thinking
you again - with love -

Sincerely yours

L. W. Lewis

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Monday - Jan 5th

My dear Alice,

The beautiful handkerchiefs came - how kind in you to always remember us. Sister says tell Alice I will write later on. at present am doing housework & cook. (Hollie) has been very sick since Christmas - Sylvester cooks and we do the balance. I am enclosing to you the check \$120⁰⁰ for the beds in the ^{free} Children's Hospital. for the

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Apr 1916 - I have made the
check to you and you will be so
kind as to give it to the proper
person - (I can't find the address)

My plan is to give this sum
annually during my life, and
provide in my will for the
hereafter - This is what I hope to
do - nobody can tell what changes
of fortune await us - anyway
I hope my ability to do this
will always continue - We have
had a nice Christmas. Such
lovely services at the Church de

Wishing you a Happy New
Year. With love

L. W. Lebot

5 Jan 1967

Dear Aunt Alice,

We just returned from the country where we spent our holidays with our grandmothers. We were so pleased with the knives and will wear them in our party suits for the first time Friday night when we go to Bessie Johnston's dance.

We hope you spent a merry Christmas and wish you a happy New Year.

Your Nephews,
Isaac Tralue
and Stephen Tralue

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Kate has had grippe
& I haven't seen any
thing of her. Phil is
building a country
home above
Centerville.

I want you to come
to see me either
in the spring or
in the summer
Take your choice.
Must have you -
Your devoted
A. O.

Valuing
Jan. 7th 1916

My dear Alice
Thank you for
the useful curtain
bands, I am glad
to get them &
will put them
to use at once.
Am glad you liked
the ~~stuff~~ & box

The paper furniture
came for the children
& is set up in
the nursery. It
is very cute.
We are all, so
far, without
grippe or colds
& I hope will
fit through the
winter that way.
Mother expects to
go to Florida some

day soon for four
or 5 weeks -
Bessie Bayard
is expecting a
baby in
May, but don't
say I said so
as it is not
officially "out"
yet. I haven't seen
Ophelia & Bertie
C. Where are they?

in a small portfolio which I have
taken to using since my Bohemian
way of living the last year or so.

By which, of course you know, I
mean, being so constantly on the
move, travelling between our little
quarters & 57th St - not quite knowing
one day where I should be the next
I came up from Louis's the week

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must let me know and come to

see us.

Affectionately

Walter

27 Jan 1967

60 King St.

Oxford

X.C.

Dear Alice;

Thank you so much
for sending the things so promptly.
I have kept - as you will
see, the cute little smocked
dress at £1.25 and the one at
£1.00. Also both pairs of drawers,
and am returning two dresses
& the rompers. They are two

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large for Katherin, and I have about
decided to have her things made -

You did so well for me and I am
so much obliged. Please send me
ten more pairs of drawers at 25 cts.
the same size as those you sent.
Send me the bill and bill me what
commission I owe you -

Mamma left me to-day and I feel
so blue at present. I enjoyed having
her to Randolph, and the change
did them both good I think.

Alice, my babies are precious. I wish
you could see them. When are
you coming to this part of the
world again? When you do you

will be 74 in Dec.

La Grange Ky
March 12th 1914

My dear Alice

I have wanted each day to write and thank you for getting the things for me and to send you the money for them. I could not get the living here

I have been my own cook for several days Joan's sister Alcie who had been sick for several months was left alone and in some way she set her self on fire and burnt to death and the cabin was

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burnt to the ground with all
she had George Long begged
money enough to bury her
Fannie + myself helped them
with clothes and food.

Fannie was sick several
days had a bilious attack
is about well again

I dread giving Loan up I
think Fannie Bolman will be
back the first of April I fear
I will not be strong enough
to do my own work when she
leaves. I have managed to keep

d with all
ong beged
bury her
helped them
food
several
ous attack
ain
down up. I
am will be
April I fear
ring enough
ke when she
aged to keep

out of bed all winter but feels
far from strong
When are you coming up
I am saving the Peaches for
you. Would you like for
me to send them to you
Yours fond Aunt
E B Shannon

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[30 June 1967]

Dear Alicia -

I heard a
celebrated foreign doctor
lecture last winter and
he gave elaborated statistics
to show that the eldest
boy of a family had twice
chance of being anything
in the world and if any
only boy no chance at all -
I feel so sorry for my Paul -
He must be to say that the
third son was always the
great man in train, ability

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and so forth - If Paul is
as smart as he seems to be
I should really be afraid of
my third son and quite
regain he has seem materialize
Mr Tom just returned from
Eyelie where I lost a lovely
girl to Pauls commencement -
and Van and I are happy
indeed over Pauls wonderful
record - I wish the Courier
journal would reprint a bit
of it saying he was Fællis
grandson - I should like

My nearest Kentucky relatives
to know what a fine try
I am - Could you transfer
Ed money it ^{is} if it's too
much trouble don't do it -
You of course don't know
I am asking such a favor, it
would hardly be -
Mr Tom had telegrams all day
of congratulations - The
Providence R. I. Journal had
an editorial about Paul -
In an off hour to visit
Maester Huis family at Fister

Island -

My love to you -
Lucie -

Written hurriedly -

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OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK
AND CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
KING GEORGE, VIRGINIA
F. C. S. HUNTER, CLERK.

August-16-1916.

Miss Alice E. Trabue,
Louisville, Kentucky.
Dear Madam:-

In reply to yours of the 14th instant, in regards to the Washington, family I cannot find any thing that would help you I don't think, but some time when you are in the East if you would come down to King George, probably you would find something that would interest you in this matter.

The mail car leaves Fredericksburg about 7:30 O'clock every day of the week but Sunday for King George Court House, reaching here about 10 O'clock and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ returning about 3 O'clock in the afternoon, so you could make the trip all in the same day from Fredericksburg if you care to.

Very truly yours,

F. C. S. Hunter, Clerk

By L. B. Mason
Deputy Clerk.

I will be glad to help you any time you come down to King George in searching the records of this office.

17 Aug 1916

Dear Alice I am sorry
I failed to send you
the account of the birth
of our grand mother
but I was so busy &
most careful I just
forgot - & my hands
& feet have been
me so, but hope it is
not too late for what
you wanted it for,
With best love
off Corvair
Peter W. Waller
Aug 17, 1916, John Smith

Susannah Grason Harrison
Gibson Taylor the wife
of said William ^{Taylor} was
born the 26 day of
November 1775 in the
County Henrico and the
state of Virginia, her
father's name was
~~John~~ Matthew Gibson and
her mother name was
Susannah Harrison

are in the new
wing & very comfort-
able.

Phil is building
in the country up near
Pierre's farm, &
Eugene, too, in
mother's woods.

The other Eugene has
likewise built a
house up the country
not far from Phil's.

Interesting about Caro-
line. How is George Brent?
& where is he now?
Married? Love to dear
Mrs. Green. & much to
your charming & witty self.
Your affl. Alie du P. Ostry

July 29th 1967
Greenville P.O.

19 Aug 1967

Dear Alie: -
So glad to get
your nice letter
today, and hear
all about your
dear self. I am
encloring you, as
a "love pat,"
\$200.00, to go
on some sort of
a summer "bat,"

or to spend on
new fall clothes,
suit and evening
gown;— or to
go in massage,
or any old thing
my dear A. E. T.
wants most,
just now.

We are still
at Valley because
New Jersey is under

quarantine on
account of this
infantile paralysis,
& I am thankful
I did not get off
to Spring Lake—
there have been
a dozen cases there
& one young girl
died of it.

We have roosted
here, at one time
in July, but it is
cooler, now. We

afternoon with Mrs.
Van Auda and her son
and some other girls
and boys. Mrs. Van Auda
gave a boy party this
afternoon to see us, and
I went to tea and to
dance with them after-
wards. He went to



Hotel Latham
28th Street and 5th Avenue
New York

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Saturday Dec. 30

My dear Alice :-

I am at the theatre
now but I simply had
to sit me down and
tell you what a lovely
time I had this

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the Club de Vamp and I
danced my silly feet nearly
off. But I certainly did
have a lovely time. Paul
Van Auda is so attractive
and dances perfectly
beautifully! I am crazy
about Mrs. Van Auda. Don't
she pretty? I certainly
am indebted to you for
one of the nicest times
I've had since I've been
here.

too pretty to use. He
wants to thank you
a thousand times
for them. You are
certainly one sweet
body.

Mother joins me in
best love to you.

affectionately
Sabara (over)



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28th Street and 5th Avenue
New York

And last but not
certainly not least I
want to thank you
for those darling
handkerchiefs you sent
Mother and me. They
are so dainty - Almost

Dear Alice: I must add a little note
to Barbara's letter to say to you how
grateful we are to you for asking
Louise & me to the nice bus.
She gave Barbara such a lovely
time this afternoon, - & fascinated
B. with her charm and cordiality; -
& of course we know we owe it
all to you. - I do hope you have
had a nice Christmas and are feeling
more rested and stronger than when

you wrote last. It certainly was sweet
of you to send Barbara & me those
pretty handkerchiefs - They are just
so lovely as they can be, and we
shall use them with the greatest
pleasure. I am hoping that by
some stroke of good fortune you may
transfer up to New York, while we are
still here. Wouldn't it be nice?
With the very fondest wishes for a happy
New Year for you, Alice dear, & peace
& prosperity a plenty. Cordially
Barrie.

lovely letter! And
Alice, you were a
peach to write to Mrs.
Van Auda too. and
to Mrs. Hewitt. It
will be so nice to meet
your friends.

Your letter was just
like a nice turkey
visit with you. It

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Hotel Catham
28th Street and 5th Avenue
New York

Dear Alice :-
Of all the letters
I got, I really think
that I was gladdest
to get yours. It was
certainly dear of you
to think of me, and
write me such a

made mother and me miss
you a whole lot. I wish I
could pop into the Cortlandt
and rub the back of your
neck for you.

How is old St. James
Court getting along? you
must take good care of
it all for us.

I am very much
thrilled and excited just
now. Melville, Henrietta
Hearing, Mary Hunt, and
Martha Williams are coming
down from Providence R.I.

Her Mother and Father thought
that she was not strong enough
for the trip, so I won't get
to see her. Mrs. and Mr.
Washburne are here now.
It was like getting a slice
of home to see them. I
wish I could get a wee
little glimpse of you.

Mother joins me in the
best of love.

Devotedly
Barbara



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where they are at school,
and Mrs. Otter, Frances
Howard, and Lucy Botts
are coming up from home
to spend the end of
next week with us. I
can hardly wait to see
them! Elizabeth Washburne
was coming up too, but