

Letter of Helen Temple Cooke to Mr. Marcellus Wheeler, dated "Sunday"

My dear Mr. Wheeler,

I had a flying visit the other day from Mr. Hartley of Duluth who is in the East for a few weeks. He is going to Rutland in about 2 weeks to investigate Methods of Making Maple Sugar as he intends to establish a plant for this purpose in one of his maple groves in the West. I presume you will like to see him and will be glad to introduce him to any one you know who may be helpful in this direction. Mr. Hartley is one of our very best fathers and I would like to have him see the Mendon property if you are at home and can show him this attention. If I receive an affirmative reply from you I will give Mr. Hartley a word of introduction to you.

In regard to the Beckers I should be very glad to know and to entertain Charlotte. Miss Smith expects to come up for a little visit this Autumn but as soon as the guest room is free I will arrange to invite Charlotte and take her Mental Measure. She might be useful to us. What do you think about my doing something for Helen? Although you did not perhaps fully realize it Mrs. Becker has [been?] more than generous to me in those former days when I represented so little that would naturally interest her except your interest. If you feel that it was wise on my part and would be a distinct help to her mother I would be more than happy to personally assume the care of this young girl for the school year. I could tuck her in a little upper chamber in my sister's house where I could not put a regular Dana Hall girl. She would be perfectly comfortable and happy there as Mildred Hoyle has. I would very much like to do this or anything I could for dear Mrs. Becker, but as the family are primarily your friends I should wish to have your entire approval. We have no charity pupils now and it is simply a question of what you think I ought to afford. My experience thus far seems to indicate that the more I do the more I have. I will enclose Mrs. Meigs letters to show you the satisfaction of Margaret and of her parents.

Robert Speer is probably the most influential man speaking to young people today. He is often at the "Hill," but his time is in such demand that only Colleges get him for addresses. I heard Pres. Faunce deliver a charming address at the college yesterday. His is the work of a scholarly man, but Robert Speers is a great soul moving force.

All is well with us today.

Sincerely,

Helen Temple Cooke

P.S. The De Boers have invited me to make their home mine during the Meeting of the Vermont Society of Colonial Dames, but I shall hardly be able to get away again so soon.