

Letters of Bliss Carman to HTC

Date: 18 October 1923 New Canaan, Connecticut

My Dear Miss Cooke:

Many thanks for your letter and the time table, and for your very kind offer to meet me. I am reading in Worcester to-morrow Friday evening, and am staying there with Professor L.H. Dodd, so it will be very convenient for me to go on from there on Saturday, arriving at Newtonville at 5:49, as you suggest.

Yours sincerely,

Bliss Carman

Date: 29 Oct. 1923 New Canaan, Connecticut

Dear Miss Cooke:

You see I am home again after my dash through your heavenly October landscape. All too swift for me are these strenuous days, but I did manage to capture a deal of consolation from your inspiring presence and the delightful surroundings you have created – with the help of nature. It was all very delightful and thoroughly rejuvenating, and I find myself regretting that you are no nearer, and that our talks over the fire cannot be more easily repeated. If only now I had a boys school that you could come and speak to!

The girls were tremendously inspiring. More so, I suppose, because I never have had any of my own. And I do wish I had more to give such eager spirits. It makes one abashed at one's own very meagre [sic] performances.

But you know you can always command me, don't you? – and the poetry, such as it is.

I did have such a good time. Please remember me most kindly to Mrs. Clarke, and believe me

Heartily yours

Bliss Carman