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Miss. Maude Mitchell  
Crosswood,  
Mich.

Home, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 1889.

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it is church work, and shall try to get out  
of some of it. We are usually well, though  
Aunt Matie does not seem well, Aunt  
R. is well, and seems well contented.  
She does not write any letters, for rea-  
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any. She is smart and interesting but very  
willful. I go there as much as I can possi-  
bly. I was sick last week and only got  
there once. They are coming to take dinner  
with us Thanksgiving day. Ernie is out  
of business again. Leharlie Greenfield has  
not been honest with him, all Ernie has  
left is a span of colts and an organ, it is

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he says he is homesick to see us, but does  
not like to come home ~~parted~~. I am very  
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couraged, Bishop says it is a good experience  
for him, but people there surly, he that Ernie  
had worked so hard in hope to have  
something. Ella is getting along well and is  
enjoying herself. Aunt Klis has been at sewing  
she is trying over some of Maria's dresses. We  
were glad to hear that you were with your  
father, for he must enjoy your society. We  
have been looking for him downy. I did not  
see Kettie over our old way, some, her mother  
says she is homesick. I have to sing in the Pop-  
lar choir now, as the M. E. services come on  
the same day, and for a sings there of course.  
Mr. Leild has a choir now too, led by me, I re-  
mains. Prof. Leouldwell sings bass, Leora alto,  
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times Socials will be quite nice, we may  
go, but shall not dance. Fred and Bayard  
Dreadwell, are going to sing a piece called  
"Blame yourself if you're sold". Robert has  
waits on Effie Dreadwell, we like her  
very much. Frank Runcorn & wife are  
expected any day, he is very poorly, has in-  
somnia, Alice has a bad cough too. I have  
not seen your Grand Ma very lately, but  
I mean to go in soon. We have been ty-  
ing comfortable for the front room bed.

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bonnet from Mil. I am sorry, for I had made  
up my mind to make the old one do. I got a  
nice beaver shawl for aunt R. some rubbers  
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in a letter a week or so ago, he is quite badly  
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the evening so much when Leati, Lucy, Guyan  
and me went down there, how we did wish for you  
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helped, I know you will excuse it. What suffer-  
ing there is in Dakota is it there? I wish  
Ernie could find something to do in our  
this winter. He talks of going onto the Indian  
Reservation in the spring, but I do not  
like to have him. Is there any opening where  
you are? I am knitting and <sup>trying to</sup> ~~but it~~  
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Lehild does not please all as Mrs. Lehm did  
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in her house. How provoking it is to have  
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freight. I wonder if they did it on account  
of hard times. Our Grand Ma's sister has

been over to Mrs. Meade's some time.  
We are having lovely weather, I wish you  
were here we would walk out. Aunt R.  
does the washing and ironing and helps  
in other ways, still Matt is on her feet all of  
the time nearly. I wish she would slight her  
work a little, but she never will. One of our  
mice broke one of its legs the other day.  
Mr. Plank does very nicely in the store, he  
studies evening and B. takes great pains  
to teach him. Jimmy boards here and goes to  
school, so you see we have a nice family.  
Gusta has promised to stay until spring. Well  
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get it all in the Sun. Give love to your papa.  
Write soon. Good Bye.

Yours affct. Auntie Jen.

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Yours affect. Auntie Jen. [Jane Esther Mitchell Borden]

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1. Bishop Bennett Borden 1839–1915
2. Jane Esther "Jennie" Mitchell
  - o Thomas Earnest Borden Sr 1866–1937
  - o Ella May Borden 1869–1917
  - o Frank Runcorn Borden 1875–1943
  - o Fred Guy Borden Major 1882–1946

Names mentioned:

Aunt Marie/Male/Mate? [Marietta Mitchell?]  
Aunt R  
Ernie [Thomas Ernest Borden]  
Greenfield  
B./Bishop [Bishop Bennet Borden]  
Ella [Ella May Borden]  
Nettie?  
Grandma [Elizabeth Roe? She passed 1886]  
Mr. Lelied  
Mr. Burrows.  
Prof. Cauldwell

Leora  
Grace  
Mabel [Mabel Gleason?] Mr.  
Batch  
Beaverdom  
Milk  
Hardtimes Sociable Fred [Fred  
Guy Borden] Bayard Freodwell  
Robert Lo.  
Effie Treadwell  
Frank Runcorn  
Mr. Chum  
Mr. Child  
Mr. Lehum  
Mrs. Bardwell  
Mrs. Hiram Pratt