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My dearest Pam:

It does not seem possible that I have been here a week without having sent you a letter, but from my postal you must have inferred that I was very unsettled. In the boxes I left here were my writing materials, and I expected to have them from day to day. Finally they have yielded their contents, and this gaudy paper you will probably recognize. I hate to buy anything here, and now wish I had brought some paper for my office. By the way, I am making a list of things which I hope Santa Claus will put in my "Christmas" box, and will now mention two — a hymnal, and a bottle of bay rum. You might pin up, on your cushion a small sheet of paper, and add my "wants" from time to time. On top of my mineral drawers, near the east end, is a blow pipe. It lacks a platinum point, and when you have time, I wish you would take it to B. to the Educational Supply Co - Hamilton Place — we see if they can supply the needed point. That can go in the box, too. One more. On the floor, near south window in the lab. is a pkge in gray paper, bearing label of Ticknor & Co. It contains copies of my "Indian Place Names." Send three of them, and three of my dissertations, which are in mineral drawers — also in box. There. "Give us a rest, you must be saying. Dr. W. has been in the field nearly a week, and tomorrow Dr. Lane and I go out for ten

days or more — or melted driven in by snow. The weather has been pretty mild here since the snow of a week ago, but cloudy and dark.

My room at the Jenkins is warm, but rather dark. It is the spare room, and I only await the arrival of my furn. from Detroit, to move into a larger room. I fear it will be cold, for it is heated from the room underneath, by means of the stove pipe which makes a coil. I shall be very glad when we get fairly settled in the club house, and I can have matters arranged to my liking. The house is progressing finely, roof on, heating apparatus now being put in, and window frames making. I suppose they intend to plaster as soon as possible. The other members of the Co. have expected me to take the suite on the ground floor, but as I prefer rooms with an eastern exposure, they may have to find another candidate. Several of the suites will be delightful, and we shall have a good deal of pleasure in fitting up the establishment. I think you will have to make arrangements to bring the children out here for the summer, while I remain here, and I shall keep my eyes open for some pleasant place near by, where I can see you often. I don't think Houghton itself would be sufficiently attractive. I have been hard at work on mineralogy, as I was to begin teaching this week, but now that I am to go into the field, that will have to be deferred. Sorry not to hear from you before I leave, and hope you are all well. I have no news from anyone, except a line from John O. Shall write Lottie when I return. Hope her studies are becoming easier, especially Caesar. And now, good night, dear one. With my arms about you all, and many many "kisses," ever your husband
Lucius