

Dear Mrs. Tibbets: Nov. 15

I can hardly believe its
November & I[ve] thought of
you + Whittensville so often
Miss the country walks but
have tons of interesting
things to see here. First I want to
thank E[llie] for her picture.
It is very good. I have the
head. I think she looks very
pretty. I hear all kinds of
flattering things about her.
Ada said she substituted
in Miss Lapl[illegible]'s school I
hope he (Mr W) will give her [school]
if she wants it. I have [illegible] the
most [fun] in my work. it is
a big lark most of the time.
I get comical letters from
the students. I will enclose
one, which you can share to
folks who care to see it. I know
you will appreciate the humor
of the thing. I have had lots
of interesting trips and excursions.
I have had 5 or 6 holidays
this fall as I am in a Japanese
school. I have 46-20hr. a week
in the Japanese school,
Teaching Eng. + 4hr. with
private pupils. Private
pupils are fickle & you
never can tell when they'll
stop. I went to to an [Out] Ex-
hibition yesterday a.m +
this student who wrote me
the enclosed letter joined
me + told me about the
pictures. They were beauti-
ful. I saw the Emperor +
Crown Prince pass [illegible]
the street. There is no
shouting or talking
when he passes. Not

that it is forbidden but they consider it rude. The Old Japanese are fearfully polite. I love to see th[illegible] There is a jewelry shop where we go + the property serves tea in beautiful cups + delicious cakes. + we sit & are [served] the goods [illegible] flattered to death. + when we depart he follows us to the door and bows to the floor until we get out of sight. saying "Thank you" + "goodby"). Many of them speak English now that Eng. is taught in all the schools. There is an exposition in 1909 in Seattle & I do believe I shall return until then. This I suppose Cora Will have to go in the spring as her mother is not at all well. Looks better than she used to. Her work is with foreign children (Eng. + Americans + Russians) I am getting used to the climate or it is improving. I don't know which. I used to want to sleep all the time. I have had a gray cotton dress, a rain coat + [illegible] dress since I came. The " is not pure silk but it is very pretty. Cost \$12 - clo[illegible] & making cheaper than at home. My coat is part silk. Oh, there are so many tempting things to buy. The dishes are beautiful + the brass-work + the carved

furniture. One American lady who came last July is making a collection of candlesticks. She already has 40 palettes of old brass candlesticks they are very beautiful. I wish you could see our sitting room. There is a vase of yellow clay [illegible] in the window. A [illegible] in the other. A sl[illegible] of rice + grasses in [illegible] a pot of red chrysanthemums in front of it a dwarf cedar tree in the shape of a flying crane in our corner. A jar of pink chrysanthemums on the shelf + a pot of pink hyacinths on the bookcase. In the hall is a bouquet of morning glories + chrysanthemums. The flowers are so cheap + I can't bear to go by without buying some. For 5¢, we get a lot. In the dining room is our most beautiful bouquet. A big jar on the floor, filled with maple branches + mahogany + yellow chrysanthemums. We have bitter-sweet over the pictures [illegible] draperies. I have been so happy lately, that of just enjoy every minute. I never had such [joy] teaching. I think I am extremely fortunate, don't you? Japan does not seem far away to me now. Cora is keeping

hours, you know & we have & we
just have an [illegible]
The servants (2) do all
the work of the house.
I have met a lot of nice
people since I came. [illegible]
the new [traders] Tell me all
the news when you write. I
heard that Mrs. Pa[uvus] had
died. I can hardly realize it.
How is Katherine? & what is the
subject of the Literary this year?
Better study Japan. I don't have
to go to [church] here.- as all the
services are in Japanese but
one that is some distance away.
Love to you all, I hope you will
have a pleasant Thanksgiving.
Remember me to Mrs. Blair + Mrs.
Hopkins + Mrs. Harreman if you
see her. [Adieu] Abbie-

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