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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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6a Pasadena Court
Sept 1st

My darling,

I received your telegrams 3 in number, & your letter of Aug 28th reached me yesterday. The second telegram reads "no not moved" – I could not quite understand it, but have not moved, as I gave you full details in my first letters to you. Mrs. Sharpe has so far not come to see me, but Capt [Gayson] who leaves here with his family tomorrow says to bother over it.

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I visited many suites as Capt. G. will tell you, but the difference in rent was so little! You will have soon our dear boy before this reaches you. He felt so miserable with the results of the inoculation for typhoid the day he left, however he was full of pluck & zeal. Nothing seemed to frighten him, but it was so hard to see him go! The camp cannot be in a very convenient place in a way; if the reports in the papers are true, it must be fairly cold, ice on the [illegible] they say – we have had cold weather too, but we hope for a change soon.

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When the sun shines it is delightful. Capt Hilliam is pleased with your efforts on his behalf, I suppose. The west is never mentioned in Eastern papers, beyond saying they are constantly arriving in Camp. If you do not get Command of the whole, you will not accept part, I suppose & rightly too. Col. Hughes is there all the time & brings guests to admire his handy work & congratulate him on his success, judging from "The Star." We see the camp news there as our western papers can get very little, I fancy. The bridge work may take some time, but Frank is quick at his work & would enjoy the trips. I am kept very busy with all the meetings & women's work we have to do. I will not have time to be lazy, I assure you. I bought a present for Miss Howe – a silver plated pudding dish & Mother two cut glass salts & spoons – I hope she will like them. The wedding is tonight if the meetings are over in time. I may be able to attend, but the day is cloudy & looks like rain. I hope the letters forwarded reached you safely.

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They are all sent here & I must [illegible] them to select the officials & return them to the D. Office for attention & answers. Needless to say, we miss both yourself & Harwood terribly & are lost without you – we hope to welcome you home soon again, but how long? Your absence [means] even more than it did in 1900. The children were small & kept me very busy with home duties & I had not to be in the limelight, as I have to be now. I prefer tranquility as you know.

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I always dread criticism & the women here are very keen on that sense, however, I shall have to stand it, that's all. I am disturbed so often that I can scarcely collect my thoughts - the phone is ringing all the time. We are well, but lonely. Flora went up for exams in 1st aid yesterday, but does not know results yet – thinks she passed all right. Be sure & write often as possible. God bless you dear & keep you. With fond kisses.

Ever Your devoted wifie,

Maye.

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