

I hope the household is  
free from colds and all quite  
well. Mother has had a  
cold which has lasted for  
over three weeks quite un-  
like her as a rule. I am  
glad to say she seems  
almost free from it now.

I must not write more  
to-night. Love to all.

Sincerely yours  
Rebecca P. Steere

February 2d, 1915

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PROVIDENCE

Dear Mr. Deane -

I was glad to get  
your letter to-day and am  
writing at once because  
I meant to have written  
you before. The Harvard  
men rather got ahead of  
us for the understanding  
was that the news of the  
appointment was not to  
be told at once, but it  
seems they could not wait.

Harvard is to be congrat-  
ulated and I think she ap-  
preciates that from what

I hear. As for The John  
Carter Brown, I feel as if  
the bottom had dropped  
out of that altogether.

The Library is so entirely  
Mr. Winslip's personality  
that it can never be the  
same again. I do not  
know who will take his  
place and I think no one  
knows who will be asked  
to come. I am glad for  
Mr. Winslip for after he  
has lived through the next  
few weeks and has made  
the break it will be better  
for him. Providence is a  
narrow provincial place  
and he will rejoice in the

men with whom he will come in con-  
tact in Cambridge. No hat happens  
to me is problematical, for the next  
librarian may not want me and  
may not understand my ~~ex~~enti-  
cies as Mr. Winslip has. I fear he  
will have to put up with me for awhile  
whether he likes it or not. Although he  
may prefer to wait until he finds a  
kind. We are just at present try-  
ing to enjoy the days that are left  
and all I can do is to hope for  
something better than seems possible  
or even probable just now.  
To give much love to Mrs. Deane



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