

Conway - Mass -  
August 10, 1894.

My Dear Deane,

Tickled to hear from  
you after so long and oftentimes  
like a silence. Your letter  
finds me housed on a rainy  
day. Dip! dip! is heard  
about. The house stands  
on one leg under the shelter -  
air is bad. The hill-tops are  
shrouded in mist. Everyone  
has taken to reading French  
novels or to writing letters.

The worst of it is that  
it is Conway's most festive  
day - the High-school dinner  
day - recalling the similar  
festivals at Ashfield. Mrs.  
Bailey has gone to it. I, with  
the experience of the past,  
abstain.

I do not expect to attend  
the Boston doings, but am  
unhappily tempted after all, by  
your news of the intended  
reception by the Club, I fancy  
my consent is done, as now,  
I shall be lucky indeed if I  
am ever able to attend the  
Club meetings. In front of  
my residence, overlooking the  
Piazza - is a beautiful  
garden. It is on this that  
live so many humming-  
birds. My wife's cousin, Miss  
Kate Simmons, who is with  
us, is a bird-sharp. She thinks  
this a fine bird-place, I  
can testify to its botanical  
riches. No, I am not collect-  
ing; am too crippled, I tried  
to get Collins up but he  
could not get up.

Is Miss Simmons with  
you this year? Her school was

a total failure. She has  
never forgiven us for sending  
her elsewhere. By the way,  
you should see your girl; she  
is a joy for ever, so healthy,  
fresh and free.

If I knew my old self,  
- nearly forgotten, but still  
kept for - of twenty years  
ago, I should visit in the  
vicinity of this region. It is ex-  
ploration would require several  
seasons. We had an arrival  
last one of a young Lieutenant  
of N.Y. Volunteers from Chica-  
go, he is engaged to one  
of Mrs Bailey's cousins who  
is with us. He is a fine, manly,  
whiskery looking young fellow  
- and has a brief Gurlough.

Let me hear from you now  
and then. We all unite in  
kind regards to Mrs Deane  
Yours ever W. W. Bailey





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*Walter Deane correspondence*

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