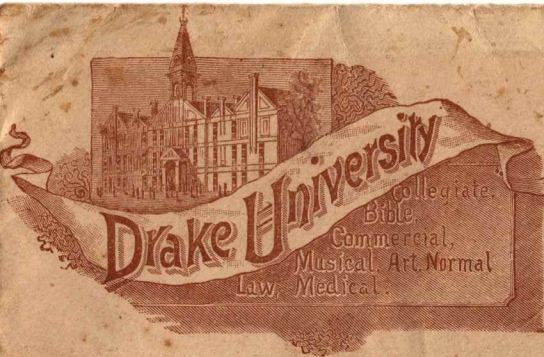


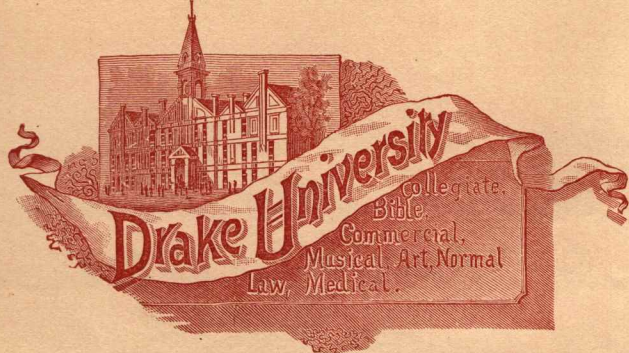


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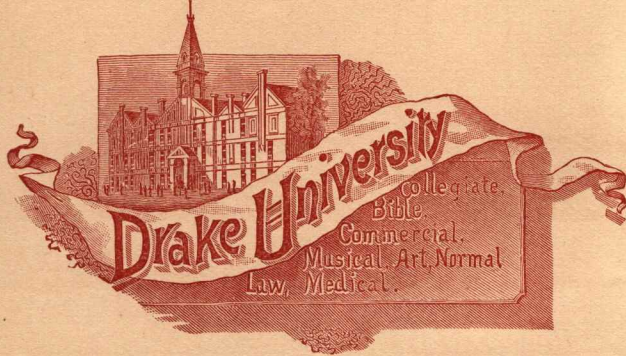


1154-27 St Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 14 1898

Dear Bro. Sister and Nephews.

I rec'd a letter from Henry to-day. He was telling me about being back to Mt. Airy. He said none of the girls ever wrote to him, and he did not go down to Pelling as he did not suppose they cared to see him. He said he felt so lonesome without any brothers there. I suppose you know John has sailed and he is to be pitted, but I would ten times rather be in his place, on the other side of the globe, than Henry. I don't suppose Henry takes any paper^{and} we can not tell what good a letter would do him once in a while. It always seemed^{like} that gap did not care enough for his brothers.

But I do hope that I will die
before I get so old as to think
less of my brothers^{and} sisters.
I was telling Henry what a
nice time I had last Xmas
visiting him^{and} Charley's
school but now we are not
only in different states, but
there is one who walks upon
foreign soil. John wrote to me
and sent me his picture just
before he went on the ship. He
said he could not write to me
again for 3 months^{and} that
will be in Feb. There is no
telling where he will be by
that time. And could there be
such a thing as to have a
brother buried on an enemy's
land? I like everything here
and am not lonesome, but I
can not express how sad I
am when I write to John.



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I will come home a month
from Thursday - Dec 17.

It has snowed here several
times, but the weather is very
pleasant just now.

Drake's foot-ball team is
champion of Ia. Neb. Mo. Kan
and Minn. Have you named
your boys yet? How are they
getting along? It is late and
I will have to get my lessons.

Write to me when you get time,
but above all write to Henry once
in a while and John too. I would
rather have you write to them
than to me, for I will get to
see you & mine. I weigh 177.
Remain your bro. & uncle.
Will.