

at any time, even to breakfast, ~~and~~
a formal invitation must be given,
then ladies took their work and had
with it some music or reading, or
if they remain, it is to fall to on
bridge when you mustn't speak and
what is the social side? no, we are
getting, most of us, very stupid and
very narrow, it cannot be wholly because
I have grown old, and when in
the Fortnighta took you read of Lord
Strathmore's family and Glamis castle
you are for ought to be - filled with
a wild longing to have been there too.
Perhaps, Miss Brown, to whom my
kind regards will drop at a time to
let in know how you are - our very
affectionate regards to you & to those at
Shaker St, also to Miss Stephen & her
daughters - Very sincerely yours
W. W. Chadburn

Calverton, N. Y.
March 29, 1921

My dear Mr. Stearns

We have been very sorry
to learn of your illness from
Mrs. Ruthven Stearns, and I should
have written before to extend our
sympathy to you but have been
not very well myself, and therefore
as you know, while much better
cannot use her hands very much,
& just now is recovering from a
bone abscess on the first finger
of her right hand. I do not know
the nature of your illness, but hope
it is one from which you recover
wholly & are not left with wretched
little miseries to contend with indefi-

intensity. We have had such a
very unusual March that I
think everyone rather feared
illness and certainly it has been
fatal to vegetation; on Monday the
mercury here stood at 48° , and
last night it fell to 26° with a
gale of north wind and of course
that means death & destruction to
the now advanced fruit buds.
We knew some change was at hand
for shortly after noon, the blue
jays screamed and flew about
frightened by something and
you know that is unusual; they
are very wise these creatures who live
always in God's rat of doors, then
to the blue birds come to the bitter-
sweet vine close to the house and
smuggled down long before we felt

any change of temperature - Not knowing the
risk of your illness, I do not however
shut out reading or permitted you, or whether
you are equal to it, but if you are, do please
return from somewhere, surely that of
morning, Dr. Goodrich "Bernardino" back
there yesterday; I should quite burn out of
apostrophe (and you know I am equal to a
girly minute) if I should tell you how I am
and at it, when you have finished with it,
you need it all over again, in fact. Those
two that would you? show not only the old
familiar faces that have gone, but also much
that make life sad and full of interest - a
straw wind, not a steady one. When I was a
girl twenty years ago, people dropped in to meet



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