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Miss Lizzie Golden,

Dear Cousin,

After a long time I came to the conclusion that I would write. You must excuse me for not writing sooner, as I did not have the time. Time is very precious in this place, especially the time for writing letters.

Well Lizzie, how did you enjoy yourself since Christmas. I suppose you have not been in so much snow since. I know I haven't for there was none here to be in.

I often think of my last Sunday in D. When we got on the train at Coopersville. T. Delanty & another fellow from Muskegon was on also. We (also) met several of the boys coming back. When we got into Detroit it was nearly dark. The moon being out it illuminated the river in great style. The boat got stuck in the middle of the river and I thought we would have to stay there till spring when the ice would get thawed out. But it worked its way through after a while.

Then when we did get across the fellow that we hired to take the trunks over had a horse that didn't see any oats in six months. If he did, he didn't show it. So it took a long time to get here. Never the less, we got here all safe and are enjoying ourselves the best way we now how.

I hope it will freeze so we can go skating before long for we have not had any since Christmas.

I suppose you are still going, to school, to that small teacher you have got there in (that school). It would not surprise me the least to see it published in the papers that you & Mary would be teaching school in the spring. If you do I will have a chance to visit them when I go home.

Well my time, I guess, is up, so I will have to close, hoping to hear from you soon.

From your most affectionate
Cousin
Dennis Malone

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Dear Cousin,

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. But could not get around to answer it any sooner. I have so many to write & so much work to do that it keeps me busy. I also received **Mart**'s letter and will answer it next week, if it took the whole of it. I got a letter from home today & they said you had some snow out there this week. You have not got much the start of us for it snowed a little here Tuesday but it was very little, yet enough to call it snow.

I see by the papers there is four feet of snow in Montreal and there (is) was also a large snow storm in Minneapolis. If it keeps on that way we will have no summer atoll this year.

The boats have begun to run on the river. It is quite a sight to stand and look at the large boats sailing up the river. I saw a little tug yesterday. It did not look much bigger than a good sized fly, but yet it was pulling four large sail boats.

I suppose your folks have got their oats all sowed. It must be rather cold for them to grow.

Well Lizzie, I suppose you are preparing for school as I heard it begun last Monday. I won't be sorry when June comes for then there will be only one more river to cross for sure. This month did not seem long, nor I don't think the next will for there is always fine weather in May. Then we can play baseball. Our club was to play with the Stellas today only for it rained. The latter (was) is the largest club in the house & I think it was a good thing it rained for we would be apt to get beaten.

I had to write a debate on Barbarian & Civilized life. The question being which is the happier. I had to think so much about it that my brains are all down in my shoes and can't think of anything more to say. So I will close hoping to hear from you soon.

Give my best regards to all the family

I remain your loving cousin
Dennis Malone

“Dennis Malone”: Dennis Malone was the son of Catherine Golden. Catherine was the sister of Patrick Golden. Patrick was Lizzie's father

“Mart: Martin C. Golden was Lizzie's brother
