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Coopersville, May 1<sup>st</sup> 87

Dear Friend Lizzie

After so long a time I will write. I guess you will think that I had forgotten you but I have not. But was away the Sunday I promised to write. Well Lizzie, I suppose you have great times with Miss Fougues & **Miss Timmerman** I hear that you and **Ella** got the back seat. If Mina and Mary thought they would be so early and capture it. That was a good one on them.

I wish I was back there going to school. I tell you it is lonesome enough up here.

**Nora is up to** the town of Wright. She has been up there a week.

Pa thinks he will go to Muskegon this week Wednesday. Have you got that song learned yet and could you pick those chords out? I hear Mr. Timmerman is trying to turn Mr. Golden's children out of school. I think he better take in a few more outsiders then keep his mouth shut. They are as good as Mary Fougues.

How are the people across the road getting along. I suppose Henery comes over to see **Nora every day**. **Ada and Cora** is awful lonesome for some one to play with. Does any children from **Mrs. Hanchetts** go to school. I suppose Orrie Fletchen has good success giving music lessons.

Does Sarah McCarthy come to school?

I suppose Homer comes every day that would please **Mary** if he does.

We was looking for Lucy and Lizzie today but they did not come. Nora was home but has gone back again. Lizzie I had a chance to work out today. P. M. Fletcher was after a girl but thought I didn't care to go.

Mary Ann said you had birthday party. Suppose you had a nice time and got some nice presents.

I haven't been to church yet. Lizzie I wish you could come up and stay all night. I guess I will have to close for this time for I cant of any more this time.

I remain your  
True Friend  
Mary

Ada is going to send a letter to **Saddie**

Write soon.

P. S. How is your hired man getting along? I think he is a Dandy.

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**“Miss Timmerman”**: The Timmerman’s lived about a mile from Lizzie.

**“Ella”**: Ella Cooney was Lizzie’s friend

**“Nora is up to”**: I think Nora is Mary Nixon’s sister

**“Nora every day”**: Nora Golden was Lizzie’s sister

**“Ada and Cora”**: I think Ada and Cora are Mary Nixon’s little sisters.

**“Mrs. Hanchetts”**: The Hanchetts lived just down the road from Lizzie.

**“Mary”**: Mary Golden was Lizzie’s sister

**“Saddie”**: Saddie Golden was Lizzie’s sister

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