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*Office of  
Cora M. Goodenow,  
Country Commissioner of Schools  
Ottawa County*

....EXAMINATIONS.....

GRAND HAVEN, MICH.  
BEGIN THE LAST THURSDAY OF MARCH, 1897  
BEGIN THE THIRD THURSDAY OF JUNE, 1897  
BEGIN THE THIRD THURSDAY OF AUGUST, 1897  
BEGIN THE THIRD THURSDAY OF OCTOBER, 1897

*Berlin, Mich., \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_*

Envelope: 6-1/2" Wide by 3-5/8" high, addressed to Miss Lizzie Golden, Dennison, Mich.  
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RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO  
**CORA M. GOODENOW,  
COMMISSIONER OF SCHOOLS  
OTTAWA COUNTY  
BERLIN, MICH**

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**Berlin, Mich., May 8 1897**

Dear Lizzie,

Yours before me for a reply this time sure. Though it may be that I have not done very much visiting this spring. 8<sup>th</sup> grade, examinations above have kept me busy night and day. I start out tomorrow. There I can fit in three weeks before the May Examinations. I look over the MSV myself. It will seem good when I can have some time that is my own again. A relief to them about it. Yet I will be busy until my term ends. Don't try to come up until after July 1. I have so much to do that you might have to entertain yourself if you come before then. I am black as a negress. One of my girls leaves me this week Saturday. I don't know how I am going to get along with but one. They have the house cleaning done. Well then comes a caller. Nothing new.

With love,  
Dode

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**"Berlin, Mich":** Berlin is now called Marne, Michigan

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