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Letter: two pages both sides

Paper: lined paper 5-1/2" wide by 8-3/4" high

No envelope

Sister could be Elizabeth Golden Bro. Could be William Fitzpatrick Arteimus could be the dog?

It appears that we only have the first 2 pages of this letter.

The writer did not sign her name on the first two pages but it appears that the writer is Nora Golden

Grand Rapids, Mich. Nov. 3, 1898

Dear Sister, Bro. And Arteimus,

I write to let you know that we are well and hope this will find you much better as Will said you were not feeling very well when he left home.

I was very much surprised yesterday morning while on my way to school to hear a familiar voice call "Nora". When I looked up I saw Will. I was very glad to get my hat and tell Will I will be glad to do as much for him some time. Did he get home all right and was it very late?

Well how is the Baby? I suppose he is growing every day. I would like to see him. Suppose you received the package that "Aunt Julia" sent him. I hope that he is well. I have felt real well since I came back but was very lonesome. I am glad that Pa is getting along. Hope he will be careful and not catch cold.

Well the Carnival is over and I tell you I was lonesome when everyone went home. It was all right while they stayed but it was "all off" when they left. We did not have school any afternoon that week but it began to 8 o'clock in the morning. I went out two evenings and Friday afternoon. Did not go to school at all Friday for I expected Sada on the mail train but was disappointed.

Suppose you read in the paper about Mart Hoban being arrested for hugging a woman on the street Sat night. Guess he "forgot that the Carnival was over". His girl is staying at their place since Mart came home. She is from Hart. Don't know her name. Is not a Catholic but he brings her to Mass. Aunt Honor was up to Mary's yesterday and Julia S. also. Emmet was up the day before yesterday with some provisions. We had more company last night. First to arrive was Lizzie & May Hughes, next Tom McCarthy and Billy Brinkman and pretty soon Annie Jane H strolled in. Guess she followed Tom.

I received a letter from Eliza yesterday. Said she was sick after the Carnival. If you saw the girls I suppose they told you the fun we had.

I went down to Herpolshimers this noon and bought a veil. It is a black with light blue dots. Very much like Sadies veil.

How is Kate & Bertha and when are they coming up? I wish you were able to come to the Mission. We expect Pa and Ma up then sure. Try and have them come if you can. They are going to have a supper for the church next Mon. eve. Don't think that I will go for "that costs a quarter".

May Hughes and Maggie Golden are clerking to Herpolshimers. Well I am getting so that I like the school very well and put in long days now. Always stay 1-1/2 hrs after school & work. And I have a whole hr at noon, by carrying my dinner, that I put to good use. So you see, I am quite tired when I get home at night at 6 o'clock. The school is crowded so the short hand pupils will move up stairs on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor next week.

I asked Mr. McSacklan about