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> Conklin, Mich. Sept. 3, 1894 Miss Lizzie Golden, Dennison,

My dear friend Lizzie:

I am wondering if you are waiting for me to write or if you have forgotten that I still exist. Not so with you, for I think of you so often. Especially as I remember you in your "ducking suit".

How do you get along and have you rested sufficiently to begin teaching the "young idea to school"? I have had one days trial at it as I began this morning and find I have as pleasant a school as I had when I taught here two years ago. I like or it seems as though I will like it very much. I enrolled twenty-eight this A.M. and expect more as some children are having **scarlatina**. When do you begin your work?

I saw Mac D and **Ella** at Coopersville last Thurs. Why it seemed so good to see them. I only wished you might have been with them. They were going to spend the afternoon with **Miss Lillie** and I also saw and had a visit with Mrs. Landon.

I had a letter from Miss Knight. What think you of that? Doesn't it surprise you? Well it surprised me somewhat. I suppose, of course, you have heard from Mr. Burtt. **Bertha Osterhof** wrote me that Mr. Scott had written to **Miss Brady** and Mr. Reed would not let Jen Lumberg write to Mr. Austin. "Poor Mr. Austin". I guess he thinks now that "Magnetism" is all negative. I suppose Mr. Scott's letter consoled Miss Brady as much as a second grade certificate. But really, I do feel sorry for those girls. Excuse this little piece of gossip but I wanted to write you something "spicy" and it's all I know.

As I must write to six friends besides you, please excuse the briefness and poor composition of this letter.

And please answer, With much love, I remain your true friend, Hattie E. Wright

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"scarlatina": scarlatina was another name for Scarlet Fever
"Ella": Ella M. Cooney was a neighbor and friend of Lizzie's.
"Miss Lillie": Jennie Lillie's name shows up on a party napkin
"Bertha Osterhof": –Berth Osterhof's name shows up on a party napkin.
"Miss Brady": Julia Brady's name shows up on a party napkin
"Hattie E. Wright": Hattie Wright's name shows up on a party napkin