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Midland, Aug 16, 1897  
Will Fitzpatrick  
Dennison, Mich.

My dear Friend:-

Perhaps you think I have forgotten you but such is not the case – been having such a “big time” that I couldn’t think of writing. Well we arrived here Wed. at 4:50 P.M. All O.K. except a little fatigued after the trip. Left G.R. at 7-45 AM – had to wait over at Reed City three hours so you know that was pleasant. Took in the town. Midland is much farther than I had planed. But the best part of it was the surprise on **Father M. and Mary**. They didn’t even expect **Jim**. I wish you could have heard Father M laughing and screaming and Mary couldn’t say a word. We were just in time for the supper. It lasted from 7 to 10 P.M. It was grand – quite a swell affair: proceeds \$105.00 expenses small nearly everything donated. Altogether this is a very nice place. Very pleasant right here. Mary has so much to say I can’t write. I wish she would close her face and go down stairs. She says she won’t. **Joe O’Connor just came up stairs and wanted know if I was writing to Fitzpatrick**. I tell you the rest when I have more time. You know she is here since the supper. Father O. was here also. He seemed quite pleased to see us. Joe and Father M. Make all the fun. I tell you we are having a picnic. Don’t believe I will go home this summer. We are going out to Auburn to-morrow. A place about 12 miles from here in the country. Mary says a man died for our special benefit and we are going to drive out there to sing high Mass. One of Father M. missions. He and Jim has just left for a ride on their wheels. Nothing but wheels up here.

Think I have told all about Midland, my welfare and etc. Will talk about Dennison. Have the girls returned from their trip? Suppose they had a good time. We get the **Observer** here so we have all the news. Suppose you have lots of news by this time. I have, so be prepared.

Looked for a letter from home today but got left. Haven’t been very home sick yet – haven’t had time. Still I think of home once in a while. Did you go to G.R. Sun? The night I stayed in G.R. That was the night before I came here. **Jim and I went over to Uncle Dennie’s**. They were all at home and we had a picnic. Got back about 12 P.M. **Jim G.** said he might possible come to Midland this week. We had a student from Saginaw over Sunday. Very nice fellow, full of fun so belonged to the crowd. Hope you will ans. soon and not disappoint me as our folks have. Don’t see why they haven’t written but I will live in hopes. I have to write short hand for the boy will soon be here to take the mail – if you can’t read it keep it till I come home. Don’t think I will be home this week or perhaps next week. Father M. says I can’t go till Sept 1 sure but think I will be home some time week after next. Don’t know the date will have to look it up. Will let you know providing you write and also that you can make this out. The boy has come. Write a long letter and all the news.

Very Affectionately Yours Elizabeth Golden  
Midland, Mich  
L.B. 31  
Good Bye

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**“Father M. and Mary”**: Lizzie had three first cousins that were priests. Dennis Malone and James Malone were brothers and both were priests. They were the sons of Catherine Golden and Patrick Malone. Catherine Golden was the sister of Patrick Golden. Patrick Golden was Lizzie’s father. James Golden was also a priest. He was the son of Dennis Golden and Sarah Josephine Healy. Dennis Golden was the brother of Patrick Golden. Patrick Golden was Lizzie’s father. Mary Malone was a sister to Dennis and James Malone. My best guess is that Father M is Dennis Malone and Mary is Dennis Malone’s sister.

**”Jim”**: Jim could be Jim Malone, Father Dennis Malone’s brother.

**“Joe O’Connor just came up stairs and wanted know if I was writing to Fitzpatrick”**: In a letter from Mary Malone dated May 12, 1898, she talks about Joe papering the Parlor, Hall. Fitzpatrick would be William Henry Fitzpatrick. Lizzie married William Fitzpatrick in November 1897

**“Observer”**: The Coopersville Observer Newspaper

**”Jim and I went over to Uncle Dennie’s”**: Again Jim could be Jim Malone. Uncle Dennie could be Dennis Golden. Dennis Golden was a brother to Patrick Golden. Patrick Golden was Lizzie’s father.

**“Jim G.”**: Jim G could be James Golden, the son of Dennis Golden (Uncle Dennie). James Golden also became a priest (see above)

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