

Ellen Douglas Denison Goodnow to Isaac Tichenor Goodnow

Ellen Goodnow wrote from Shannon, Kansas Territory, to her husband, Isaac, who was traveling in Boston. Ellen asked that he purchase winter supplies for the family and neighbors while he was on the East Coast, and listed their necessities. The letter includes a short note from Joseph Denison, informing Isaac that more money was needed than expected to support the college through the winter.

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[Goodnow], Ellen,
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My Dear Husband,

Yesterday
the letter for Harriet & Joseph
wrote estimating as near as they
could what was lacking, and
other statistics, was sent ^{to Boston} together
with a note from me, with several
articles, that Bronse wanted if
it would do to ask for them, not
wanting you to discommodate yourself.
He would like a whole piece of ^{heavy} grey
twilled flannel blue and white ~~blue~~
and three or six pairs of woolen
socks. Amanda Houston wants you
to get her a nightgown (that is a knit
hood, red and white. Ellen & I
Jane would like some blue ones if
you could get them cheap. Amanda
wants hers like mine that Ellen
wore last winter. Amanda would
like a winter shawl if you could
get a good one not to exceed four

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dollars. We are still in the old house
and do not expect the other will be
ready for us until next week.
Glad to learn you are home ward
bound but fear we shall not be
in much readiness for you when
you come as the upper or one par
is not plastered. Shall be disappoint
ed if David does not come. Hope
Miss Bailey will not be dishearten
if she finds us all in the sands. Per
Paulson's folks are still very unwe
and going to move to Manhattan
soon as they are able. I have been to
meeting and heard Joseph. A
beautiful day. Georgiana is a
little better but very unwell so I
have to hold her some and be up
more or less nights as to keep with
three since George's head was hurt
Give my love to Is wife and
family and other friends you
may see and accept much for
yourself. Tell us when to expect
you, and if David is with you.
Excuse this note. Yours truly Ellen

We shall need at least one thousand
dollars (1000) more than we reckoned
for last spring to get the College
Enterprise through the winter
J. D.