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Letters between Alice Ellen Guild and G M Ward

G. M. Ward

ROLLINS COLLEGE.

ESTATE OF C. L. GUILD

Winter Park, Fla., March 9, 1900.

Miss Alice Guild,

Winter Park, Fla.

Dear Miss Guild.

I have been trying to come over and see you, but I begin to despair of the opportunity. You know what the tourist season means to me in additional work. I hope, however, that you are getting better despite this most furious and un-Florida-like weather. Just as soon as we can find an opportunity I am coming over to assure myself of your improvement, but please don't wait for that to get well.

Our love to your mother and sister.

Sincerely,

Geo. W. Ward

ROLLINS COLLEGE,
WINTER PARK, FLA.

NORTHERN ADDRESS:
452 FLETCHER STREET,

Lowell, Mass., Nov. 27 1902. 1902

Dear Mrs. Guild:-

News even bad news travels but slowly from the South. It was only this morning that I received a letter from Winter Park which told me of our loss. I say our loss, dear Mrs. Guild, because those years in Florida and the kindness which I always received from you and yours made every one who was dear to you dear to me also. There are a great many pleasant associations for me clustering around your husband and yourself. I remember so well that wedding anniversary and what a good time we had. I remember too his long sickness and what a sorrowful time we had and how glad we were to see him get better.

I do not know that you will ever realize the comfort that you were to me in those trying days in Winter Park. I hope that the new man will never have the same trials that I had. I am doing everything in my power to prevent his suffering from envy or strife or antagonism. In those days I was sure of one friendly face and you have never realized how many time I have looked across the church at you or welcomed your kindly smile at the close of the service. Some way or other you always reminded me of my mother who for years was all I cared for.

I know perfectly well it is useless for me to attempt to say anything to comfort you but I do think that when we are in trouble we are glad to realize that our friends are thinking of us and that they share our sorrows. You will give my love to your daughters and tell them we share their troubles. Both Mrs. Ward and myself

shall take the first opportunity of seeing you after we reach Winter Park. Until then believe us

Yours with affectionate and sympathetic regards,

Geo W Ward

ROLLINS COLLEGE,
WINTER PARK, FLA.

NORTHERN ADDRESS:
452 FLETCHER STREET,

Lowell, Mass., _____ *1902*

Rollins College,
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Tampa, Fla.,
~~Winter Park, Fla.~~, April 6, 1903.

Mrs. Guild,

Winter Park, Fla.

My dear friend.

Don't lay up against me my failure to call before I left Winter Park. I just simply did not have a moment that was not provided for, and more than provided for. As it was, I came away and left more than half of my errands undone. I do not know what the future may hold for me, or whether Winter Park will play any definite part in my life again, but whatever may happen, I shall always remaber, and that with friendship, your kindly and sympathetic regard. Give my love to the girls, and tell them both that I shall expect to see them, as I shall expect to see you, in Lowell this summer. Of course, you would not

think of coming North without letting me know.

With sincerest wishes that your future may be of the happiest, I am

Yours cordially,

Geo Mott Ward

Lowell, Mass., May 16, 1903.

Mrs. Laura J. Guild,
Winter Park, Fla.

My dear Friend:-

Your letter to Mrs. Ward and myself was awaiting me on my return from a brief trip to New York state. It was like a pleasant breeze from the sunny South because the letter itself and its message was warm and friendly. If I looked back on any unpleasant features in the stay at Winter Park, I am learning to forget them and to lay the emphasis entirely on the pleasant spots which are many. Amongst the friends whom we did leave we counted you and your household as I feel certain we had a right to do. There was never a time when I did not feel sure of a cordial welcome in your eyes when I met you.

Just now we are wishing ourselves back in Florida. We reached New York in the midst of the disagreeable rainy weather which occured about the first of the month. As a result I am next to sick in bed with a cold on my lungs which I have been fighting for the last month. I started on a trip the first of this week and was obliged to come home again as I was not fit to travel. Mrs. Ward suggested this morning that we go back to Florida to get over our colds.

However, a new factor which has arisen in our plans holds our attention just now. I have been called to the presidency of a large Northern college and am strongly inclined to accept it. Being back home again here in surroundings that seem so natural and so

satisfactory is of itself a great joy and the pleasure of staying here permanently is very attractive. Still I find as I puzzle the thing over that Florida as a state has a pretty strong hold on me.

I hope that your daughter Alice's eyes are better and that Clara and yourself are well despite the hot weather which I suppose rules now. I saw a very startling statement in the New York papers regarding the floods in Florida especially in Jacksonville. I hope they have not reached as far as Winter Park. When you come North this summer you will, of course, let us know in advance of your movements. We do not know just yet where we shall be but shall be very angry if you came North and did not let us have at least the opportunity of looking you up.

With most cordial regards in which Mrs. Ward joins me, to you and your daughters, I am

Yours sincerely,

Geo. M. Ward

ESTATE OF C. L. GUILD

Tampa, Fla., March 28, 1904.

Miss Alice Guild,

Winter Park, Fla.

Dear Miss Guild.

Miss Merrill, in a brief interview which I had with her on Friday, told me that you had all been sick this winter. I wish I had had opportunity while at the trustee meeting to call on that mother of yours. You know I feel a personal possession as well as interest in her. I hope she has not shared in your ill health. With you I fancy it has been those unfortunate eyes. You must certainly take care of them. I think I should let teaching and art and all that have the go-by until they were straightened out.

I am afraid that I missed an opportunity where your sister was concerned. I came down on the night train from Sanford Friday night, and Miss Merrill tells me that your sister Clara was on t e same train. I am more than sorry.

This letter is not a very satisfactory one, but it will accomplish its purpose if it conveys to you my hearty goodwishes and my sincerest interest in your welfare. With affectionate regards for your mother and cordial remembrances to yourself and your sister, I am

Yours sincerely,

Geo. M. Hard

ESTATE OF D. L. EMILY

Tampa, Fla., March 25, 1924.

Miss Alice Smith,

Kinney Park, Fla.

Dear Miss Smith:

Miss Merrill, in a brief interview which I had with her, told me that you had been very ill for a long time. I wish I had had opportunity while at the Park to call on that mother of yours. You know I feel a personal loss since you are interested in her. I hope she has not suffered in your ill health. When you feel equal to the task of returning here, you must particularly take care of yourself. I think I should let Leonidas and all who have the pleasure of knowing you know how sorry we are.

I am afraid that I missed an opportunity while you were here. I came down on the night train from Daytona with Miss Merrill being in the same car. I mention this because I am sure you would be glad to know that we were in the same train. I am very sorry.

This letter is not a very satisfactory one, but it will convey the purpose it is drawn to you by nearly a friendship and by strongest interest in your welfare. With affectionate regards for your mother and cordial remembrance to yourself and your sister, I am

Yours Sincerely,