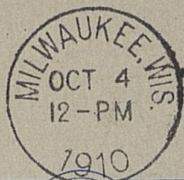


Milwaukee, Wis.,

Oct. 4, 1910.

Dear Mother: -

Arrived here safely.
Did checking work last night.
Worked at folding circular
letters today; also have tallying
tallying work all day,
8 a.m. to 10 P.M., with
2 hrs. off for meals; counting
the no. of entrances into the
building made to day. Will
report total at 10 o'clock.
It is now after 9 P.M. - Bit
a brush and collar yesterday
P.M. Enter regular work
next week. Preparatory now.
Received forwarded card.
10 P.M. - Total tally - 1028
Ralph J. Borden.



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Mrs. J. S. Bouden,
Brookhead, Wis.,

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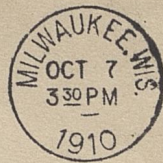
Milwaukee Y. M. C. A.,
Oct. 7, 1910.

Dear mother and all: -

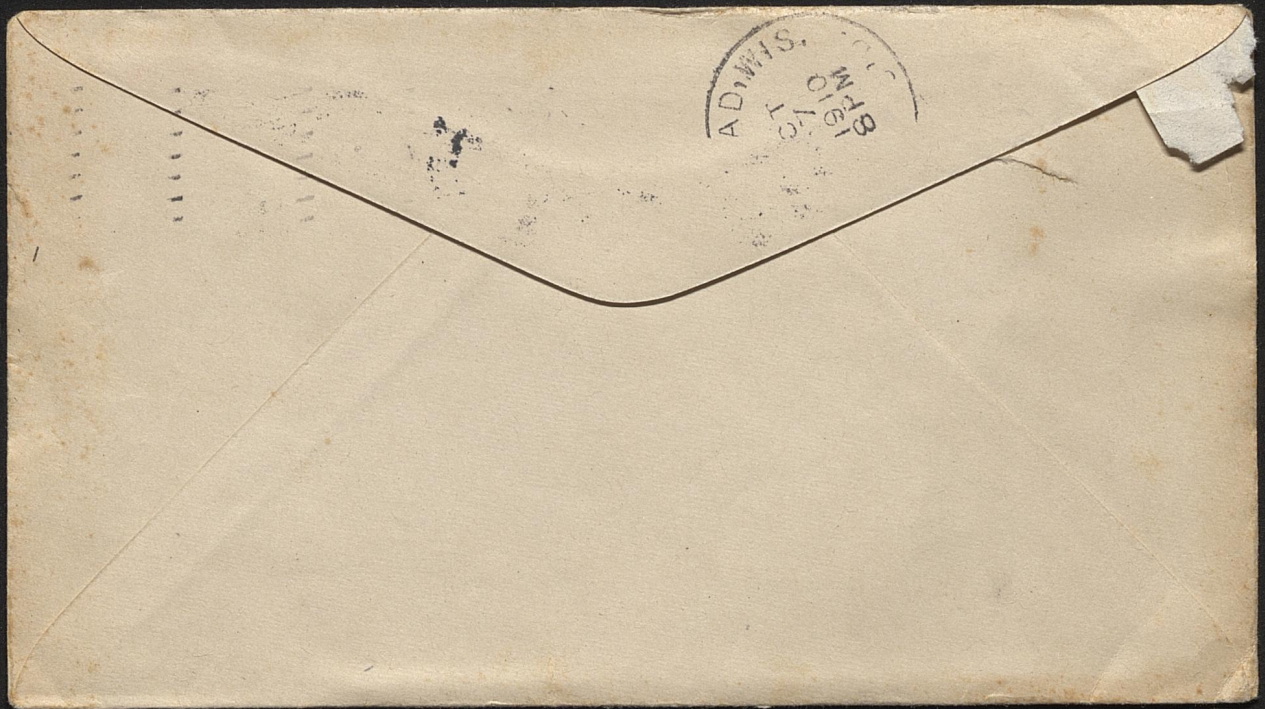
Did you get my card? I am in the office doing all kinds of work imaginable; will soon get the run of it, though it is somewhat difficult. Get my meals as I want. Have got a brush, collar, soap, and one or two other little things. Am waiting at the desk. I have received nothing except the card from Downer. Expect to teach a boy's class at the Calvary Presbyterian Church Sunday at 9.45 a. m.

Yours, in haste
R. J. B.

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MILWAUKEE,

10/19/10.

Dear Mother: -

I shall probably have no need of a trunk. Doubtless I shall stay after the first month. Do not worry about my over-eating.

Five of the ten balloons which started from St. Louis in the race passed over Milwaukee. I saw and watched one till it disappeared over the lake. Several of the tent are reported to have come to ground in Wis. and Michigan.

Received a letter from Wm. and you on Monday. - Has not one of the boys had the m.e. work since I left? The chimneys are all right if they have been fixed, otherwise not!

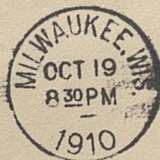
I missed S.S. and church Sunday by engaging in a discussion in which Aspinwall and I were up against a couple other fellows that class was not permanent, in the Coleridge S.S.

Sunday P. M. we listened to a fine lecture on Constantinople, illustrated by stereoscopic views, after which we took an evening lunch in the Cafeteria. After several of us secretaries attended the Calvary C. E. meeting, where Phil Willis led. I was unexpectedly called upon to play for a duet sung by Willis and Aspinwall. The instrument was a piano. I had previously practiced with them, but did not expect such a call. After this service we took a car to the Gardner M. E. mission where the entire force of secretaries were present, all taking part, eleven in number. The people up there did not expect so much. My topic was "Prayer".

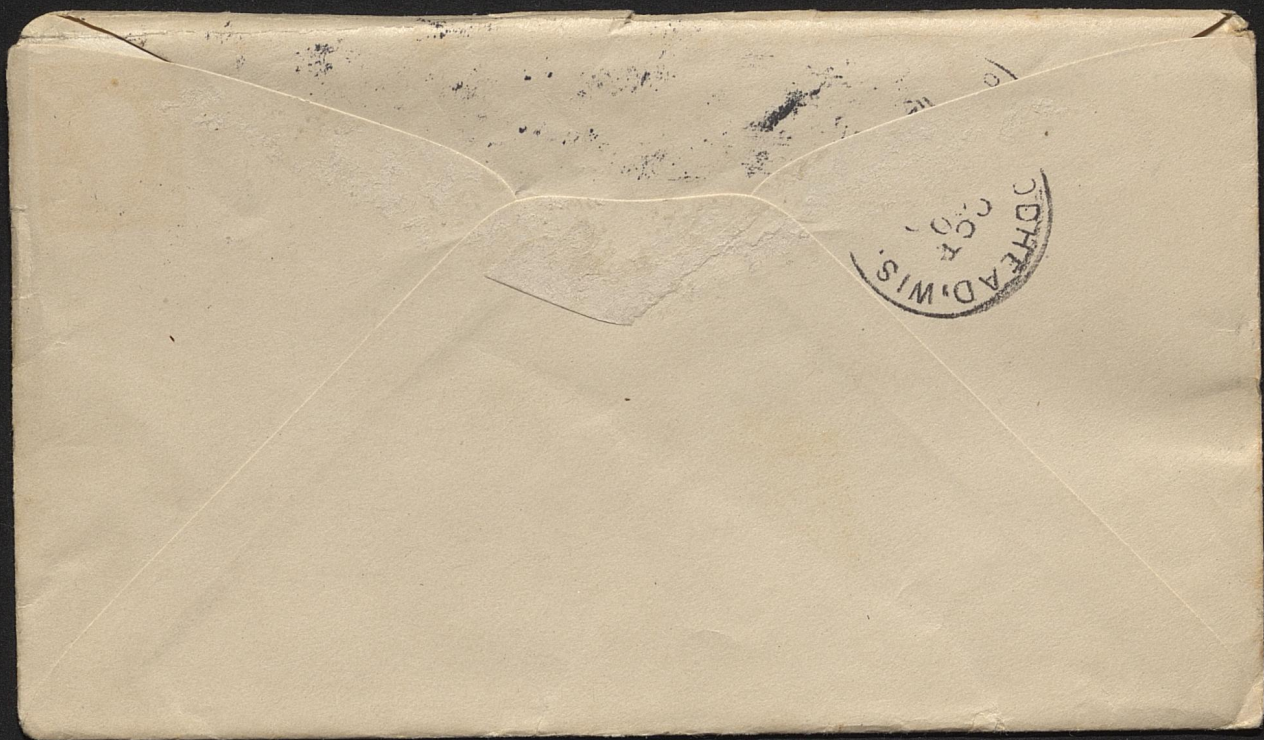
Next Sunday evening the topics will be assigned to different secretaries to speak at the Simpson M. E. Church. Mine will be, "Practice".

Wrote a card to L. L. this week. Have not heard from Miles, "Shier", or Arnold. Sent a card to Sister last week. Will have off Sat. P. M. this week, I think.

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Mrs. J. S. Bouden,
Brookhead,
Wis.



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Milwaukee, Wis.,
Oct. 27, 1910.

Dear Mother:-

I am sending a draft for five dollars (\$5). If this reaches you all right, I will send more later. Do not like to remit in installments, but do not like to risk more in one letter. I cannot send as much this month as I can next, inasmuch as I had to draw five dollars before pay time in order to keep going. Have received my pay for the month, which ends about Nov. 1. My total expenses for the month will be about \$15. I took \$10 from home, got

25c. for a special and private job, and have received my salary (\$40). Have as yet paid no laundry bills, though I shall have to soon. Have had to pay for car fare, meals, stamps, ties, handkerchiefs, and other necessities. My expenses for the next month will be about the same, perhaps less. Notify me at once whether the draft arrives all right. Did you get my letter of last week? Did Aunt Lucy get my letter of this week? Have written to you, Ray, "Auntie," Grandma, William, Ima, and Loyel since coming here. Have heard from you and William only. Wrote also to Sister. Tell Mils I shall write soon.

Both Willis and Son have gone to a Y. M. C. A. meeting in Toronto. Recently over a million dollars was given to

The Y. M. C. A. throughout the world for purposes of extension. It is a world-wide organization. Had Tuesday evening (not afternoon) off this week, and went to a meeting in the Rescue Mission with a janitor who was rescued from the ditch by that institution.

All for now.

Your son,
Ralph L.

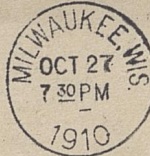
P.S. How about Everett and the M. E. job? What is Ray doing? How about Mrs. Balfour.

That man who wrote me from Niagara is head of the Union Pot. Co.

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Mrs. J. S. Bowden,
Brodhead,

Wisconsin.



Milwaukee, Wis.,

11/3/1910.

Dear Mother:- Have
rec'd 2 cards from you
very recently; also
have heard from Ray
and Sister. Got a letter
from Loyd in reply to
a card. Gave Mr. F. A. Har-
rison a temporary room.
met the principal and
eight ~~th~~ grade teacher
from Brookhead today.
Had office Sun. A. M. Men's
meeting and Trinity M. E.
in P. M. am well and
busy. your son,
Raeph.



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Brookhead,
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Milwaukee, Wis., Y. M. C. A.,
Nov. 8, 1910.

Dear Mother:- Your card arrived yesterday; also one from Miles

Dan his letter, Loyd told about his working in cotton, and advised me to send 10 c to a certain address for a description of my character, as he thought I was sociable, intuitive, etc.

William has written me at least twice since I came.

My room is not where it can be seen. The basement contains 2 locker rooms, bowling alley, cafeteria, swimming pool,

boiler room, etc. On the first floor are the gymnasium, half-a-dozen offices, cloak room, boys' dept, lobby, etc. Floor 2 contains the assembly hall, boys' hall, and a lot of other offices and rooms. Floor 3 contains the reading rooms, dormitory rooms, and more offices and rooms. Floor 4 is given up to educational rooms and office, state office, and dormitories. Rooms 5-8 contain rooms. This is putting it briefly indeed.

Ray greatly surprised me by coming in yesterday. I showed him around. He stayed here last night and will to-night. Thinks it a wonderful building. Leaves for Watertown or home tomorrow.

While the teachers' convention was in session, I showed eight teachers over the building, 3 at one

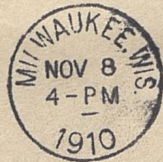
time, 5 at another. I saw
here Mr. Harrison, Oldenburg,
and the 8th grade teacher; also
Misses H alfhead, Sathrop, Boves,
Gapon, and so on.

Sat. afternoon I had off
and I went to the lake, up
along the shore, and out to the
beach in the breakwater. The
wind out there was icy to the
limit.

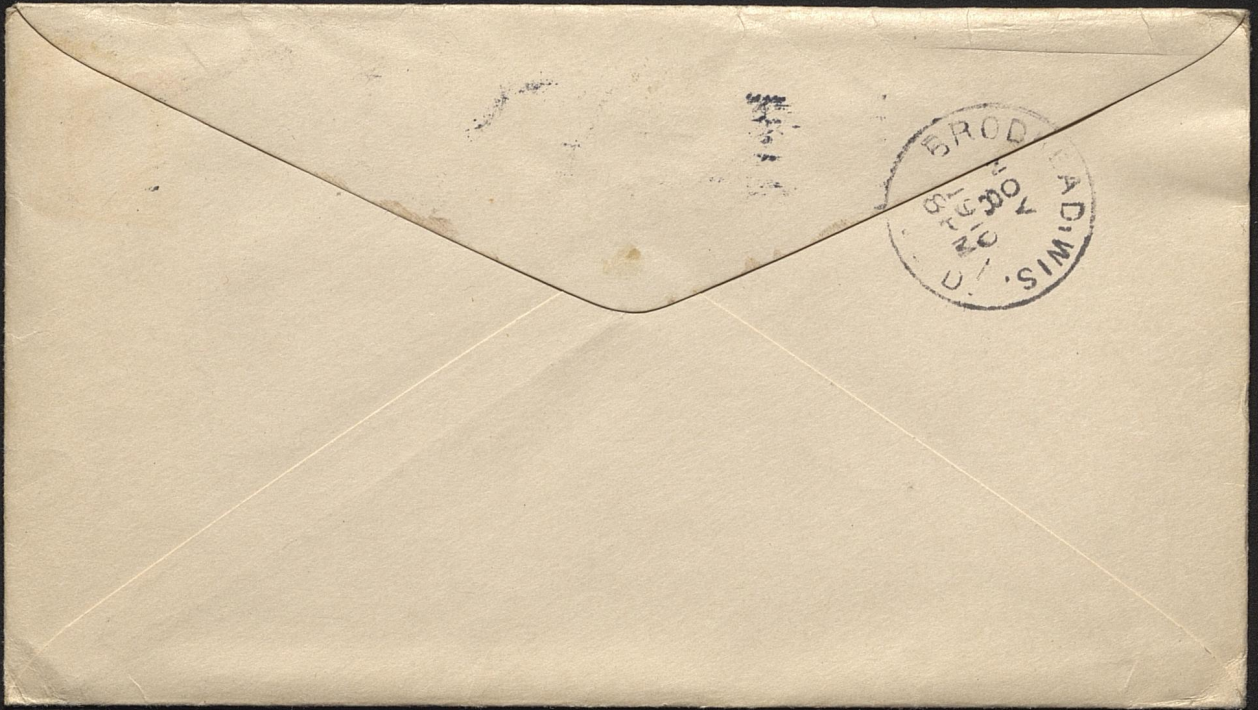
Am sending some paper money
in this. Cannot get time to send
or get a draft, and do not like
to pay for it. Notify me if recd
received. Did you receive the former
by draft?

Your son,
Ralph.

R. J. Borden
143-4th St.,
Milwaukee.



Mrs. J. S. Borden,
Brookhead,
Green County. Wis.



Milwaukee, Wis.,
Y.M. C.A.,
Nov. 18, 1910.

Dear mother:—

Your letter came this week, as usual. I have also heard from Grandma and Aunt Lu this week.

I am certainly living a strenuous life. At night I am the only secretary in the building and so am in authority. I have arranged so that the night-watch will not need to call me at any time.

This is my afternoon off. I am taking a few moments to tend to correspondence. Take

all the exercise I can.

I do not have time to think, sometimes. I am practically office secretary. Have even the work of closing and opening the safe and vault, and have good control of the office work by this time.

Do not fear about my being carried away from my faith by being in the Y. M. C. A. They do not allow doctrinal discussions here to any extent. I have studied the Bible too long to get ditched now. I would still prefer active Adversarial work, and my intentions are in that direction.

I will not need a trunk, nor a suit of clothes for a while yet. Cannot get home at Shanghai probably not at Christmas, perhaps not till next summer, though I shall be glad to.

Yours at it,

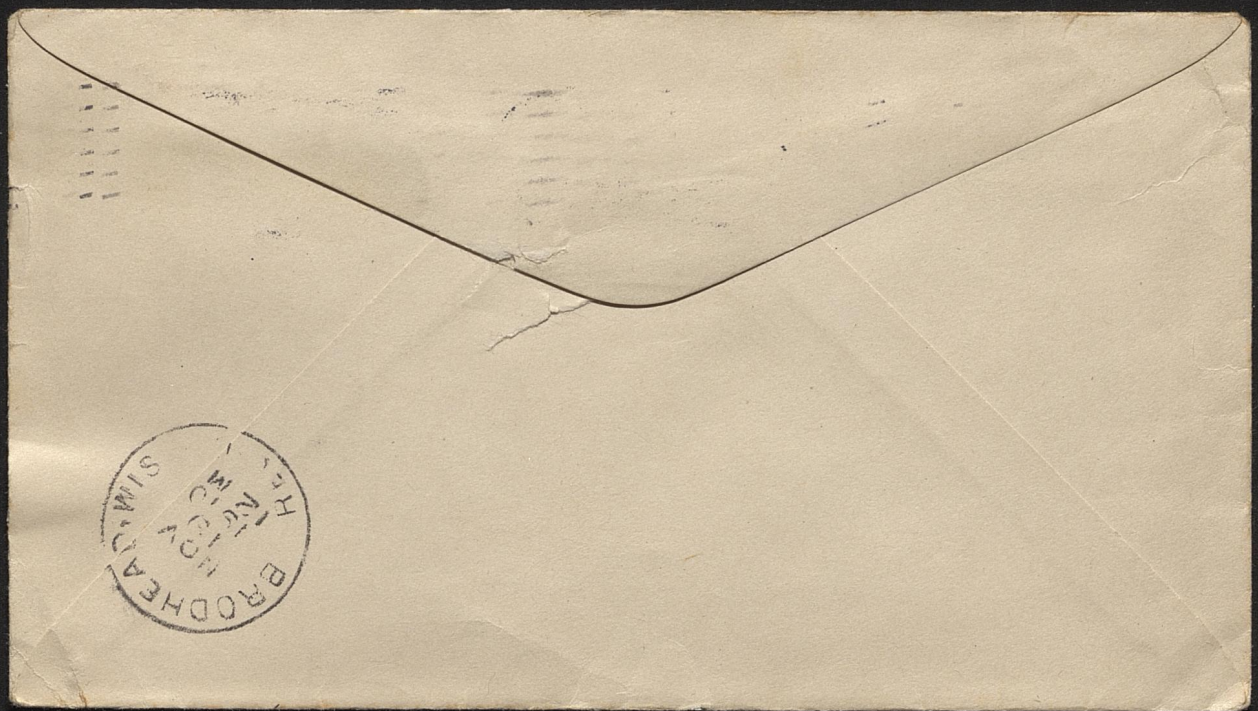
Ralph.

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Mrs. J. S. Borden,
Brookhead,
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Milwaukee, Wis.,
Nov. 25, 1910.

Dear Mother:—

Your letter came this week, as usual. Received one from Beulah also, in which she expressed her joy at the change of residence.

Enclosed find a bill. My check is due the last of this week. Will remit early next week.

Yesterday was a big day at the Y. M. C. A. About 150 young men sat down to a banquet. I could not get off for dinner, tho Mr. Willis tried to arrange it.

My work is not wearing
on me. I shall soon get into
the swimming pool, and get a
little aquatic exercise.

It seems strange that
William does not write
you. I have heard a num-
ber of times. Will write
him soon.

Have not heard from
Magnolia yet.

Do not know when I
can get home. Cannot plan
anything. I like my work,
though it is somewhat strenuous.

Your loving son
Ralph.

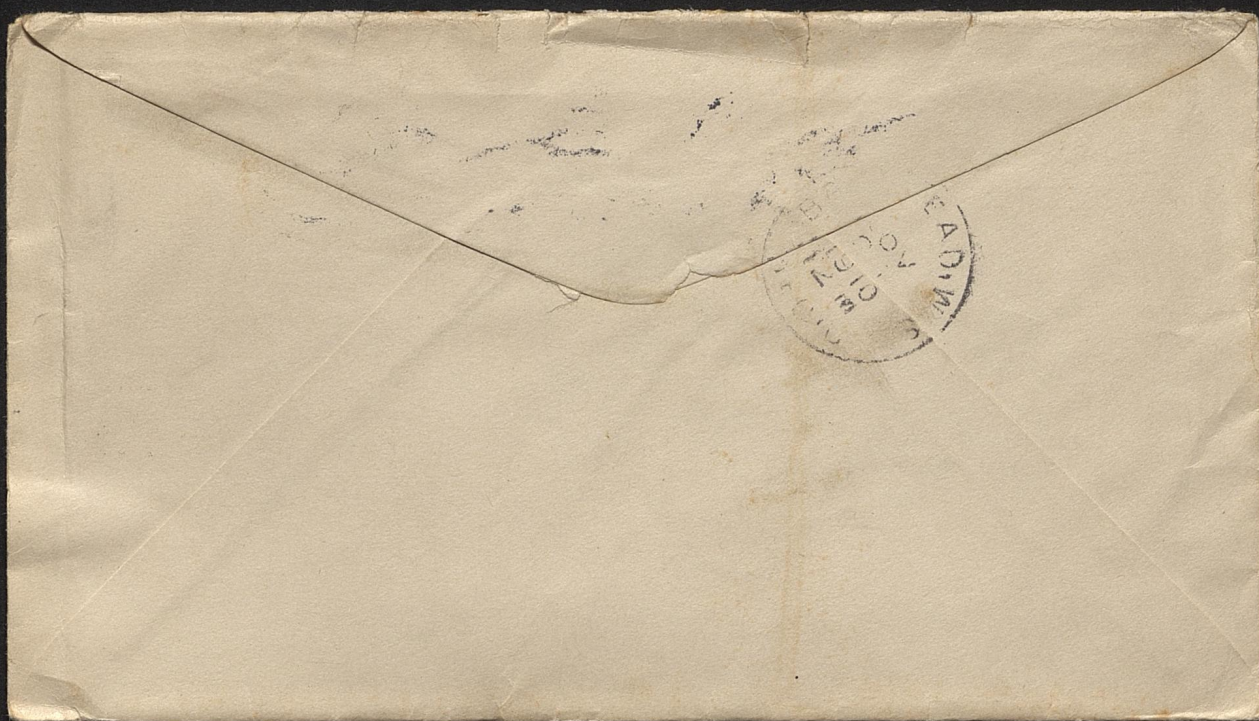
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Mrs. J. S. Bowden,
Brodhead,
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Mil. Y. M. C. A.,
Dec. 2, 1910.

Dear mother: -

Your letter arrived this week, as usual.

I have heard from Bro. Arnold this week, also.

Last Sunday evening I attended Cal Trinity M. E. Church with three other secretaries and several more workers & members.

Four of us spoke on service, my topic being the "Service of the Body". In about two weeks I am to be one of three to speak before the employes of the building on "Why I am a Christian".

This morning I received and

had cashed a check on a Natl.
Bank for \$4000. Am sending
a five in this.

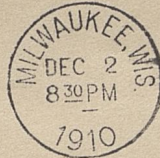
How are grandmother and
Aunt Lucy? You have not let
me know about Everett? Is he
handling the M. E. work? How
are things going over at the church?

Thursday P. M. regularly
is mine for recreation and
vacation.

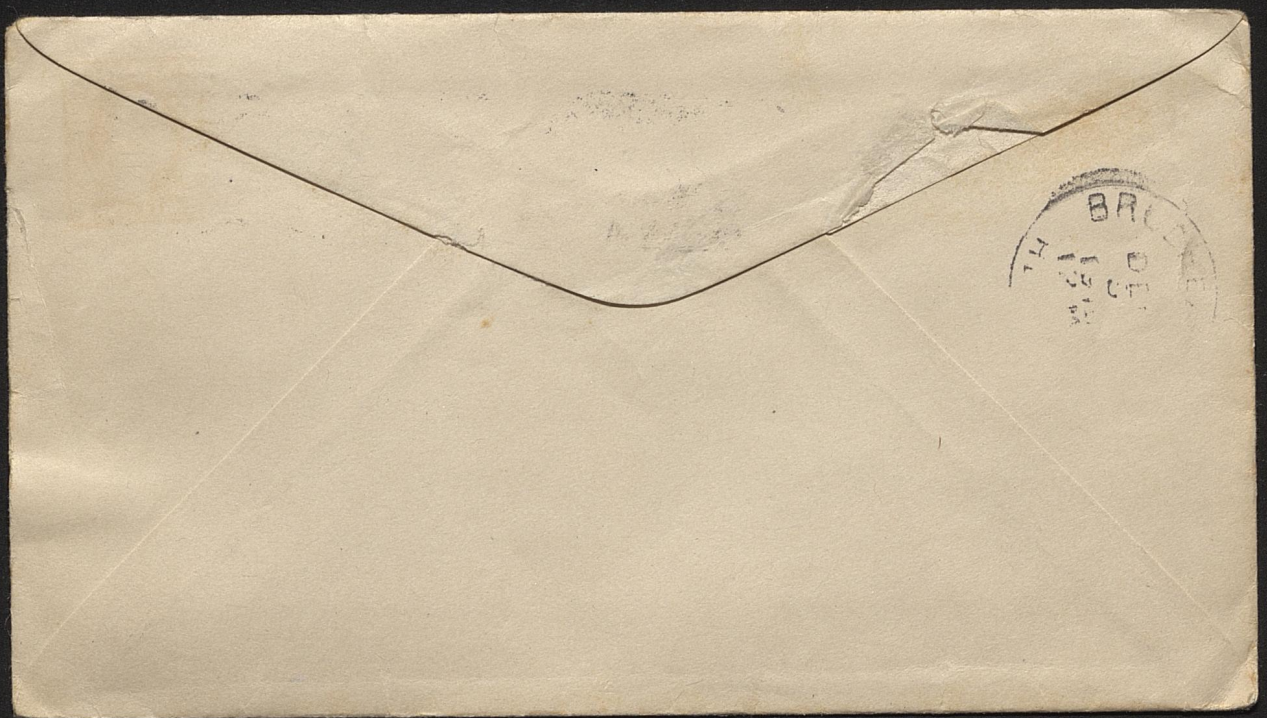
Your loving son,

Ralph T. Borden.

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Mrs. J. S. Borden,
Brookfield,
Green Co. Wis.



Wm. Y. M. C. A.,
Dec. 8, 1910.

Dear mother: - This is my
afternoon off. Your letter, or
card rather, at hand.

Last Sunday morning,
with another secretary and
the asst. supt. of the rescue
mission, I went to a chapel
meeting at the house of correc-
tion, the three of us conducting
the meeting, my part being
chiefly, playing. In the even-
ing, with a dozen other
Y. M. C. A. boys I went to
Summerfield M. E. church.
The afternoon service at
the Y. M. C. A. was a song

service, Mr. C. B. Willis, who has
a very powerful voice, leading.

Enclosed is another bill:-
The Y. M. C. A. has proven
to be a place where influence
can be exerted in a strong
manner. I do not regret this
step, tho' I prefer other work.

Your loving son,
Ralph.

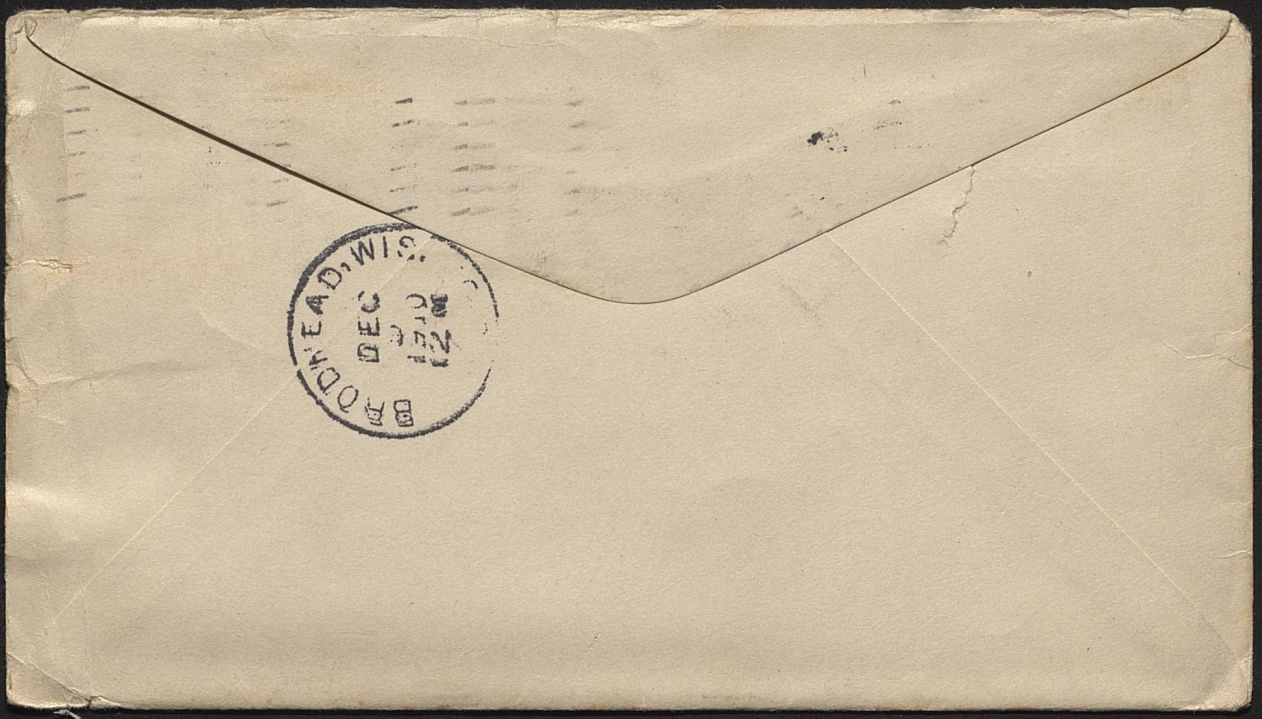
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Milwaukee, Dec. 14, 1910.

Dear Mother:—

Your weekly letter arrived. I am
agreeably surprised to hear of Ray's part
in things. It strikes me that it is different
from what it used to be. The most pleasant part
of my work is the religious. Last Sunday night I
was scheduled to go with the bunch to Kingsley
M. E. church, but at 6.00 P. M. got a call to go to
the Rescue Mission and talk to several hundred
rough men such as I talked to at House of Correction

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Milwaukee,

the Sunday before. I immediately went to my room and prepared to talk on "No more" - "Termination". It was a cold night and the chapel was full. The interest was the best, and I occupied over half an hour. Such are truly great experiences. Eleven men came to the front and started on the straight way. Most of these conversions are genuine and permanent. - Wed. morning I talked before the Y.M.C.A. employees on "Why I am a Christian", and was followed by the chief engineer & stenographer.

The Young Men's
Christian Association

Milwaukee,

I wrote to Sister William yesterday. Have been too busy to write to Loyd or Miles or Everett or Silver or Arnold or Grandma or Aunt Lucy recently. It is out of bed into the office and out of the office into bed, but it means an invaluable business experience. My engagement extends into September.

Yours truly,
your son,

R. T. B.



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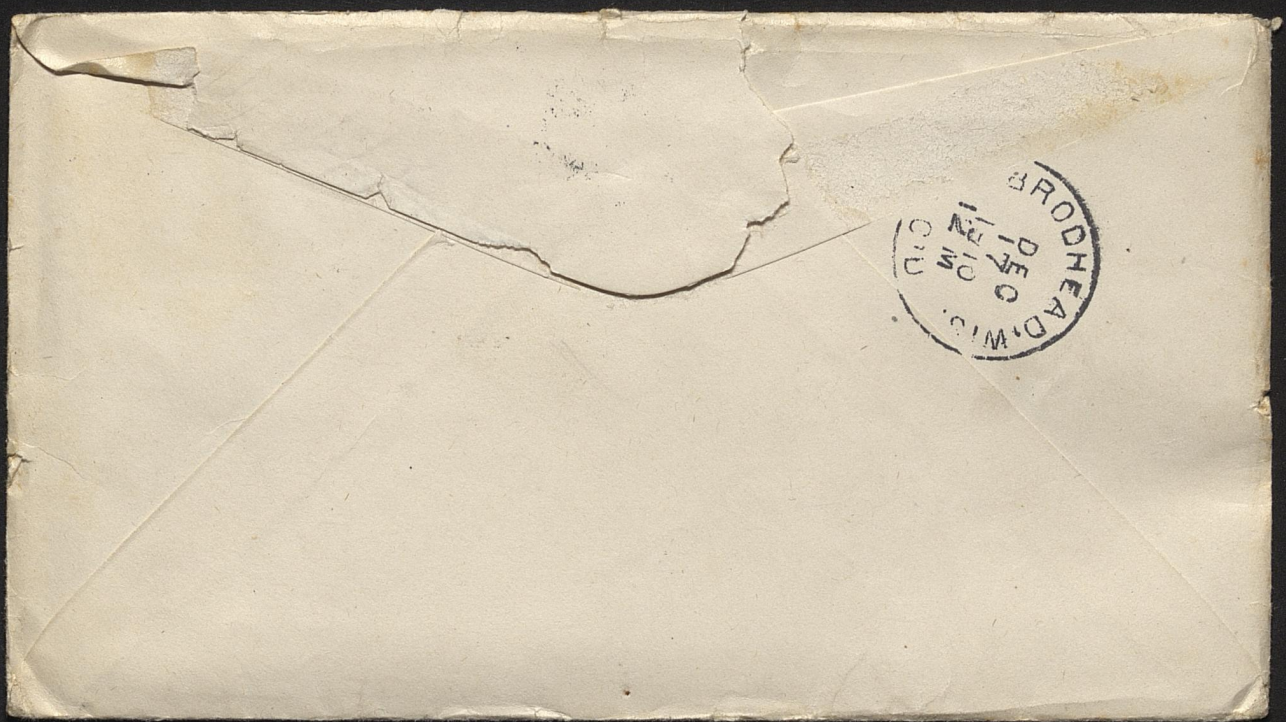
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Mid. Y. M. C. A.,
12/28/10

Dear Mother: -

Your card received this
a.m. - Have just hustled
up the office of J. Schnei-
der - 473 East Water
St. second floor Palist
Bldg. The door to the
stairway, however, is
numbered ^{475-77.} I am not off
this Thursday P.M., but
expect to meet you. If I
do not, stop at the Y.M.C.A.,
and I can direct you.

Ralph



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