

May 2nd

My dear Florence -

I have read your letter over
and have given some little
thought to your plan - & now
answer rather more promptly
than I should do - knowing
that you will be anxious until
you get my reply -

Your idea strikes me as a
good one - but I suspect some
little delay that you may be
better able to make a success
out of it - If you mean to take
up so serious a task as teaching
I think you should be so well
furnished for your task that you

will run no risk of such a failure as would give you a set back and would make you seem to start out with a failure that would daunt you - and compel you to go back and study again to fit yourself to be a success -

To teach requires not only to know the lessons, but to be in control of yourself, to be patient, and to be prepared for those long spells of dull work when you seem not to gain an inch & which try your courage so much. - I think if I ever saw I should face that trial and

test of yourself as a subordinate for a year at least - during which time you would be studying yourself and your work and children's human nature.

It is a great misfortune to stand with responsibility before you and strong enough to carry the load - I suggest therefore that you take a subordinate place, a modest position, in some school where you can learn what is before you, without the success or failure depending upon yourself alone at first - Ask Miss Brown & Miss Webb about this - and if they think well of

Get a place where the study for
yourself will be easy as far as
your pupils go - and where you
can have how to study for
the more advanced work which
will open before you as you
go on - I suggest this - if I
am wrong, I have not any
such certainty of my being right
as will prevent your being
sure of my sympathy and
encouragement of your plans
Very affectionately yours
B. L.

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Insurance Co. of North America,

16 Exchange Place,

New York, May 10th 1887

Dear Florence,

I have your letter

You did not quite take
my idea - I wanted you
to go to Miss Kwin, if you
could, or some other school
as a teacher for a year before
you undertook teaching
on your own acc, just as
young men after they leave
College, go into an office &
work under some one else
before going into business
for themselves - Do you see

I should fear that being
as young as you are, you
might know enough, but
not know how to teach - &
the experience to be gained
from another school, in which
you as an inside person
saw what was done & why
it was done might save you
such mistakes as an inexperienced
person would not
have to point out - That's all -

If I can help you in any
way let me know -

Tell Nancy I got her
letter - I wish I could
come over soon - but I
have not just now - I am
so very busy - I should enjoy

It extremely

Yours affly

B. L.

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