

problems and inconveniences for what we could realize from it. My leaving them for a month is bad enough, for they live twice as expensively when I'm not here to manage - but worst problem of all is what to do with Howard while both of us are gone. We're determined we won't leave him with a whole apartment at his disposal again - & of course he can't for the life of him understand such a notion on our part. So, all in all, it seemed simpler for both of us to stay home.

Rec'd a newsy letter from Ruth Pyle last week. Her wedding date is set for June 14th and she seems to be preserving her equilibrium under plans for it much better than Catherine did.

One item in her letter distressed me, and that was the news about Maxyne Woods and her failure at Wyandotte - last year I heard quite regularly from Maxyne, - but haven't had a line this year - so I know nothing about her attitude or her reasons for losing all desire to make a creditable record. It reminds me of her student days. I always said she could do an A job one day and worse than flunk the next. I wonder what it is fundamentally that makes her so erratic.

Before I finish I must ask about all the Old Guard for the department. Are they often of Mrs. Butler's. How are she and the baby, and does she plan to come back to your office. And to you all our good wishes, and don't forget when the M^{rs} line when you get back - Yours,
Elizabeth W. W.