

Aunt Mary says she should like me to stay a month. May I?
I should miss home very much, but I love the country.

Your loving daughter,

MABEL BLAKE.

The Paragraph.—Notice that this letter contains three parts or *paragraphs*. The first paragraph has two sentences telling about the writer's safe arrival; the second has six sentences, of which the main thought is "*Life at Maplewood Cottage*;" and the third has three sentences, which are *personal*. A paragraph contains one or more sentences about the same thought or topic. When the thought or topic is changed, begin a new paragraph. Notice the margin to the left of each new paragraph.

38. Suitable subjects for letters.

These outlines are for the bodies of letters. Add at least one other paragraph by way of introduction or conclusion, or both.

- (1.) A cheery, congratulatory letter to a relative or friend wishing "Many happy returns of the day."
- (2.) An invitation to a birthday party.
- (3.) A reply accepting the invitation.
- (4.) A letter on the pleasures, sports, and pretty customs of Christmas.
- (5.) A letter describing Canadian outdoor sports on a winter day—skating, snowballing, tobogganing, etc.—written to a friend in New Orleans, where there is no snow or ice.
- (6.) A letter describing a concert or other entertainment which you have attended. Tell when and where it was; name the chief things and persons you saw and heard.
- (7.) A letter describing your favourite poems, books, or school songs, and which parts you like best, and why.
- (8.) A letter describing any railway journey or voyage you have made—the places and objects of interest on the route; the time, and your companions; your arrival at your destination; how you spent your time there.
- (9.) A letter describing a walk in spring—the pleasures, sights, and sounds; the birds, flowers, trees, hedges, farm-work in the fields, sunshine, and animal life.