

Oak Point.
Oct 30. ¹⁸/₄₀

Dear Louisa

While thanking
you for your kind invitation
to spend this winter at Oak Point,
I promised to let you know
positively whether I would be
able to accept it or not, in a
very little while. Your arrangements
of course, have depended entirely
upon my, & as she has refused
not to return to the plantation
this winter, or not till the middle
or latter part, it would be perfectly
useless for me to begin packing
at that time, & I would not appear
to go for pleasure. I am more
disappointed than I can say
for I realize how rare such
opportunities are, & I am certain

are when I can't afford to
lose any time, but when
members of the family seem
to think there is plenty of time
yet for my education, & true
winter left, will not amount
to much!! I have become very
much discouraged, & often
wish I had got from Georgia
with the idea that to be a lady
requires education & accomplishments.
I suppose I'll have to be
contented with what I pick
up at Oak Grove, which is
a precious little bit, & not
calculated to make a lady
out of any body.

I hear the Normal School is
gaining favor very rapidly.
I suppose you are about
to start & learn to teach!
Marian Scott, a cousin of

Maria in New Orleans, has
promised to give me French
& German lessons, if I will
come down & spend the winter
with her. If possible, I want
to go to New Orleans for a little
while some time this winter,
& if Mrs. Proctor will come up
& stay a little while with her,
I may return with Aunt Ann
& please excuse a hurried
note this morning. I have an
engagement to meet some young
people in Tigerville to take a
lover's back ride. Five or six
girls are going to start out
above.

I am
Again thanking you for
invitation with much love.
Your affectionate cousin
Sallie Humphreys