

Duncannon Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1858

My very dear daughter

Your dear brother leaves us this afternoon to return to his College duties, it is very painful to part with my dear children, but if you secure that for which you are absent, a good education, it will in a great measure compensate for all the privation.

You must not let the disappointment in not going to Cambridge affect you very deeply, Mrs Sparks has been unable to secure a suitable boarding house for the present term, but has the promise certainly for the term in Autumn, should you still desire to go there.

We are all desirous that you make a different arrangement as to your room-association, however please yourself.

You are better acquainted & capable of judging, if you are satisfied I am content - We have not seen as many

letters from you as we think we should, as it vacation & you can write when you please, but the mails have been so tardy owing to the inclement season, How have you borne the cold winter? Has it been more severe than last winter? tell me all about your arrangements for the coming term, & how you have passed the vacation, I hope you have not intimated to any one that you contemplated leaving the Institute, it might produce some change of feeling towards you, from the principle & teachers, it is more prudent to keep silent towards disinterested persons, in regard to personal arrangements, there is always the proper time for such disclosures, be not premature, Your own good sense will guide you I have sent you 2 lbs of cotton for chemise, it is more than what is

necessary for that purpose, what is left will do for lining for dress or under bodies, Have your chemise cut much longer than your old ones & make a hem twice as wide, two widths of the cloth will do for one, if you prefer to have linen bands & sleeves there is an abundance, I have also sent the lawn dress & collar, also 1/2 dozen common handkerchiefs, & the shoes you left behind, the soles are too thin for winter use, always keep your feet dry & warm - Your brother will say all that is necessary & what you wish to hear, so I must stop for the present, Mother & sisters send you an abundance of love -  
God bless you my dear,  
Your ever affect Mother

I have last week & sent it to you

Lilla to Boston or rather Cambridge, she does not like the young ladies boarding out of the school; & thinks she will go & see for herself, & make a selection, as Mr M's friends all reside in Philadelphia, she will be very sure to leave L there in charge of those she is acquainted with, I should not be surpris'd if she sent her any where, as her admiration for Miss Jackson's is very great. I received a long letter from Maria a few days ago, she always enquires very particularly for you & H. & sends much love to each of you, can't you find time to write to her occasionally? there is no one that would appreciate it more, there is none dislikes more to be neglected, she was complaining of Mr. W. Ford for not giving her an invitation to his wedding, as he had promised to do so, I have not rec'd a direct invitation. nor do I know when it is definitely to take place, I suppose we shall be formally notified to attend at Louisville as I understand every thing is being fix'd up in grand style, my paper is fill'd I must write to H. also to Maria as I am at it, so good bye my dear M, God bless you! Love Mother

Duncannon May 12<sup>th</sup> 1856

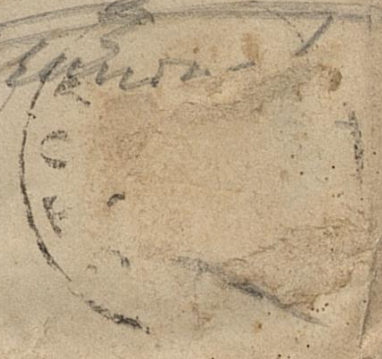
My very dear daughter  
To have so many correspondents from home, that I have not written to you as often as usual, but will now resume my pen & have a little talk with you, Your father left us on Saturday morning for Illinois where he will remain for three weeks, he speaks something of going to St. P. in June, he will of course make you a visit if he goes. We have been quite lucky in securing a very excellent teacher for Ellen & Lely, she is the wife of Mr. Bower one of the Professors in Transylvania, Mr. Gratz's two daughters & our two just form two classes, it is so much better than to send them to those large schools, Mrs B will also give instruction in music, Dr. Matthews was married on the first of May in Louisville to a Miss Glass, they started on immediately north, the Dr is a delegate to the General Assembly which meets in N. Y. on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month, I presume that the Dr will go to horse-keeping in Lev- as he is still the minister of the first church, & Ellen will then

of course be much at home & will want  
her music, so you had better bring her book  
home with you, As books are heavy & fill up a  
trunk, I advise you to get a goods bag & pack up  
such articles as you & H. may have that you do  
not wish to keep, & bring them home, or send if  
an opportunity occurs, In regard to summer clothing,  
get no more than you need, as it is so bad to  
have such a quantity of baggage, with white  
basques, your silk, shalloy, & mosselines delaines  
skirts will suit your region, you will want  
several nice dresses to bring home for our climate  
whatever you get have it all made up it will be  
much better than to leave it until you come home  
You ought to get a nice set of corsets in Boston,  
I regret to learn that your teeth are so bad, I hope  
that the dentist is a honest man & will not do harm  
instead of good, if H. has a tooth which is going  
urge him to attend to immediately, before he  
loses it, Your father was quite indignant at Dr  
Agnew's family, I think it is very bad for them to  
act so, & is certainly a very unwise course to persevere  
for they cannot expect patronage when they act in  
such ungracious & uncourteous manner towards one

that has been under their care, & no apology for it  
perhaps some tales may have been told them, and  
if you had written to them immediately after hear-  
ing these kind feelings would have been elicited  
towards you, I regret it very much for I should  
like you to leave a kind remembrance where ever  
you may go, cultivate a courteous manner, it will  
make friends, an opposite one will excite dislike.  
I approve of the selection of your room in the attic  
it is more healthy & private than a lower one,  
Be careful of your health, those frequent headaches are  
from some cause you should endeavor to find out and  
avoid, never sit in a draft of air, more particularly  
after exercising, Do not cool off suddenly, It must be  
something of the sort that causes those attacks, The  
season so far has been remarkably cold still vegetation  
looks beautiful, & a fine prospect for fruit but not in  
such a superabundance as last year, The strawberry  
& cherry season will be over before you return, I  
hope you will get them where you are, Where does  
Mrs Sparks propose passing the summer? remember  
me very kindly to them, It must be exceedingly pleasant  
for you to have such friends as Mr & Mrs G. I do  
not think Mrs Macalister has much notion of sending

~~Mr. J. M. ...~~  
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~~...~~  
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Miss Greenough  
Miss Greenough  
Miss Greenough  
Miss Greenough







Gadsden Sep. 20. 66  
 My Dear

You have  
 you are not the same  
 I will see you at the  
 time in some way now and  
 then will see you meet  
 again in this way  
 of your dear old home. We  
 hope that we may meet  
 to both.

I hope you find yourself  
 well in the South and  
 hope to see you.

I hope to see you  
 to see over better and a  
 long one it will be  
 soon.

I wish you would be your  
 General at the stand here

pumping and firing in the  
great hall. We must be  
again we shall see. Love  
The best of wishes to all  
We can't get at home.  
I wish I feel to have had to  
think you are not here.  
Did you see my brother?  
I wish to see you one day.  
Now, I wish to see you.  
D. Wright. Philadelphia Pa.  
We give you a full descrip-  
tion of the wedding.  
I have just written to Lila  
and am going to write one  
more to Mablewood.  
Miss Lillian and Mary send  
much love. Mary sends love  
to your mother.  
I cannot get a good pen to  
please you.

Your devoted  
Margaret





of mind even for a short  
time during the morning  
& forenoon, in the after  
noon they are at liberty to  
do what they like, I am  
not in spirits to write  
very cheerfully so I will say  
good bye, God bless you,  
My kindest regards to the Drs  
E. & L join in much love to  
you & H - also to your dear  
father if he is still with you

Ever your affectionate

Mother  
E. D.

Love to Lucy Jacob

Duncannon Wednesday

Sep 17<sup>th</sup> 1856

My very dear daughter

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup>

day since you left us, my lonely  
self is almost insupportable, sad  
looks your room missing you  
in it, I can't bear to go in it,  
the day you left I put up the  
tominy & cherry bounce for Mrs  
L & a basket of grapes for dear  
Abel - but the weather has  
been so excessively hot I am  
affraid they will not be good  
The receipt of the express Co  
for freight I send in this letter  
also a letter to your father  
from Dr Flint, give a great  
deal of love & many kisses to  
your dear father for us, I should

writes to him but am afraid  
he will not get it, as  
such has always been the case  
whenever I have written to him  
when abroad, I have not been  
any where owing to the great  
heat, every thing is looking dry  
& parched the grass is fast loose-  
ing its green & fresh appearance  
Just as soon as you can get  
rested write me particularly  
about you trip & your arrange-  
ments & how you are, & every  
thing concerning you, When  
you unpack your trunk or  
rather your father's you will  
find the explanation of  
the mysterious letters of your  
father's that were left to be  
mailed, they never found here  
I wrote a letter to Miss Clay  
as the letter to her was not

found, & she would have  
been very much surprised  
not to receive an answer to  
her kind invitation to make  
her father's care abode during  
the great fair, Every thing is  
going on as usual at home  
Betsy's daughter left on Tues-  
day morning, Mr Rhodes is  
here every evening to guard us  
The evenings are so bright and  
beautiful that it is not so  
gloomy as when the evenings  
are dark, Ellen & Lily are  
gradually resuming their stu-  
dies, I expected that Lily would  
<sup>have</sup> forgotten her multiplication  
table by this, but find her  
pretty ready in her answers  
the dolls are so much in  
the way, it is difficult to  
get them out of sight & out

Duncan

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1856

My sweet daughter

Your letters are a great comfort to me, What a pleasing art writing is! I'm quite satisfied with what you say in relation to the different topics on which you have expressed yourself, & feel quite satisfied that you are right & consciencious in what you do. You do perfectly right in visiting your friends as often as practicable, for Mrs Sparks & Miss Day have shown that they are sincerely your friends. And the thought is a pleasant one for me to know that you have such, being so far away from home, & I leave you to act as you think best under all the circumstances by which you are surrounded, It is a great satisfaction to me that you & Abel are together, I received a letter from him whilst in A. Y. & delighted that he had so agreeable a visit, I've not had a line from your father since he left us, the mails in that region are so tardy, As your father is from home your letter was only read by me & then committed to the flames never to rise in judgment, I do wish that you had a "Genial" to associate with there

are a great many little things that annoy very much when persons are not agreeable, or <sup>not</sup> congenial in any way, it will serve to try the virtue of patience & forbearance, but still there is no need of persons throwing themselves in the way of temptation, but as you in it I suppose you must try to get on as pleasantly as possible until something better can be done, May God give you grace & patience to bear the trials of life, How bitter before this was found in such a cheerful happy spirit that it imparted the same to myself, I would that you could always be joyous & happy, Make good care of your health both morally & physically, you must by all means keep your room well ventilated when you are out of the room leave the window open so that you will have fresh pure air, do not put so much coal in for it makes a more intense heat than wood & a stove is not like an open grate, you should have a vessel with water on the stove all the time, the evaporation will in some measure prevent the air becoming too dry - But air the room even in the coldest weather, constantly breathing the same air is exceedingly injurious, so indeed this lesson the word to the wise is sufficient, My dear there are several words you always use the

same way which annoys me very much, they are "great" for great deal, & "to for too" I rec'd a letter from Maria on yesterday she wanted to know how dear Mary was & sent a great deal of love to you, & hoped that you would be the first in the Institute & be an ornament to society wherever you might be in this continent or over the briny deep? Maria's is a hard gate - she is really to be pitied, Mr & Mrs Maddox are very kind to her, but she feels that they are under no obligation to support her & it is an imposition on them, My very dear one I am compelled to close my letter as it is time to send into the mail, I thought of many things to say to you but must postpone for a future time, Ellen & Lily send oceans of love to each of you dear sister & brother in which I must heartily unite God bless you. Love ever affectionate Mother

P. S. Remember us to the O'Pakes' also to the Jacob's, good bye



Miss Mary Duncan  
care W. G. Duncan jr  
Cambridge  
Mass

will be better satisfied to have a Physician's advice  
I have been told that the  
is not a  
is gained without effort  
impress these thoughts upon  
as you are surrounded  
atmosphere where vital  
is still much indisposed  
broken out with the  
the largest great red spots  
I am anxious for  
the Dr but she  
not hear to it, I told  
this morning to send  
him out at any rate, for I



Duncannon  
May 5<sup>th</sup> 1857

My very dear daughter  
With this  
is a letter from Pittsburg received  
on yesterday, I've taken the  
liberty to read it, which I  
presume you do not object to,  
Lily & I each received a  
letter from you on yesterday  
it is very gratifying to hear  
that you are not any worse  
I was indulging a faint hope  
of hearing that you were better  
you had better not attempt to  
sing until there is most de-  
cided improvement in your  
throat, You seem to be enjoying

yourself & also contented, which  
consoles me for your absence,  
As no mention was made of  
the table it is presumable that  
it is pretty much the same,  
Now I must insist that you  
do not fast, it will most  
assuredly ruin your health  
if continued in, try & produce  
a reform, & get the Lady to  
procure such edibles as are  
digestible, good bread & crackers  
with good butter & chuse an  
articles that every good house  
keeper should or could have  
And as you pay 5 cents a  
meal insist on her getting  
that which is proper for you  
to eat.

Nothing of any consequence has  
transpired to relate, A short  
postscript to Lily's letter I sent  
you last week, also a letter  
to your dear brother, My dear  
about one case one continu-  
al anxiety, as well as those  
that are present, Through all  
the various scenes of life none  
come unalloyed, Sunshine &  
clouds succeed each other  
in the book of nature, as  
in the physical so in the moral  
& intellectual, vicissitude &  
change are stamped on all  
beneath the sun, Then what  
a glorious & consoling thought  
that there is an immortality  
of bliss to all that seek it.

Mrs Hart Gibson  
My.  
Ligerville  
Louisiana







confidence in your  
judgment & discretion  
in the ordering of your  
affairs. It is of great con-  
sequence that <sup>good</sup> be kept up  
between husband & wife  
& that every thing be very  
carefully avoided which might  
make them strange to each  
other, one of the duties  
of the relation is to cheer  
one another under the cares  
& crosses that happen, as  
helpers of each other's  
joys. For a cheerful heart  
does good like a medicine.  
Here at home every thing goes  
on as usual, the cold weather  
has kept me hoarse, you  
may congratulate yourself on  
your escape from it.

My very dear daughter all  
at home have written to you  
save myself, you must  
not take it unkindly as  
as a want of affection for  
my precious child. The  
events here are not great &  
when you hear from one  
of us all is told. Your  
letters are always gladly  
rec<sup>d</sup>. The distance that you  
are at is calculated to create  
some anxiety & to hear  
that you are well & happy  
is a great relief. I must  
say that I am delighted  
to hear that you will not  
live in the south.

Altho' I should be more deli-  
-ghted to have you near  
me within a few minutes  
drive, surely if circumstances  
do not allow I shall be  
resigned to have it thus -  
When are so few of us it  
seems really a hard fate  
to be separated even for  
so short a distance.

I begin to realize in some  
measure that you have  
left the home of your child-  
hood & youth & entered  
upon a different state of  
action one that has its  
caus & trials as well as

pleasure. You have an  
affectionate kind husband  
& your own affectionate heart  
will no doubt harmonize  
together & so smoothe the  
path along which you are  
to pass. Whenever I enter  
your room it makes me so  
sad to think that it will  
not be occupied by you.  
When I try to think what  
pleasure it will afford me  
to visit you in your own  
happy home & see you mov-  
ing around in the respon-  
sible position of Justice  
directing with the ease &  
grace that becomes you,  
so that your husband may  
look upon you with pleasure  
& admiration, also with

P. S. Mary Taylor has so  
much to say to you I  
could not begin to write  
she wants to see you  
mighty bad & sends her love  
to you & Matilda. Do you  
keep Matilda employ'd?  
You had better set her to  
hemming ruffles for pillow  
cases, you will need a good  
deal, Remember me to M  
& tell her I say that she must  
be attentive to you & take good  
care of you.

Ellen & Lily complain bitterly  
of the cold going to & from  
school. They rise at six  
o'clock which <sup>is by</sup> candlelight  
to be ready & have breakfast  
so as to get in in time for  
school. The holidays have  
made us all very lazy -  
our breakfast hour <sup>then</sup> ~~was~~ at 9  
o'clock & dinner at 5 o'clock  
& then we seem to do very  
little else than eat. I com-  
menced a letter to you which  
you should have rec<sup>d</sup> at the  
if I had finished it, but did not  
& here I am writing again &  
hope to finish this time.  
But be assured that I think

of you continually, & I have  
your pictures to look at all  
the time, which are so life  
like. You left the Ambrotypes  
lying in my window, & I  
think that they are equal to  
the Photographs

Miss Vimont is to follow  
your example & commit  
matrimony in a fortnight,  
the gentleman is a Dr living  
at Independence - Also your  
friend Kate Brand of Mo  
is to be married, Your friends  
all enquire after you & desire  
to be affectionately remembered  
to you, Mrs. Richard Higgins  
came to <sup>see</sup> you the same

day that you left home &  
sent to each of you a great  
deal of love, & to our Uncle  
also, Mrs W. seemed very  
sorry that she had missed  
seeing you, & made ample  
apology for not coming sooner.  
I have written a short note  
to your good man & will  
enclose it in this -

My kindest regards to your  
pa, I love him for his love  
& kindness to my precious  
child - Much love & many  
kisses, & a happy New Year  
to you & M. - From your  
loving Mother

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1860.

E. Duncan

A

Miss Mary Duncan

Pittsfield

Favor Mrs Leason

Mass

I do sincerely hope that the cold weather, has in this given place to the more genial air of spring, or summer, it looks like mid summer with us, the fruits are ripening, the strawberry is being quite abundant, Lamb, chickens & pease - we shall have a great many cherries, I wish you & Hall could enjoy them, but in time I suppose you will also have the same, so exercise patience, sisters & cousins desire much love to you  
good bye my dear child I do bless you, ever your aff<sup>r</sup>

Mother E. Duncanson

My love to Mary C. & others  
How is M. C. pleased? regards  
to the Agnews

My dear sweet daughter as Mrs. Saffron has been so kind to offer to take something for you I have made a small package for you, as I had sent your summer wear, there was but little I could think of that you really needed, for the more you have to care for makes you more trouble, the articles that I send at this time are viz, a black net veil spotted, three pr of gloves, one white kid, do lavender, do pink silk, three night caps, emb'd pink ribbon & your brother's card plate, I forgot to put it in his box of clothing when it was sent to him. You may have an opportunity of

sending it to him or keep it  
until he makes you a visit let  
him know that you have it,

My anxiety about you both has  
been very great, but have been  
somewhat relieved by the  
last letters saying you are  
better, do take care of your self  
take rest when you are not well  
& not work your self to death

I am glad you are taking writing  
lessons, you must keep at it as  
long as you are at school, & write  
a beautiful hand, It has been  
a long time since I have sent  
you a letter, but I must tell  
the reason, last wednesday  
morning the cars stopped, &  
up walked Mrs Flint, Mrs  
Arnold, & Mrs Magowan, they  
sat down in the hall to rest

after their walk, whilst sitting  
there a carriage drove to the  
door with Dr & Mrs Givens from  
Danville, (formerly Mary Finley) &  
Mrs Taylor of Harrodsburg, they  
all remained until friday after  
noon, Meira went to Paris with  
Mrs Arnold, On saturday morn-  
ing Mrs Wealthy & Hall, & little  
daughter arrived they are still  
here we have some thought of  
keeping her to instruct Ell & Sil  
it is very important that they  
should have some one, & I  
think she is quite competent.  
she is sensible, & amiable, her  
husband is going as a missionary  
to californnia, he is going alone  
his wife remains in Ky for a  
year until he makes a trial  
in that region,



It is too late in the season for a floral display  
we had to leave last week & I can  
-my now

able give him a great deal of  
love he is a good son, every  
two or three days I have  
rec'd a letter from him, I  
regret that the grapes did not  
reach him sooner he should  
have had them before my letter  
I trust that they were eatable  
write me how you are fixed  
every concerning yourself &  
it will be such a comfort  
to know all about you - love  
Lucy & Mr & Mrs Sparks  
our sisters send much love  
dear brother & sister

Your very affectionate

Brother

John has been at Paris all of last  
week fixing the Floral Hall  
for the Bourbon Ladies & is  
going down to morrow with all  
the flowers there can be had

Duncannon

Sep 29<sup>th</sup>

My precious child

Your letter was

rec'd on saturday evening & was a  
very great joy as it brought the  
intelligence that you & your  
dear father had safely arrived  
which lightened my spirits con-  
siderably, I regret the difficulties  
in your trip, the bad weather  
& loss of your trunks, though only  
temporary was vexatious at the  
time, I was in hopes that you  
would have a most delightful  
time as you would be in Balti-  
more & N. York cities, If you  
had gone to the St Nicholas you  
would have met Mrs Rosa John-  
ston & others from Ky, Miss M.E.

Craig has just returned home  
she has been to Niagara Saratoga  
& N.Y. had a nice time,  
Horace Craig & Lucia Swift  
were married on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst &  
started east it was a large affair  
Miss Br comes off on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Oct  
the invitations come out today  
Miss Waters came to see me on  
last Thursday & remained until  
Friday afternoon Mr Castleman  
came for her & proposed I should  
go also, so the carriage was or-  
dered & off we all started &  
reached there at dusk found  
Mrs Breckenridge alone, Mrs  
C, had gone to town, Miss C. &  
Miss Agnew had gone to Board-  
lane, however they all soon  
made their appearance & we  
had a very pleasant evening  
Miss Agnew went into town

the <sup>next morning</sup> after breakfast with the  
intention of going home  
with Mrs Lafon she has had  
a visit from a Mr Reid of Pa  
On Saturday Mrs Governor Duncan  
& daughter of Jacksonville Ill  
arrived to make us a visit,  
Mr & Mrs Brown are in Sep  
the Dr preached for us on yester-  
day a most excellent sermon  
it is said that he has had a  
call to New Orleans a salary  
of 6000 \$, Dwight is to be  
married to a Miss Weeks of  
N. York state, she was formerly  
a music teacher in Miss Jacksons  
school & is said to be an accom-  
plished woman; is an Episcopalian  
I am anxious to send to the post  
office so you will excuse  
this short letter, I will write  
to dear M to tomorrow if possi-

not give way to hasty words if  
all things do not please you,  
but bear & forbear, is a lesson  
of learned will render us  
much happiness, I feel certain  
that you would not willfully  
do a wrong in word or deed,  
I trust that your time will  
be profitably & pleasantly passed  
in the Institute, & the retros-  
-pect be one that will be  
joyous, I must cut this short  
as I must write to dear Thal  
Present my kindest regards  
to the Agnew's, Misses Affur  
More, & Bight, Cousin M  
Ell & Lily join in much  
love to you, God bless you  
my dear Child, good night  
with a Mother's love  
E. Duncan

Duncannon Oct 8<sup>th</sup>

My precious daughter  
Our leave  
taking was so abrupt that it  
has left me rather melancholy,  
indeed I feel as if I had not  
bid you good bye, not to behold  
your dear face for such a long  
time, this <sup>earthly</sup> is truly a school of  
trial, disappointments, & sorrows  
are the lot of humanity,  
I hope you made all your  
purchases to your satisfaction  
& had a pleasant trip, do not  
worry yourself about writing  
home, if you can't do so as  
often as you desired to take  
it patiently so that I hear  
you are well & doing well  
I shall be satisfied

I have just perceived that  
the paper is upside down  
but I shall not rewrite but  
continue, it is 8 o'clock P.M.  
the cars have just passed,  
Mr John Rhodes is in the lobby  
my, & Scott is playing his fiddle  
below in the kitchen, Ellet  
Sily are both asleep, & I am  
sitting in my room writing  
to my beloved daughter,  
you are ever in my thoughts  
also my dear Hal - I rec'd a  
letter from him to day he  
is well & delighted with  
the anticipation of seeing us  
& being at home in vacation.  
it will be mutual I am sure  
the disappointment would be  
a very great one indeed to  
me. I am exceedingly anxious  
to see

his radiant face, & to hear his  
pleasant voice once more,  
What do you think? soon after  
you left your shoes came to  
light, wrapped in the brown  
paper, they seemed to have  
been placed on the chair with  
the shawls & in pulling them  
out, out came the shoes, your  
fruit knife is also left, I will  
try to send it to you by mail  
Your letter to Miss Anderson  
was sent to Mr Carter to day.  
I have been thinking so much  
about your jars, fearing they  
may be broken and with your  
dress & skirts, I pray you may  
reach your journey's end in  
safety, & be located to your  
entire satisfaction, take care  
of yourself, & let your manners  
be refined, & lady like, do

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about your change of room mate, it is impossible for me to choose for you, I can only say select one that is truthful, good tempered, intelligent, healthy, neat & orderly, with those qualities, it would be almost impossible to have any attraction it is always more prudent to overlook trivial offences than to quarrel about them,

Be polite & kind to all, let lady like deportment characterise all you say & do.

Dr Matthews has brought his daughters to Lexington, & placed them with Mr Stevens

Walnut Hill, <sup>was</sup> sold on the 8<sup>th</sup> of this month & Mr Bullock was the purchaser, it is said that he will remove there & commence a

Boarding school, Oh! I do wish you and your dear Brother were nearer so that you might enjoy each others society & council,

I <sup>was</sup> very glad he made you a visit, I have just recd a long letter from your Brother of going to see you in March & go to New Haven with you. give my love to

Com. if you go; My dear you make out so badly  
in sealing your letters with wax I think you  
had better discontinue its use if your envelopes  
will not stick yet wafers, When you write to your  
Father tell him how you are progressing in the  
different studies you are engaged at, he is anxious  
to hear all about your improvement, he is not satis-  
fied with your saying what you are at, but in  
what state of progress you are, & do not neglect  
the class in penmanship,

Dr Marshall is still with his son Alexander his  
leg is not well & the other is very much swollen  
so he is quite a cripple, poor old man, he has  
not said any thing about the books he promised you.  
The pason is about Lex but never comes near  
the other day we were driving up to Mr Sayre's. he  
(Shane) was on his way there, & espied the carriage  
turned & ran in another direction, he is an enigma,  
I must stop here for I want to write to Neal the  
dear fellows, Father, Ellen, Lily, all send much love  
to you Good bye my dear child with all the love of a  
My kind regards to Mary Lafon

Mother

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My dear I see in reading over one  
of your letters you spoke of going  
to hear Mr Harris, & wrote it in  
this way Mr Harises, you should  
have left out the e & put s with an  
apostrophe thus Harris's as if you  
were writing Mr Duncans or any  
other it would be the same, pay  
attention to writing correctly. I hope  
you will soon begin your writing  
lessons, tell me who you gave Christ-  
mas gifts to & what they were, I  
approve of Miss Agnew's mode of giving  
books, have you forgotten Gray's  
Elegy; would it not be proper to  
rehearse?



These slips of paper you can  
read & throw in the fire,  
Ell had commenced to write to  
Lizzie Matthews, the Dr has not  
been to see us since you & Henry  
left us, neither Ellen or Lizzie  
have written to us, Ell is about  
to have her ear pierced again.  
Have you regretted that yours  
were? I suppose they are quite  
well by this, do not forget to thank  
Miss Agnew for her kindness to Hal it  
made him feel quite easy, after  
the coldness of all of to him. Adieu  
I was very glad to hear  
from you & your father & mother  
my dear daughter your ever loving Mother