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Mrs. Charlotte B. Dickinson

Ann Arbor

Mich.

Toledo May 31st 1855. Thursday

My dear wife

On my arrival at Detroit on Tuesday morning, I started for the Steam boat as soon as possible and reached the dock just in time to see the boat off. I drove immediately to the hotel & on reaching there found it was 9 o'clock. Made up my mind not to go to Toledo till next day, and that the boat was a hurry to start five minutes before her time. Spent the day with Bailey, learned nothing of particular advantage to myself. You may see Bailey in New York the last of this week. He spoke of visiting you.

Reached the boat in time yesterday morning, did not leave Detroit till 9 1/2 AM. Arrived here about 3 1/2 PM. Found Daniels well. Called this morning to see Mr. Seymour. Says he will see the gentleman ^{who} makes the Carriages and can let me know respecting the agency about next Wednesday. In the mean time I may come home unless I can learn something more advantageous by remaining here. I may perhaps be home on Saturday evening, but it is uncertain.

Saw Mrs Wood at Trenton, yesterday. She
sends much love to you. Saw Goodman & wife
in Detroit they wish much to see you. Mrs Selden
starts for Niles today and expects to be a
few weeks there. She may call on you and
spend a day or two with you on her return.

I am well & in good spirits, notwithstanding
I cannot give a very flattering account of my
business, for I cannot tell what it wd amount to
if I sh^d get it.

It has rained some today & yesterday,
which makes it rather uncomfortable under
foot, - A telegraphic dispatch was received
~~from today~~ announcing the death of Mr. B.
I believe there is to be an obituary notice of him
in the Blade this afternoon. As I will send it
tomorrow, Give much love to him. I hope he
is doing as well as can be expected.

Love to all my precious children and much
love to you my precious wife, Ettie

Your own loving husband
A. P. Van Cleave

[illegible]

I did feel so very lonely
indeed I did, to think I should never see
Aunt Belle again, as I was going to see her
and she was so near. Oh! darling I did feel badly
and I was so very lonely. Dear Aunt
Belle told me all about how sweetly she died.
She said some of father's favorite Hymns, Rock
of Ages, and Hallelujahs of my soul, and once or twice
she said the last time she said, except
yes or no, was, "Good night" a very little
while before he died, uncle said to her, "Will
you kiss me once more darling?" and she
put up the sweet lips to kiss him. Oh! My
dear angel Auntie, think mother darling, you
have two, angel sisters now dear beautiful
angels, and three sweet little angel babies,
my precious little sisters. Oh! I have so many
things to tell you. I got home last Wednesday
morning. Went to dancing school in the afternoon
after we had expected to come home the day
before. Lucy Este and I took the great
wagon and cousin Dick telegraphed to Mrs

Estie and Aunt Mary that he would be home
on Wednesday morning. Yesterday morning
I went to my music. And he did after noon
I went to my clothes but I got there rather
late and he was not at home. You must
think darling how badly I feel. It's not
like to miss a lesson. I thought I perhaps
he thought I had not got home yet so
I left my name on a piece of paper.
When he heard of Aunt Belle's death it was
on Thursday and of course I did not go to
my music that day or the next Saturday
when darling was buried. I do not know
whether Mr. C. will let me lose those lessons
or not he is so good that I hardly think he will
then as I did not get home on Tuesday I suppose
I will lose that lesson and I am afraid I shall
have to lose my yesterday's lesson. Oh! Mother
you will think I am so ungrateful but
darling I so try to do every thing as well as I can.
I think I have not done just right. I asked
her to day how many lessons more I have to take and
she told me my quarters would be let out the twelfth
of this month - that will be next week. I have
been in Cincinnati just ten weeks and it takes
much I love you and all but as well

just wither make to make a quarter round, and
I think it is very funny the way she fixes it.
I went to her and told her that I was going to
Dayton. I spoke to her on the Tuesday after Christ-mas.
I was to have taken a lesson that day but I
must confer and told her that I had not been
able to practice any and I thought I had
better not take a lesson that day. And as I
spoke to her before hand I do not think it would
be right for her to charge me for those lessons
but I suppose it is perfectly right to charge
me for the lesson I took. I will pay her money after New
Year. Now she is going to give me four
lessons next week. I guess she will think
that she is not going to charge me for those
lessons. I think it is very strange. She asked me
if I was going to take any more lessons after I had
her that I should not be here any more to take
a whole quarter and she said she thought I
might take as many as I would and she
would just charge me for those. I spoke to Aunt
Mary about it when I came home and she
said that if I did so perhaps she would play
me some trick when I came to
take with her and charge me a dollar
a lesson, and we both think it would be better
for me to practice (and indeed I will practice
as hard as I do try to do as well as I can dancing)
and learn all that I have seen perfectly and
I think it will do me as much good as if I was
taking lessons. I believe I have eight more
dancing lessons to take and about six
singing lessons Aunt Mary thinks Mr. Collier
will not make me any more if he does not I

[Jan. 5, 1855]

The night before I came away
from Dayton when I was packing
up my things. I had asked the
where I got these dresses - and
I told her Cousin Mary Anna
gave them to me -

(Signature)

1890

at P.O.

having a grand visit there, I hope
she has enjoyed herself.

I recd your letter (to mother) written
the 23rd and 24th last Tuesday.

Before I told you in the letter
I mentioned that the letter from
last came before. I'm sure, father

would like to see you so much, you
can't think, I really wanted to start
right off and go home alone.

You don't know how much I want
to see you, when I once get home
I will never want to go away
again, but I could not stay here

from home for months. I want
for one thing, mother. Oh! I want
to see you, that I hope dear mother
will be here by Wednesday and
then I hope we can get home by
the Saturday after. Dear father, you
don't know much I love you all

if I was only in your dear dear arms
I would be so happy. But I have
been having a very pleasant time
down here at cousin Eliza's. I have
been here since Wednesday last. I have
gone up to the house and I have
to the office, I am going back to stay
at Auntie's, that's right, I think.

This morning when I got up the
ground was all covered with snow
but it has nearly all melted now
it is not very cold and looks some
like spring. I hope it will rain &
it will. I wish dear mother
could come down here and
go home with us. Or perhaps she
could get into some business here &
dear brother. I wish I could see him.
I suppose you have finished your
drawings by this time. Your father &
I have had a hard time of it. I

No letters to day - I think I shall stay home to see if you take care of the children. I know I could tell you a great deal that way. I hope I shall be there soon though. I wish I could start home today. But I shall be with you soon. Mother and I will get you a great deal when we get home. Darling father we love you so much. But dear father I must not be foolish. I have no news to tell you except it is a great deal more and I will write if we hear any thing more from Mother but I suppose she will be here herself the next time we hear. I hope that will be as soon as Wednesday if course she will write as soon as she gets home. Good bye Darling father. Much love and many kisses to dear Mother. Love to you and Darling Mother.

Kp. Shm

I have
written in
a great
many
places

Aug 21th / 1851

My dear Mother

I send you a telegram
dispatch that was sent up here while
we were at breakfast it is of course
about that Aunt of Mrs. Thompson's
which I don't know what to do about
it at all. I thought some of your
word to I believe to be the best thing
but Mrs. Linforth thought I had
better write to you if you think
best write me and tell me about
what to take out, and Biddy and I
will go down and get the trunk off.
or you could leave Sam & Mary Anne
and come home over the lake here
to morrow, get the trunk started and
go back after dinner. It perhaps
it would be best to let it be as it
is, it will not make much
difference if they get it in two days
later. I could write and tell them

that you were in Episkopi but
would see to it as soon as you returned
perhaps that would be best.

I am sure and I know I write
about this for I am afraid it will and
you feel much better and I am sure
take much interest in the matter but

~~I am sure and I know I write~~
~~about this for I am afraid it will and~~

about it and would you write when
you get home and find I have
not written. Have I done in all

I thought it would be best to write,
then you can do as you think

best. I suppose they do not really need
the things now, and a few days would

make no difference. I suppose they
are moving into their new home

this week. Do as you think best
about the trunk. I hope you will

think I have done it right in writing.
We get along very well. All are

well. Some of the children
Did you get Ed's letter. I am sure. He
Yesterday. - Much love. H. A.

the very day when it rained here, Monday
and Tuesday, - and if it rained up there I
have said she did not start until Wednesday
did leave then, - we expect that she
will get home tonight or get here
tomorrow. I was anxious to get home - I wrote Lincoln to
me last evening that the David had been
and the thought that coal boats had got
home as far as the mouth - and Mother would
be here this morning (she would come
from the mouth in the steam boat)

I hope dear Mother was able to come to
the mouth in a coal boat, it would be
much ^{better} than coming on horse back, I hope
Mother will get here today, or if not today,
certainly, to-morrow. Now letter to Mother
mailed the 3rd came last Wednesday, I am
glad to hear that the dear children are all
well, Oh how much I want to see them.
I hope I shall be with you all in a week
from today. ~~But~~ I think we certainly shall
that is the day that you said you should
expect us. I hope dear Mother will get here today
then I suppose we will not go to Dayton until
Friday and stay there I hope, not
until Saturday then go home, and
Oh I shall be so happy. I will have no
more trouble then. It is a beautiful day and
I wish dear Mother could get here ^{today} but perhaps
she will. I know she is just as anxious
to get home as I am. Oh we will all
have such nice times when we get home.

for many days, how much for
after promising
to have vacation, and after the teacher
has been here all the time.
Sophie says, he will have no
vacation now, but two weeks in
February, very tired isn't he?
Just think of studying twenty weeks
without a rest! But Sophie says
she does not think they will do much
here even if they do keep school,
and she thinks Mary and I had
better better go home as we feel ex-
hausted. I think so. As to Mark you I
know I could not study if I did say
I am sure I could not stand if
to study six or seven weeks more.

I am so tired now, and if I go
home I can get rested and ready to
commence again in the fall. I am
so sorry that Sophie can't go with
me but you think I had better go
without you dear mother! I know you
will say go. I should feel differently
if I had to stay, I know I could
not stand it. I have come home
many times during the year. I never
went to school before and I want
a rest, but that I cannot have, but
I could study better and feel
better every way for resting a few
days. I get so tired every night
I am going to get up early and
study very hard all the night.

Can send love
to Harry

Monroe Dec 15th 1888

Dear sister Lizzie

I have
been very busy up to now
you don't see letters before
but I have so much to do every
day. I will be at home with
you before this time next
Saturday. I packed all my things
Monday the morning. Sophie came
in and saw me. She told me
to give my love to mother and
said she hoped I would have a
pleasant journey. She told me
afterwards that she was not joking

that when I get home she
would speak to Miss Doty the
house keeper to have her put
me up a room. I shall
be so happy in a week from
to night. I hope dear father
and mother will be at home when I
get there. What good times we will
have. These few days won't be
daring! But I have no more
time to write this evening. Darling,
how I will hug you next Friday,
or on Sunday next. Saturday night.

Good night darling.

Your dear sister Minnie

Lutie Lyon. On a island and many
boys and doctors. Sister Minnie

New Haven July 15th 186.

My dear dear Mother

I left New York last Saturday afternoon at three o'clock on the "Columbia" which arrived here at eight. Ed and Aunt went on to the boat with me. I had a very pleasant time on the boat, and so pleasant of course as if some one had been with me. But it was a beautiful day. I got a long very well indeed. That had sent my mind down a little while before we started. But when we got to the boat he could not find it. Well when we got to N. H. I went down to the boat after it but did not see it. I spoke to the captain about it, and we concluded that it had got to the depot too late for our boat, and would be sent by the night boat, which would leave N. H. at eleven. He was very polite. I asked him if he knew Prof. Gibbs and he said yes and went out to see if he could find him but did not see him, so he put me into a carriage and sent me safe here, where I got here. I ~~must~~ ^{must} have gone to meet me and to see about my trunk for he had sent a telegraph (or rather it was for me but being a dispatch he opened it,) in the afternoon.

it was said that 'The [unclear] was at the
Steam Boat Depot. Went by night boat. But
I explained when I got there that it must
mean [unclear] by night boat. They thought it
might have been sent the night before.
I staid at home all Sunday as I had not
clothes that would go to wear to church.

Wednesday Morning. My trunk came
all safe. Monday Morning, I just in time
for me to get a thin dress to wear to a
picnic. We had a splendid time.
There were ^{eighteen} ~~seven~~ all together. The young
gentle men were mostly 'Wale boys'. One
of them called here yesterday. One of them
had been very attentive to your humble
servant, the day before. He played back
gammon with me. Wednesday two young
ladies call on me yesterday. While the
gentle men were here they were Miss Blake
& Miss Tomlinson, the students are Waker
& Twining, the last one seems to have taken
a fancy to me, but I like the first one best.
But I don't care any thing for either. I want
so to see dear Aunt. I got a letter from
him yesterday. He misses me very much.
Don't you think if I stay until next week
Saturday it will be a long enough visit?
I can't stay longer, besides they have
no piano so I cannot practice any

and so far I have not studied any in
the vacation. I cannot study here.
But has been buying a splendid
Atlas in two volumes, and a globe,
and he wants me to study geography
with him, as soon as I get back.
I should like much to go so. Then
I want to purchase so I think I
must go home certain by next week.
I sent down town & got a flat. The
day I went to the picnic I had
no sun bonnet & besides I often
want a flat. It cost one dollar. I
have about six dollars left.

Dear Mother the collar & rail you
sent are beautiful. How can I thank
you for them.

I must say good bye now -
it is near breakfast time
Love from
Your own Maunie.

I will write again this week.

I like them all very much

My own precious mother, I must write you a few lines too. I am getting along quite well with all my lessons and I try to do every thing I have to, every ^{day} but sometimes I cannot. Auntie is going to have me and Sallie make little things for poor little children, to give them on Christ mas. She got some cotton flannel and I have nearly made one little baby shirt. Do not be afraid that she will make a Cathole of me. I read my dear bible every day, and read of repeat the fourth Psalm every night.

Oh! Mother darling, the bible is my greatest comfort. I think, ^{I hope so} Oh! God is so good. I wish I was in your dear sweet arms, with my head on your precious bosom. When Morn sent me my new pin he sent me two Lancelian crosses one nearly like yours and one a little larger, and darker. I like the one like yours best, but I will let ^{Auntie} take the one she likes best. Good bye my darling, darling mother, I love you so much. Tell Maledon to read the bible every day, it is so good. Have him write to me, kiss all the children for me. Maledon, ^{My} ^{little} ^{name} and teach Jimmy to cate the little Ellen and Chick, and you our father must kiss each other Oh! so many times for me. I will write you the long letter next time. I hope I shall get a letter from you when Uncle comes home. Yours, dear little

I wrote that a long letter last Sunday. Mamma I read over from him last evening he said he was very busy so he wrote only a short one. Ed was with him. Dear Morn, He is so sweet and good.

I thought I was going to write (your) little Mamma you a very short note so I took this paper but I could not stop. Anne H

My own darling, precious Mother, Saturday Morning. I rec'd your dear sweet letter last evening, Oh! I was so glad to get it and to hear that you had got home safely. I am glad you had a pleasant journey. I wish I could have been with you, but won't we have a nice time going

home in a few weeks? only promise me that one of
you will come for me in eight weeks, (and before if
you can) it will make me so happy. I am so
sorry mother, darling, that you saw me cry the
morning you went away, but I could not help
it darling, I hope it did not make you unhappy.
He was very kind of cousin Mary Anna to
give me that beautiful white dress and skirt
she is very, very good. But good bye now
my own precious mother, it is breakfast time.
Love to all. I love you all so very, very, much.
Write me good long comforting letters.

Your own Mammie.

I never forget my Psalm.

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away except Tuesday. She is very
pleasant but she certainly says
things not very modest. I sleep
with her. She never says any
thing bad to me, but says rather
queer things before every one.
Saturday evening I went with
Mrs & Mrs S. Col. W. & Mary to
Pablo's and saw the Revels.
Mark would have me go and
we got home as early as eleven
I think. Monday evening, Mrs
Sabine, Mrs Jones (some gentle-
man from Fulton who Mrs S. knew)
& Mrs Col. W. & Mrs S. and I went
to a concert at Mrs Bee's.
About 100 people were present
the organ, has singing classes
and the scholars sang a few songs
also some of the choirs of
different churches. There six
children, four boys and two
girls, who give concerts come
and sang. The smallest one
was not more than six years

old I should think, and he came
out and sang one song alone
and there was a little boy
(I have forgotten his name, but
he had nothing to do with the
six children) not more than
eight or nine, who played on
the violin. He played by himself
kept very good time and played
with excellent taste. His mother
is a poor woman with but one
eye. She has toiled day and
night so that he might have
teachers, but now he has got
past the teachers he has had
and must have the very best
instruction. He shall be
a concert given for him. I wish
Sam Raymond might have
a teacher and could learn
to play on the violin. I think
we will get the piano from
Rochester by Wednesday or Thurs-
day. I believe it is Dunham's
make, and is a very fine one.

[illegible]

we went to the "Tribune" office and there
at every thing there. The Grief is like
that in Cincinnati but larger. I believe
there were four places where the papers
came out there. While I think there were
five here - after we had been down stairs
to see the press and see them fold the
press, we went way up, up, up, I don't
know how far into the composing room,
then down to the street, and we did not go
out yet, for most had to stop and talk to
the printer's bill. Then we went out, took
a car and after riding a long time got
to the "Crystal Palace". We saw some
beautiful statues. There was one of a
woman sitting on a leaf.

How Mother I think
such things are so perfectly foolish. Don't
you? I think it is much better to ^{let} nature
alone, and I believe those people who are
so modest, are always peeping around
and trying to find out if there is not some-
thing that would make them blush. (The
dear modest little things) When they think

no one will see them. Don't you think
it is so? I could stand and look at a
figure for hours without blushing, but could
admire every limb the beautiful arms
and hands even each finger, then
the feet and ankles (and so on up) the
legs taper so beautifully, then the head
and neck and the lovely throat and
every thing so perfect. Dear Mother what
a man is there in looking at the statue
figure of a man who is made in the
image of God? I wish some one
would tell me where the statue is.
I might blush at the right time, but
don't want to do any thing out of the way.

When I look at these little statues or
when they have no clothes on, is there
anything more beautiful? I did not see
anything prettier than mortie at the Crystal
Palace. I never saw a child so perfectly
beautiful as he is. You cannot find a
fault in his form or face, and Lizzie is
is very beautiful and Lanning is beautiful.

look at his glorious eyes, his
fair complexion, if you would, it
is a sight and of all things be sure
don't forget to look at his tooth, but
I think little Paul will take them
off of all of them. They are all
beautiful. Mother but none of them are
as smart as my precious Seymour. I
kiss you with you now if she is please
her my love. I went to Boston
very evening saw "Gist to the Mill
but private affairs" and
saw "1000 Phillims" "Gist to the
Mill" was very pretty and the others
were all the same.

I saw a woman in a blue cotton
dress and blue lawn shirt, under
her and another chief one and blue
dress in his hair was quite killing. -
The reason we have been out so much
is that Sarah and Mrs Phillips expect
to go home this week and they want them
to see as much as possible while they are here.

Brooklyn N.Y. Dec 22nd 1856

I hope I can
be in a little while
perhaps there
at the end of the road
in your arms
how happy I would
be

Oh! so much
love for dear
father & you

My precious Mother I cannot write you
a long letter today but I will write
a little for I know you love to
hear from me though there is
nothing worth seeing in my letters
except that I am well and happy.
I rec'd your sweet letter of the 15th
yesterday and after I got it I wrote about
three pages to you but as Mrs. J.
was in the same room with
sorts of non sense most of the time
you may know it did not look very
well. (I did not send it)
Last Sunday I went to
Mrs. J. to see Lizzie Williams and
daughter. Lizzie looked very pretty
indeed but very thin. She was very
sick indeed and so was the baby

at first for the first nurse she had
was half crazy I guess she told Max
Williams when Lizzie was so very
sick that if the mother died the
baby would die too, and she spoke
as if there was not much ^{hope} comfort
for either she left them I believe, and
I think it was true. The baby is
really beautiful she had a great deal
of light hair that sticks up so
fancy but it will curl I suppose.
Lizzie is going west in June one
of her brothers wrote that he thought
the New York Milk could not
be made for the baby she said
she supposed he thought "May
Lizzie" couldn't give milk.

When we came home we stopped
and looked at some bonnets (in Brooklyn)
There was one very pretty one white
straw trimmed with light green
ribbons and with white lace and
a good many flowers inside. They thought

it looked well on me and it was only
4 dollars. I think I shall get it. — As soon
as it is warm enough to wear thin
dresses I shall be glad. — I got a little
ink on my brown dress when I went
to the printing office. so I shall take
out not quite half a breadth and
gather it. Mrs T. says I must gather
that and my green dress as they do
not wear them plaited now though
I think them very pretty. —

Mark is very busy indeed now —
his books or on at least will be out
the first of next month. I will be
able to write if he has time. —
Early next week. Besides his books
he is very busy studying ring and nearly
every evening he has to go to New York
and very often is out until long after
midnight. You see he has a great deal
to do and did not feel badly if he does
not write very often. ^(he does not go Saturday nights) He is a dear

good noble boy. Mother, what would
I do if he did not love me.

I am sorry to hear such very sad
news from poor Mary Lawrence.
I am sorry too that her mother will not
let her friends see and talk to her
and so think of any one thinking they
do not know any one in New York if Mary
could - but feel as you say Miss
Parker does, how happy she would be.
Your dear mother I must go sleep
May be so good bye. Kiss Father, Lizzie,
Leggie, Mr. Mortimer, Sam and baby Paul.
Give me love to Betty and all my
friends.

Love bless you. My cough is much
better. I think and but for my nose,
I would be quite happy. Do not work
hard and worry about me. I am very
well and happy. I take care of the sailor,
my room, and Cliffs. God bless you all.
Mother would send a great deal of love
but he is in New York. Your own Maudie.

much as I did at school, ^{in different ways} if not from books but I want to learn to give up doing some things which I would like to. because it is right to give it up if it is a lesson which I do not yet know very well. But will try very hard to learn.

I hope you have heard from Malcolm a gain by this time. I rec'd another letter from Cousin Anna yesterday it was very short she is in Northampton and will expect me in New Haven next after next. I shall answer her letter this evening I think. I shall be very glad to call on Mrs Brewster and Mrs Upthorp and pretty Mrs Bayne. I will do as you wish and get some letters from your dear little sister's grave and send them to her. Ma I might write to her while I am in N. H. if you will tell me how to direct the letter. But I guess most knows. Uncle Lincoln was here last Friday to dinner and on Sunday too. he left N. H. Monday morning. he said he had a young lady to take ^{to Cin.} and he told her that if she saw him running away she must catch hold of his coat tails or he would certainly forget her. He thinks Malcolm had better get out west again but I think not. Don't let him go.

I think the children would be quite astonished if they could see the ocean and every thing around it. What would they think to see paper boats swimming "head over heels" in the water. we saw a lot of them on Saturday when we were going to Long Island. Longwood certainly is a strange place - I have been practicing an hour and a half if it is nearly four. I guess Mr. Sheriff will not come to day. - I am very sorry for poor Henry Hewitt. Tell me if you hear Higgins and if his speech was good. Last Friday evening Mrs. Post and I went to a Strawberry festival. There was some reading by Mrs. Brown + Miss Bridges. They read beautifully. Mrs. Brown read part of Plu. and that part about the glory fids, and Hoboken. The house came down every minute. after the reading was over. Mrs. Post and I was introduced to Mrs. Bridges. he knows Mr. Brown very well. Mrs. T. & I were introduced to Mr. Brown and his wife. They are both very good looking. he is quite handsome. Miss Bridges is a splendid looking woman. when we had eaten strawberries and ice cream and had looked around all we wanted to. we were coming away when we met Mr. and Mrs. Brown and another gentle man. Mrs. B.

said she had always supposed Max Doesticks was
a middle aged man. The strange man slipped round
in the back and asked him how old he was.
Max was introduced to a great many gentle men
that evening. Oh! I know he will always do well
I hope so that is I am glad Mrs Lawrence
likes Mont. brook. how is poor Mary? I should
like so much to see her but I am afraid I
never can again. Oh! Mother dear it seems dreadful for
one so young & beautiful & accomplished to die. but it
is more dreadful to think that her father & mother
have done everything for her one thing which
is much more than all the rest together. I am
very sorry for poor Mary. I wish I could see her
but I am afraid her heart will be so
comfort her? Give a great deal of love to Father
and her Mother for me when you see them. Also
give much love to Hattie Hooper. I wish she
would write to me I would be very glad to hear from
her but I do not care much for most of the girls
in A. L.

Mother Darling I must now say good bye

I have been to school every day this week but Monday it turned
rainy. Yesterday the reports were all read. 400
is the highest standard I was 377 but next quarter will
be 400. Commencement comes off to night. I will send
you one of the new Catalogues. God bless you dearest
don't feel badly any more. I know how dearly you love
me better than I ever knew it before. I hope you next to work

that I shall see you more often. I will write you soon. I will write you soon. I will write you soon.

Brooklyn May 11th 1886. (Sunday)

My dearest Mother

I am sitting in Mr. Brown's room by his table near one open window, writing to you as to I would give all I have, to see it is quite warm and very pleasant to do. I went to church with dear Mother this morning and heard such a good sermon. But I told you I would tell you what I have been doing from the first of May, so I will do it now. Well on Thursday the 1st Prof. Gray told us that there would be no school on Friday, he generally gives them the 1st of May but he thought many days in the City could not be very pleasant, so he gave the 1st of May. Friday evening we went to Laura Keane's theatre. The same evening Mr. Brown a gentle man in U.S. read part of Mr. T. W. Higginson's new book with several other things we were going to hear him but when we got there there were so few that Mr. T. W. thought he would not try to read. After we had been in the theatre a short time Mother went back to the reading room to see if Ed and Cliff

who did not leave home until after we dined ^{here there}.
He found there was a very good house
and after it was over he came back to
the theatre with the boys. I have seen
the first piece the "Marble Heart," before,
it is beautiful. And Mr. Jordan is the
handsomest man I ever saw, and most
thinks him the best actor of the kind
to be seen in the City. I fell in love with
him and have not fallen out although
he is married. He is a very fine man
too. Most know him. The afterpiece was
"Poverty." Saturday evening we went to Wallace
saw the "Wife" and "Kill or Cure." The "Wife"
is very fine and was well played. I did
not go to church on Sunday for Mark did not
go, as he had to report to religious meetings one
in the afternoon and one in the evening, and
he thought that would be enough for one day.
On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday I went to school.
It rained a little Wednesday, I and Thursday
morning it rained very hard. I got all ready
to go to school when Mrs. Thomson thought I
had better not go on account of my cough
(and speaking of my cough there is a very
little of it left) well it rained Thursday
night and the next morning was raining and
wet and altogether not pleasant. So it was
thought better for me to stay at home another
day. Mr. Phillips came here in

the afternoon from Rochester in the evening
it did not rain and we went to Mrs. Beecher's
church to hear Mr. Lough and all who
went liked him very much.

I have been here well since Saturday.
Now so that I have been this winter
so some of the time I did not feel very
well. Sunday we went to church heard
a very good sermon indeed, saw many
prattened dear little babies baptised. I had
to dance in a composition. On Monday
Monday evening that and I went to
Burtons and saw "Devil's Lippinfield,"
& "Catching an Airship," it would have
nearly killed you to see Mr. Burton
as Micamber, but Patsy too was well
played, very, and that was very
good. Some of the rest were not so good.
The farce was very good too. Mr. Sheriff
came and gave me a lesson yesterday.
Then last evening I went out with Mr.
Thomson and bought a new book which
I am to study. it is "Principles of
Zoology," by Agassiz and Gould. Then
I bought three pieces of music, two of them
I have to have and the other is
"Shubert's Serenade," which you remember
I took of Mr. Jones. You see dear Mother
from the way in which I write it is now

Wednesday.

Dearest Mother, it is time
to go to school so I can write to you
now. Mom. will write today.

Good bye. God bless you all.
Love to all.

Your own little

Hannie

we went to see
Uncle Louis Robin
little my brother
Howard the
magnificent letter
ever played it
for the last
time before young
Switzer, the
is young with
Barnum
her father plays
the piano
what plays
good by dear
brother and bless
your little
child
the

to give
I am so happy to
the father
the young is with
I hope Father will go with
the wrapper
the things you sent
for Williams has been
Chic so I could not
I have not seen
for Mark got
the store they
mother and the
wrapper is the most comfortable thing
I ever had on them the aprons are

both so pretty. the black silk
apron is the sweetest I ever saw
and the other is very sweet and
pretty. oh! Mother darling, you
are so kind, what could I do with-
-out you. The other of the
wrapper is so pretty and every
thing fits me very nicely.

Yesterday I fixed over my summer
bonnet for fall, and it really looks
beautifully, and only cost me 1.18.
You see. When I was at New Haven
I had to get a flat and cousin Julia

put some ribbon on it, and then when
I came back, would not let me give
it back to her. it is beautiful
ribbon and cost 75 a yard, it
is Dark Blue with a broad
Black satin center, well, yester-
day I made my bonnet smaller
and got $1\frac{1}{4}$ yards of blue ribbon for
stings, a inch with a black edge.
some black velvet ribbon rather
narrow, I got three yards of it, and
nine little blue rose buds, then
there were a great many straw

buttons on the white ribbon I wore
this summer. Those I took off and
put on the blue ribbon, and now
the bonnet is really very pretty.
Much prettier than it was this
summer, and it did not cost me
much for it. It cost but four dollars
on the first place, and now I need
not get another while may enter
the winter, for it is very dark then
in the winter if I want another
if I get it, not very early, it will not
cost much. Last Saturday afternoon

dear letter. I was very sorry at first that
 you had to go to Cincinnati, but if you
 think it will do you good I am glad you
 should go. I hope & pray that it may be
 a darling mother and I hope you
 will be able to sail on Grandma's ship
 you all winter. Some of us who are
 going to the fair this afternoon
 dinner (at half past twelve we had
 not have to pay any thing going or
 coming on the cars, but we all gave a
 little (I gave eleven cents) for cakes & candy
 & to eat where we got them. We had
 a very pleasant time and came back
 at three o'clock Miss Handell one of the
 teachers went with us. There has been
 a county fair in town this week several

them she will tell
 you to get
 6 3/4 bush
 I had as small
 a kind as she
 has, her gloves were
 too large for me.
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ladies rode on horse back, Sophie won the
first prize, which was a ladies saddle.
I had a fine ride last Monday with
Sophie. I wish I could ride every day.

I rec'd a letter from father this
week, which I answered today. I was
glad to hear in one of your letters, that
he has been home to make you a visit,
I wish I could have seen him, but
I hope he will come and make me a
good visit in a week or two. I wish
you could stop here when you go to
Cincinnati. Now I want to ask you
one thing, I suppose after while I
shall want a pair of nice walking
shoes. I am not in any need of them
yet. And if you could afford it, I
would like to have you get them in
Cincinnati. They cost a little more,
but they wear much better. If you
get any I would like a pair of black
or brown cloth gaiters with heels, or a
pair of leather shoes with or without heels.

I should like them with heels if
you would be willing, but I suppose they cost
more, so you had better get them with-
out. Remember I wear thick shoes, and
thin shoes 2 1/2, but I suppose it would
be better to get threes for winter, and
threes I suppose after while. (perhaps
not before Christmas) I shall want a
pair of nice winter gloves, (I wear 6 1/2)
if you get him please get brown ones.
or I would like a pair of silk ones
like ^{those} Grandmama's lost in Andover.

Now dear Mother, you need not think
that you have to get these things I
have spoken of. I only thought if when
you got there if you could afford it, if just
as well as not, you would be sure of getting
good. I am not at all in need of any
thing yet, but I suppose I shall want
them this winter. If you get the things
and do not stop here yourself, you can
send them by father. Now Mother please
do not deny yourself any thing, that ^{you} may

be able to get the things for me, or not
get them if you cannot afford it just
as well as not. When father comes
please send my love that if you
are not seeing it for one of the little
girls, I should like it to go with my
maximum dress. I hope you will have
a pleasant journey, do not get sick
sailing. If you think I had better
come home to stay with the children,
or if you think father cannot afford
to keep me here, please let me know.
I think it would be better to come home
so that father can pay all his debts
this winter. Then you know I can get
a "good ready" to go next spring, please
tell me when you write next what you
think best, and I will go as you want
me to. I saw Kate Wednesday afternoon
(she left the next morning) she told me
to give a great deal of love to you when
I wrote next. If you get those gloves for
me I lay my thing to Susan Mary about

brook bye - dear
Mother, I must
go now - give
my affectionate
love to all -
Your own letter
has just arrived. I am glad
you have seen Cliff - and from him
have heard so much of me. I do
not remember running fast since
Broadway - but it seems Cliff has
an astonishing memory - he did
not mean to keep it secret about
his going away - but I thought you
knew it - he was going - Thursday May 16th -
Lily Underhill has been staying with

me since Monday. her Mother has
been sick, but is better now. Mr. Under-
hill was here yesterday, and what
do you think he did? Why he
kissed me of course. Most kisses his
wife. Lilly is a very sweet little
girl and I love to have her
with me all but the hot shower
baths at night, but she is gener-
ally very good. She is not three
years old yet. Last Saturday most
bought some white Maltine for Spencer.
for Mrs. Thomson and me and she

gave each of us a very pretty black
blue belt. I have sent to Miss
Julie for a Spencer pattern. I think
it will come to day. Mrs. I has
made hers. but I think Julie's
pattern is prettier than any I
have ever seen. I hope it will
get here to day. For I want to make
this Spencer this week. as most
is so good to me you can't think how
good he is. I am glad you have
been to Whitmore and have had
a pleasant visit with cousin Cate.

I think he and Mary are alike
alike in some things. I wish
I could see Uncle Mellen and
Auntie when they come to River Adm.
But I should not wish for what
cannot be. Indeed as you say we
should be thankful that we are all
so well. I have had such
cool weather lately and such delight-
ful rains, which will be very
likely to keep us very all sick-
But I am very sorry that Father
has not been well. I hope he is well.

If we should move out this fall much better now. You may cer-
tainly be together for a year that would be so pleasant. I am not being
only think of it all together again. There has not been any very near
dear Malcolm father and all us, and not a great deal any
most songs we are to be married where the weather has been so cool
when I am seven ten that it has not spread. But I

Mr. & Mrs. Underhill & Lily ~~and those people out west~~
I have commenced boarding here. I have heard that they were dying off
they came Tuesday afternoon by hundreds with yellow fever in
^{Mary} Mr. Thomson and Sarah Gay left Brooklyn. Mrs. Underhill
that day. Mrs. Thomson has is going to teach me what hand
been sick for a few days but is so that when next that letter shall

hand report. I can copy for him
the report. I can help him in
that way. I shall like father
again at that dinner he has
gone to see about and I hope
we can all be together soon.
Now I shall ride when I go there.
That night and I will see you
rides together every morning before
breakfast. Lizzie & Lay-mour shall
learn to ride and both will grow
so well and strong. I hope all the
children for me. Lizzie, Lay-mour, Masha
Laurie and Paul. I hope Laurie
that sister Maria who lives in Brooklyn
thinks of him very often. The little