



she was thinking about your going to college  
and I will just copy what she wrote at it is  
"but are you not afraid to trust yourself  
all the long years of your college life? He will turn  
doubtless into a man, much more fascinating  
than your humble self and it is an acknowledged  
fact that "masculine love is at best much less  
enthralling than woman's" One funny word  
more says. Somehow it did not work but not  
troubled me in the least. I had not given it  
a thought for really it had not entered  
my brain until she brought it up and do  
you think there is any occasion for trouble  
over that secret? Darnley does not know as yet  
if you say such nice things -  
I have had some very heavy thoughts over  
your distress at my having my tresses removed  
from that lovely picture since. Strange  
if it not that I should laugh at your distress  
I have seen you raising a la Abdomen and  
tried to feel good at the picture but really  
could not. I do not know whether it is best  
to undress you in regard to the matter  
or not but I rather prefer I will have only  
had the ends cut off. I told Anne  
to tell you that she did just to have  
a little fun at your expense was at my bad  
in it and do you not like going up a good  
goodness? I have been so afraid that Marie  
has let out the secret that I did not know  
what to do. I regarded the pleasure of telling  
you myself. You know the hair was quite  
removed, and I thought I would first have the  
ends cut off and that would make it grow  
out soon. I would not have it cut off closed  
for anything I think nothing would induce  
me to have it changed now.  
I am sure that the woman blessed  
you for it was a ridiculous anxiety that it should  
be cut off. I have seen a long time since  
you have remained so and I am sure afraid  
that you are forgetting how  
happy I am to see you settling about  
I hope I shall see you very soon and I am  
I tell you that I am not entirely unacquainted  
with it about a year ago I was up to see  
Emma one night. I had heard enough about  
Pope then to be quite surprised when she told  
me that she had Pope to read that night  
had brought her but I was not surprised

when she told me that the book was an  
essential favorite of his that was not at all  
extraordinary. She brought the book to me  
and we looked it over and read some  
passages that were arranged for her to read  
when the book was looked all the night. I  
feeling that if you believed had brought that  
book for me to read I would not give  
credit not respect. I wonder how you could  
wondered at heropia how she could respect  
brought as much as she did. I believe she is  
perfectly innocent herself and she believes  
to be so also, but now she can see a good deal  
to me, do you not wonder at it? You will  
never fear that I will read that book or a slight  
dose was sufficient for always. He'llie had  
read some of it and she detests it as much  
as any one could. She has read some from  
and I have often heard her say that she found  
nothing to see that equal to what she found  
in Pope and my book only read a small portion  
of it she can hardly bear to hear the book  
mentioned, she knew nothing about it until  
she read it, had never heard the book spoken  
of either one way or the other. It is perfectly right  
that you should read such things for the purpose  
you give is a good one. Albin I believe I am going  
for I can hardly hold you from much less  
make a straight mark. I have just swept the  
school room and it always gives me the  
fidgets for an hour or more. I and the  
girls had a time cleaning the house on Saturday  
afternoon. I think it is a disgrace to have a  
school room two years without being clean  
ed as this has been. My scholars have improved  
up to thirty-four and still been coming and  
I presume there will be forty or more before they  
three months are over, only six small weeks  
more and they for a vacation and a good  
long one too, perhaps I shall not teach more  
than three months here if I am too tired with  
these children I shall not. That is  
Westmoreland. Oh! please 'dear' I am nearly  
distracted with the whistles and squawks  
that are about here and this is all going  
at once. If the scholars excited themselves with  
their studies, as often do with their squawks  
I would be perfectly satisfied with them.

I have not written to Louisa yet - but I am going to do so as soon as I can. I do not write to anybody but - nobody about I do not - have time either I am not so tired. After school I do not do much of anything but - sit in the rocking chair and rock and think. I have forgot me for writing about - I did about - what you said to - Louisa I did not mean anything wrong but - it was very sorry implied for me to write that to - rock and did you not think so. Last Sunday I did not go to church but - I think you not think mainly all day. I was at - Mrs. Rockwell, and had a delightful time all day. We did have a delightful time when Angie was at home. I do wish you could have come down on Sunday, you would have enjoyed it as much as the rest of us. I forget there good disappointed that I did not write a letter to - Willie. You find nothing about it and I did not know but you felt sure about it left - I guess you did not. but if you did please let me know it. I will try to please you again. Louisa Rockwell says she thinks I was a funny sister to write such long letters. I tell her it is very real. Angie's writing on the envelope and she of course thinks it is her on the inside also. She speaks

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