

Don't you forget that the
30th was my birth day
and that I was a year
of your age.

Gainesville Seminary
Friday Eve October 6th 1860

My Dear

I am going to be real
good and write all the evening to
you for I feel just like it and
you have had no letter this week
from me which I know is real
shameful. at least I would think
so if it had been you that had not
written. Angie and I went visiting
last Friday night and did not
get back until Saturday so that
is the reason I did not write
to you but we had a real nice
time. we were at Mrs Goodells

out in the country about two miles. I do like it here so very much, it is as much pleasanter here than at H. as can be imagined. Miss Bahentine came Tuesday and I suppose you may expect to hear from her soon. I like her of course, she teaches our History class - and makes it very interesting. I am getting along fairly in German as well as in every thing else but music and I do feel so discouraged with that though says I am doing finely much better than either of the others who began with me but it does seem as if I never should know anything about it.

Dear me! I am almost roasted and I'll tell you the reason if you want to. Miss Oldidge is away this evening and about

of us girls have been up in the music room dancing and having a regular boarding school festival. One of the girls played the piano and we have waltzed polka and jigg and have had such a time. The girls thought if I were examining them they could do most anything and not be blamed if we were found out. but I just as leave they would find it out as not. The "Wide Awakes" of Gainesville are making quite a commotion. They came into the yard the other night and after marching around, they laid down their trunks and gave three cheers for the "Lincoln girls" of the Seminary and then they were answered by a shower of hand clappings. we have some very staunch Douglass girls here also and after the Wide Awakes had

cheered the Lincoln girls. They gave
a banquet for Douglas and they were
answered by guests of most from the
wide awake that they did not dare
to raise their voices again.
I had a letter from home to day
with some good news and some
bad in it. Father has been very
ill he has had a great carbuncle on his
side where the blister was and has suf-
fered everything with it some says,
that for two some one had to sleep
with him all night, and it did
seem sometimes as if he would die.
The pain was so great and they could
do nothing for him to ease his pain
mother says he is reduced to a perfect
skeleton, has no appetite and is very
poorly indeed though much better
than he has been for some time after
the boil is over with me will be much
better. Now for the good news, that
Cousin has been decided in his
Duke's favor and if in his of course
in other, you may imagine how
rejoiced this makes us. I have written
also that Douglas has been appointed
to read for this cause but perhaps you
have heard of it before. We are all
very anxious to go up at the close
of your run to hear her read.
I hope my Dear that you have re-
ceived from that old and ill humor
that you send your love in every
you write though I should not have
perceived it. If you had not have
mentioned it. I thought your letter
was real good. I think it scandalous
that it takes letters so long to go
short distance from people. I have
but your child do a little better this
at present.

I am sure my Love that I wished
with you that I were with you and
your wife that night that you felt
so sorry! I am quite certain that
you would not have been safe
to me or any one else if I had been
? Thank Dear you had better
content yourself with getting papers
in College and not mind about
them after you graduate. I had
such a merry time reading
your letter if you did feel bad
when you wrote it. I am serious-
ly afraid Dear that you'll not
get the "silver cup" for I have
no idea of it just at present
and I don't know but by the
time that I am through going
to school I shall have given
up entirely the idea of getting

unmarried ever. Now you don't fear
this very seriously do you? Well I
don't either but I expect that I
shall be ready to be a wife just
when you are ready for one and
another thing. I expect and that
is that I shall be ready willing
happy and proud to be a mother
just as soon as possible if it is
in the first year of married life.
Does not this sound like Emma
your Emma, Love? Don't you
seriously afraid that I shall
be changed after a year or two
of boarding school life? I hope
not to be out for the better
I am going to undress and
put on "ma robe de nuit" so
I shall be all ready to jump
into bed when the bell rings.
There Dear I feel so much about
would so like to sit down on

your lap and be fondled just
a little bit - too bad I can't be
is it not Love? I know it would
give you just as much delight
as it would me. I expect it will
be quite a while before I shall
enjoy any of these pleasures with
you only in anticipation but I
am quite sure that I shall not
forget about them.
I wonder Dear, if someone did
not like me what you wanted
should like me if you could
plead my cause as eloquently as
you did Donna's. Don't call me
meanly, when I tell you that
I did not take that to heart
one bit. I did have any dis-
position to feel sorry displeased
or anything only a little roquish.
I am perfectly willing that you
should love Donna ever so much

for I think she loves you, and
would do anything and every
thing to. please you even to try
to love me for your sake. I am
glad you enjoyed your visit with
her and hope you always will
now do you feel like boring my
ears or do you feel sad about it?
If you do I am real real sorry
and may be I'll try and not
do so again. The bill has run
for all of us children to be sen
ted but Angie said I might
sit up to finish my letter if I could
ask you something for her and
that is what she could get nice
black broadcloth for a good one.
she wants a cloak.

Frankie Miller was very much
pleased at being remembered by
you and wished to send love
in return I should not dare to
have you come here for fear the
girls, some of them would carry you
off - and I should never see you
again, since admire you so much
I have really enjoyed writing this
letter to you and hope you will
enjoy reading it as much
Ever yours
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