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I am disposed to send you <sup>a</sup> note of some sort by to morrows mail - and if I do so I must write it, perforce - Should you know why I am disposed to do this? why from selfish motives of course - purely selfish as you shall see -

The fact is I am tired almost to death staying here - I really think I shall die of premature old age if I stay another year, I have almost a perfect contempt for the whole concern, Gainesville Seminary bah! Shrinky, timid Miss Eldridge shiks most constantly this term and

her room. mate fosters this to perfection

Keeps her in her room in the morning so that she will not be down in time to attend to her duties in the dining hall. comes in usually after we are half through eating - and our fare Bread & butter and apple sauce for tea, cookies and tea for breakfast & corned beef potatoes and turnips for dinner - oh dear -

Well Albion, Nellie said to me this afternoon. "Write to Albion to get you a situation in Cheshire" - I've written to five different schools for a situation. but they write back "We've all the teachers we want"

Emma thinks I'd better keep trying and of course you'll think I'll do well to follow her advice -

Seriously Albion I am terribly discontented. Emma & Nellie are all the redeeming features of the school and surrounding.

Will you use your influence in obtaining a situation for me in Cheshire? I know you've not much time, but then I'll think you a very good boy. You know what I can teach - and then too I am going to write with Mrs. Spence again this summer and I shall be better prepared to teach German than now - If you are not successful will you tell me of any school where you think I may obtain a situation?

I often feel condemned for feeling towards Miss Eldridge as I do. but how can I help it! There is no order, no nothing here I sometimes think if I had kept the discipline, the Principalship I should be far less annoyed than I am now - Ah well! I'll try and be patient the rest of the term its only four weeks longer -

Do you know Albion, it's a year  
since Edwin died? And the com-  
ing year - Alas who can tell what  
griefs will weigh upon all our hearts  
Who can tell who will fall in this  
struggle for right - God, terribly  
sad, will be many homes, many  
heartbroken will be desolate. I  
firmly believe that you will  
be spared. I know, your pre-  
sentiments are generally truthfu-  
lous, but I feel confident of  
your long life. God will  
keep you. You will be as safe  
on the battle field as in your  
room at No. 3. - Nellie had a  
letter from Mr. Tramm this week  
he has twice offered his services to  
his country and been rejected, he  
feels quite badly over it -

Say to Mr. Webster for me "Au l'aine"  
Good Bye May God watch over and  
keep you. Toujours la même  
Annie