

Westfield March 16th 62
Sabbath P. M.

'Tis a positive fact Emma that I am staying from church all of this day a thing I cannot really remember ever having done when well enough to go. Perhaps it is wicked to congratulate myself that I resisted the temptation to play lazy; but I really do as I look out upon the people treading home from church on the face of this dismal, driving half-way across town. Further more I have but just returned from home yesterday with Carrie, to a messor boarding place, where I am but slightly acquainted, feeling quite tired from my week of visiting, and

dissatisfied with only a week, and finally
more like sitting down and reading
and arranging ^{papers} ^{intention} with absent
mind. I love, than occupying a pew seat
in church. I left friends at home ^{one} that
had not seen in three years, with
whom I did really wish to spend the
Sabbath. but duty called, and I must
away. School begins tomorrow morning
and I must be prompt.

Certainly, Emma, you are not mistaken
in asking why I left Mr Harrington. I did not
notice but that I told you Mrs H. 'poor
woman' - so as you were miserable in health
this Spring, that she had gone to Clifton to
the Water-cure, where she has on various parts
been greatly benefited. They closed their home
the girls work at old Mr Harringtons, and
the gentlemen board there. I fear her
husband may, ere long, be a greater
trial than living without her for two or three
months. I would be a death blow to her if
she had a woman who seemed more than

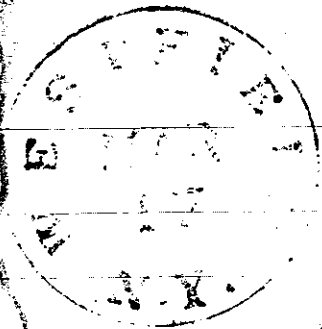
and entirely devoted to his wife; one who
seemed to care nothing for any body in
the world beside. I am boarding on
the opposite side of the same street, about
half way to the next corner East - nearly
opposite Mrs. Millie Harringtons. I anticipate
a great deal of pleasure ^{having} ^{purpose of} ⁱⁿ her society than
ever before. The name of the family I am
with is Allie. You may remember a student
by that name, one of my Lane West class.
He has an older brother at home, one about
about my age; there, about the only decent
young gentleman there is left in town.
takes his meals here, and for a while
one of my former pupils, a sweet young
girl of sixteen will board here. Thus you
perceive that I shall have less opportunity
to be lonely, than if I had remained
at my former home. My rooms too, will be
much pleasanter in summer, being high
and cooler. It is not to be expected they will
be furnished so nicely, for in boarding
one seldom finds accommodations

nice as I had there. But everything
is neat, comfortable, and convenient.
Were it not Sunday I would invite you to
walk in and spend the afternoon with
me. I would gladly resign this rocking chair
I am occupying. I am sure you would
think this front chamber very cozy, - plenty
large for one. Here I can sit by this great
window, and see up the street quite beyond
Mr. Harington's, and at the same time
out of both front windows, looking to
the South, as the windows are no higher
than my rocking chair. You may think
of this as my seat in the daytime. Sitting
here I have it a full front view of the
suspended Coon. I admire so much,
for the best place in the room is occupied
by pictures which had a previous claim
to position in this room. I wish one of
them was out. I do not like it at all. I
do for the first mentioned. I cannot imagine why
you ever like it, perhaps at the time, I feared you
might regret it. Shall I send it to you by
mail by Express? Really it is a question, whether
I can bear to part with it. These eyes have
won all my young hearts' affection. Hadn't
it, that he is engaged? I told Albion you

left it here. It surprised him very
much. It has excited no little curiosity
by causing some curious inquiries here
which will be very much heightened. I fear
when I send it away, and in answer
to their queries about it, beg them not to ques-
tion me. Oh! what a snout they will force
on me to a slighted trust. Ignorance has
enabled me to be very nice, committed an
erring him which of course was confirma-
tion strong of all suspicions, as I could
see by peculiar looks, when politeness for-
bade words. He has been deceitful & un-
pleasant you ashamed of me? You who are
never guilty of any tricks or deceptions
concerning the opposite sex! The letter from
Albion waited my return. He speaks of spend-
ing two weeks in Paris, and not writing
to you in the time, which I think very
very unkind in him. But I am sure
you are that it was not expressed, at least
alone caused to me a sufficient proof
why he should not write to you.

wonder at all that you have a perfect know-
ledge of his realizations again. How could you
ever endure it as you did before. I think
we were all stronger and more heroic,
than many of the same persons would be
again, because the first enthusiasm has
given place to a true realization of all
that is comprehended in "going to war". Not
that I can believe true patriotism is dimi-
nished in the hearts of Southern women.
On fact I would deem it stronger and
purer in that heart that could now
as promptly and cheerfully yield its all
up, as it did one year ago. How you fear
however, about Sister. Although it is poor
circulation, and perhaps difficult to choose
between the two trials, I have an idea
he can possibly enter the army again.
This satisfactory to know, - he is improving
and of course we long to see him well a-
gain, but how can it be even? It seems
he is improving, and really trying to find
an opportunity to teach. I really wish he might

be well enough for that, and find
such a position as he likes, for he will
himself as perhaps ever. I hope before
not send you such blue letters as he writes
me. You have enough at best to bear with
separated from him, at a time when
could cheer him so much. He would like
to write to me as he pleases, and all for
himself according to the best of his ability.
I should like to see him in his
dressing gown and slippers. How much
he will prize them! But you cannot be
more satisfactory to him than
them, than you have found or wish
them, I know.
Can I shall depend upon them in
your letter for company. I expect they
coming soon. Let me hear you soon as pos-
sible with all your other duties. Mark
the imperfections of this report to the
fact that I am writing!! Must have
grown grander in your eyes. I am
yours truly



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