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previous engagements. We were invited to Mrs. Cas-
ler's, but too late, which I did not particularly
like regret, since we enjoyed the afternoon and
evening so much there. Ah me! the oil is all
out of my lamp, and I cannot see another
particle.

Wednesday evening. Have been "aiding" the soldiers
as diligently as possible this evening, and really I
had to knit such heavy needles and yarn, that I
am doubting whether my hands can ever again
be steady, but this letter must go tomorrow.
Father & Maria sit by me writing home. We
stand at Mrs. Huntington's. You can imagine what
con-tinues we have here. Lu is a student, hoping to
be ready in next to return in the Spring, a position
is assistant in some Academy. Just think of it!
Emma! I have obtained pupils in my department.
Subjects are fine for me. In the winter I have
quite a class of young ladies, 9, 20, & 21, which gives
a much more character to the school, and as I
have a greater variety of higher classes. We had a good
session at the close of last term. We are to have the
week between the holidays for vacation. We shall spend

it here. I wish some one I love would be with
me that week. Send me a few passing thoughts will
you? I was not at all disappointed that Maria
said no more of his visit at our house. I did not expect
he would say much. Emma, perhaps I was not right
after all in saying that he saw some things as we
do. I have studied continually over what passed
between our deacons that week. He did not make to
me any confession of wrong to you, except in not
telling you before he did mine, what he told me con-
firms his feeling for me. But it seemed to have
made him so much happier to have you under-
stand all, that I believe that in his heart he felt
that he had erred. He knows that in his heart he is
truly Enimius, and perhaps cannot see what he
has wronged you. Surely if he does see that he has,
he will tell you. He seems to think if he has wronged
any one it is me, but I wish him not to be so much
set on that idea. He understands fully that I do
not think we have any right to be so dense together
as we have been, and in future he will not be so,
because I can not, and think Emma would
neither. He positively said that he would be willing

you would receive from your good and noble
man what he has bestowed on me, but I had
doubt, I doubted it; and I was certain, very certain
in other cases would be as he has done, and
you would not permit it. He looks upon it
as only the natural outpourings of his affectionate
nature, in things innocent and right, and as
I had formerly thought; and knowing or suppos-
ing he was just this same to half a dozen other
mistress visited several times. But now I see that
our men and women living, between whom
there is an affinity or congeniality of tastes and
sympathies, can indulge in an unrestrained
manipulation of their regard without strengthen-
ing those feelings beyond the point which we
would not have. I will be a year next week since
you last met; a year which has brought me much
of your happiness, and some very beautiful hours.
But do not regret that we ever met. But firmly
I shall ever regret my error. Experience passed
that delight to our lips. But the bitterest in the
most humiliating and abject situation, often. I have felt
it more than to be obvious. Trust I need not to Com-
municate regard to you shall never again lead me into
any kind of weakness, or of make me unworthy
of your confidence. He wrote me some other machine
some, and I was at small answer it, and give him the