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No. 66 North Pearl

My dear Parents,

Although I have written to you so recently, yet as I have an opportunity to send by Mr. Balten, and as I never refuse one I have concluded to write you a few lines however devoid of interest they may be.

In the Academy everything goes on pleasantly as usual, we have taken up geometry and Butler's Analogy, which require very hard study, and I can assure very little time is focused here for anything but study. A girl who always behaves herself in her classes, and is particular to have her lessons, and to treat her teachers with respect, and is also kind to all her companions can very soon make herself popular. Tomorrow is composition day and Mr. Batten is going to be present in the in the Chapel and I presume he will give you all due information respecting the exercise if you ask him. When is Mr. Childs coming down? When he does, I wish you would send me a loaf of cake of any kind, dough cake is nice with fruit in it. Cake is a scant article in a boarding house for school girls.

There is a young lady from Lansingburg here at the Academy, who says she knows James Sherrill, and Henry Butler, her name is Sarah Tracy, she is a very girl, do you expect Lucin home soon? Or are you going out after her? James seems to have taken full possession of Lucin, which I am going to dispute as soon as I come home, for I've no notion of letting them have her all the time. If you see Mr. & Mrs. Hurlburt, please give my love to them, and tell Mr. Hurlbert to make ready for an examination of my cranium, for I expect my bumps will be very much enlarged, and many new ones formed, for if study is the only requisite to fill cavities in the before mentioned cranium, mine must have become nearly filled and if the "granite walls" of a "class edifice" have anything to do with throwing a studious appearance over a noisy girl, I certainly ought to look very studentical.

I presume long before this you have seen the letter I wrote to Cornelia and Julia with the "Sonnet" dedicated to me on my birth day. What do you think of it? Is Mary and Henry Sherrill going to move? And where?

I shall be home in about three weeks from now, how happy I shall be.

I can think of nothing more worth wasting pen, ink, or paper about so I will bid you "good night"

Your affectionate daughter,

Sarah

Friday morn | Three weeks from this evening I shall start from home, then good bye to books for a season and I'll make the welkin ring and if you accuse me of being noisy, remember that my name is Sarah Hicks yet the same old significance if she has attended the Albany Female Academy. Lib sends her love, and is anticipating as much pleasure as I am.

Give my love to every body that wants it and research a great deal for yourself.

Sarah

Please inform me soon when Miss Day is staying. And answer this very soon. When is Mr. Childs coming? He runs off with my money I'll see an Albany constable after him.