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No. 66 North Pearl St.

My dear Parents,

Anxiously have I waited for an answer to my last letter, and I have waited only to be disappointed, every day in returning from school the first question I would ask was, "Mrs. McDonald see there any papers, or letters for me?" and for the last fortnight the only answer was no! and you cannot imagine how it grated on my ears. I have not heard from Ohio in more than a month, as for Carrie I hardly expect to hear from her again, although she promised to write, yet I am sure if she knew one half the pleasure it gave me to hear from her, it would more than pay her for the hour it would take to write. I must say that you have been very kind and written of late, yet I believe I have never been so long without hearing from you do please write very soon. I received your papers and letter by Mr. F. Murphy for which I thank you very much, We have been made sad to day by the death of one of our teachers a Miss Mary Dwight teacher of the third department. Although she was not a teacher of mine, yet I have formed a strong attachment to her, she was so mild so gentle that all who knew her loved her. It seems to be very aggravating us she in Stockbridge died) rested away from home, she is to be carried home tomorrow. She was in school on Wednesday. Thursday she as a little unwell & was not able to attend, on Friday she was much the same. Yesterday (Saturday) she was deranged and this afternoon (Sunday) she died making but 3 ½ short days of sickness, it will probably create much excitement in the Academy, it being the only teacher that has died excepting Mr. McKerr. The disease was thought to be Erysipelas on the brain.

I get along in my studies much better than I have any reason to expect and Mr. Crittendon is easy very polite, and I flatter myself I am somewhat of a favorite. I have been elected one of the editors of the "Planetarium" for the next month and although it is something of a task, yet it is rather pleasing to think that you are popular enough to be elected out of a department of ninety young ladies. I have been chosen together with Sarah McDonald, & Miss Pewton, a young lady from Sherburne, and she is boarding here. Mr. Crittendon says that we have the best of the scholars at our house, we go by the name of the "Mrs. McDonalds boarders", quite a compliment for us don't you think so? Two of our weeks have passed, and we have had capital helpers both times. Mr. Kendrick called here the other day but we were out walking and didn't see him and I thought he would call again, but have seen nothing of him, so I don't know whether he has anything for me or not.

I hope you will send whenever you have an opportunity and they next time you have me. I wish you would send me that yard of Afagan like my school dress, for I'd like to make me some new sleeves to it and I would like it as soon as I can get it. We have taken up geometry and Phisiology, besides our old studies by Algebra, Evidences of Christianity, and Astronomy, so you see our time is greatly well taken up and we have to

study hard. You said nothing in your letter about my coming home in the May vacation but I take it for granted I shall as Sarah is going to and I shall want my Wardrobe replenished, by the bye hadn't you better engage Cornelia Stratton as we have only a weekend I think it will either commence the latter part of April or the first week of May. And I am afraid if you do not engage Cornelia the Sangers will, and then I shall be in a pretty fix, and particularly if Lucin don't return. By the bye where do you look for Jim & Marie & Lucin! I hope they won't come while I am here but still James will be going to New York, and he'll stop and see me, when I think of it I live in two short months I shall see old New Hartford again I can hardly contain myself, oh how glad I shall be to get out of the city's sin, and Albany is the meanest of all cities. Broadway is just a pun upon the name it being about as wide as our "hack stoop", and as someone has said before we it had much better be called "serpentine avenue" now here I am putting down Albany, and yet I have not been home sick since I have been here. I wear real homesick, I never pass a day without talking about you and wondering what you are about, but still you don't catch me "boo-hooing" for home, which I have next July examination before and then I shall expect to see you here. We have a real nice little roommate although she is older than us yet we call her little Corey, her name is Cornelia Johnson, and she told me to give her best love to you. I think you would love her as well as I do if you but knew her. She resides in Champion Jefferson Co. and I should judge she had seen the best of society.

Please give my love to Mr. & Mrs. Hurlburt and Mrs. Goodrick if you see her, and don't forget to give my love to Jane, & tell her I wish I had her to sort my washing for don't believe I would look so yellow.

Give a great deal of love to Mary Sherrill and kiss Ella not forgetting Cassie, Lib sends her love, and says she has a great deal of trouble with me with much love your affectionate daughter Sarah