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My dear sister,

You write as if you were homesick, but Carrie you ought not to be for saying so

when you are going home so soon. Don't blame me for I feel as though no be

one had a right to be homesick but myself who am all alone, I expect there are very few girls here but t? , knew someone when they came and the only person I had ever seen before was Miss Hamlin, and as I am not on her corridor I see very little of her. I wish every day that you had come with me, for I know that you would like it here very much, and I hope another year you will decide to come as "special." Even now you might enter and take French, Music and any other study you choose or not as you please. You ask what I mean by Double Latin. It is learning and reciting two lessons a day and is the same as two studies. The class is for the benefit of those who are deficient in that study and wish to be prepared for the Freshman class in one instead of two years for we really do two years work in one. You may know that we take any lessons when we have been through the "Latin Lessons" which we used to study in the six weeks we have been here and there is a great deal more in this one than in our old one. Monday is our first lesson in Caesar and we must translate 3 books before Christmas.

I received a letter today from Papa in which he told me of the changes he had been making in the house—rather of the addition he had been putting on. It is very nice indeed, a bathroom with a fixed tub opens from Mamma's room, there is also a sink or washstand with a pump in it

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which brings water from the small cistern. Then making a large stove room and closet. Had you heard that Mr. Messina t? , has bought Judge Merrill's place and expects a sister and her family to come out and live with him. I wonder where the Merrills will live, as the Judge he has business in Galveston presume they will spend their winters there and summers North.

It will be a good thing for you to have Aunt Maria act towards you as if you were no longer a child, for it will give you more self possession and courage. But I should think you would be almost afraid to travel from Buffalo to Binghamton by yourself as you will have to do after leaving Aunt Carrie there, more because you are nearsighted than any other reason. But you can put on your glasses and travel on as fearlessly as we this summer when we went to Boston alone, and perhaps have someone else put under your charge for you know, I wear my glasses nearly all the time. I found that I could not get along at all in my classes without them, for I could not tell when the teachers were speaking to me unless they called my name, and when I was studying Algebra could not see the examples which were put on the blackboard. I shall try and take Double French next term if the Pre*, will let me for they begin "Noel and Chopin's" grammar which I am very anxious to study, and they accomplish as much from Feb, to June as the Freshman class in a whole year. You do not say whether Grandma is going West with Aunt Carrie or not, and only that she

is better. I do not know now if she can recognise anyone. On my own
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account I wish to know, as well as to tell Carrie Norton so that she may
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write home about it, for Mrs. Whitman has heard of OrandmaAonly from
Carrie. Will not Aunt Maria write and tell her all about it? It seems as
though I had more to say but cannot think of it at present. Did you find
my chemise stud in cleaning up the little room we slept in? I haven't
it with me and Mamma says it is not with her things. I am afraid it is
lost and it is the nice one Mamma gave me about a year ago. I shall be
so sorry if it's not found. Will you not come and see me with Mamma
before you go home? You might meet Mamma either at Albany or New
York and come here for a day at least. I wish you would for I shall feel
badly to have you go home without seeing you again. Please write as
often as you can to your "laving, loving, loving,"
sister Julie.

(Julia M. Pease, '75,

P.S. I forgot to tell you, and so have to write a postscript which I dislike
to do that Mr. Allen called last Saturday and Miss Lyman gave permission
for him to take me out riding with a teacher. I chose to take Miss Hamlin
and we had a very pleasant ride. This letter you will see by the date was
commenced some time ago and has been waiting until today to be finished.
Thank Aunt Maria for kindness in letting me invite some one to spend
Christmas with me at her pleasant home, but there is no one I care par-
ticularly about asking, as I have no very great friend here, and most of the
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girls I know are going either home or to New York. Carrie Norton is
going home Christmas. Goodbye my precious sister.

Again I must add a few lines and I presume you will think I am never
going to end. But as you are always making collections, would you not
like to get old "postage stamps"? For a million the Government will pay
you three hundred dollars. I have written to Papa asking him to save his
and I will keep mine for you if you wish. I hope this morning to get a
letter from you but am afraid I will be disappointed. My love to Aunt
Maria and tell her I am looking forward with great pleasure to spending
Christmas with her and it is only a little over six weeks before the time.
Only think you will be home then, but you must think of me as wishing
heartily to be with you all. Next time I write I had better commence on
another sheet of paper than cross so much, for I am afraid you can scarcely
read this scrawl. Julie

Julia M. Pease, '75