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My dear, dear Mother; Helen has just received a letter from Willie from which it appears that you still have company enough to keep you from being lonesome. I hope that you are enjoying your visit with them all very much. It seems almost a pity that they should all come together. I hope that you may be spared a visit from Aunt Charlotte until the others are some of them gone. I shall not expect to hear from you again while you are so busy and do not try to write. I, and all of us will be well aware how much need you have of all your time and strength in other ways- and we will be well contented to wait for letters until you have more time to write. I have concluded to study Latin this year and have gone into the Horace class. I expect to enjoy my observing very raining much. It Is pouring by today and I feel quite disappointed to think I cannot take my observation. I want to see you. Oh? so much. I wish that I could look in upon you this morning. We have a very pleasant time here altogether. Miss Lyman Is as good as can be this year. She told me that I might study in our old parlor without making the slightest objections. All the old students are wondering what has come over her she is so good. Prof. Tenney received word Monday that his father was very low with inflammation of the lungs- and left for his home immediately. His Father lives in a little village in N.H. about fifteen miles from the cars. I am very much afraid he did not find him alive. He is eighty one years old, and Prof. Tenney thinks it is not at all probable that he will recover. I have just found that Mattie has told Willie the same story. I hope you will not be tired of it. Mrs. Tenney has no girl as yet, and it is pretty hard for her to be entirely alone with her two little children. If you have that velvet will you please to send me a little bit of it so that I can get the braid and finish off the dress to wear. Our sewing is most of it finished, The velvet is on both of our alpaccas. Mattie put it on to both. How are Sara and the girls? Have you seen the baby over at the Dr's? It must seem very strange to them to have a baby there. I hope that both of them are well. I wish that I could see them both. Prof. Knapp, poor man, is all worn out with his hard work in arranging classes. He is not up here today, and I am afraid that he is sick. All the Detroit girls are well. I like most of them there are one or two I cannot abide. I should like to come into breakfast at home tomorrow morning. The new Steward has taken to giving us very poor breakfasts. This morning we had fried hominy but not enough of it, and poor biscuits for our repast. I hope he will learn better manners in a short time.

Please give a great deal of love to Auntie and Mary. I hope that they will stay with you a long while. I think Aunt Mary is as kind & good as any one I know except you.

I expect that the gymnasium will be finished in a few weeks. We will not practice at all until it is ready I suppose. Please remember us with love to all the girls. Tell Willie I shall not take his advice about a boat club until there are some members in the club who know more about the matter than I do. Good by, with much love to all
Your Hattie. Mattie and I have been comparing notes and have come to the conclusion that you & Will had better not read each others letters unless you wish to read about the same things twice.