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My darling Mother,

I am going to try and write to you before the retiring bell rings, so that it can go tomorrow A.M. but I hardly think I shall succeed - I am very glad that my belongings are turning up so rapidly - I hope you will appropriate everything you find. Miss Fessenden came in here this evening just before tea and made us quite a visitation, she admired Katie Peale very much. I think she is the nicest of all the lady teachers. Minnie, Hattie and I had the honor of sitting at Miss Lyman's table Sunday night. We had a very pleasant time, and I soon discovered that she considered Mrs. Sumner "one of the rare women of the earth". Mrs. Perkins she evidently did not admire, and said that she could hardly realize that Minnie was a married woman. She spoke very highly of Mrs. Geo. Foote i.e. Miss Dwight. Miss Mitchel I admire more than I do any woman here, she is tall, has grey hair which she wears done up in two little knobs on each side of her head, that look as if they would be curls sometime, the rest is in a black chenille net drawn up on top of her head just as Emma's is. She being a Quakeress always wears black and grey, and her whole appearance never alters a particle. She is a noble woman. She asked me yesterday why I didn't come into her class this year. I told her I thought I could study it to better advantage another year she said she should never have another class like the one she has now. I forgot to tell you that Miss Lyman didn't know me in my everyday clothes and invited me there yesterday noon. To day is Minnie's birthday. I am very sorry that your answer to Hattie's letter hasn't come yet. She is very much disappointed. Finding that I have plenty of time, I am going to read the Odessy, as soon as the books come. There are only four of us in the class and as one of the teachers said, "there's is metal there". Miss Starr Prof. Knapp says pronounces Modern Greek better than any American he ever heard, she seems to be a born scholar. Miss Glover is a very fine scholar, so is Miss Blatchley, time will develop the resources of Miss Warner. We are all in the same Latin class. There is one little girl here Miss Carter, who is only fifteen, is reading Livy, in the first French class and studying Astronomy, she is a very thorough scholar also. We are all of us very well, haven't had a sick day yet. Minnie was threatened with a head ache last week, but didn't have it. Country air and bread and milk are beginning to tell upon my physical frame. I shouldn't be surprised if I had gained several pounds. The President gave us a lecture yesterday, on the subject of waste in gas and heat, both of which are a far greater expense to the College than they had anticipated. Give a great deal of love to all. Tell Helen that Hattie was delighted with her letter, and will answer it before five weeks are up. Minnie and Miss Gilbert send much love. The breakfast bell has rung - I haven't been writing all night.

Good bye - your loving child

Mattie.

Excuse haste.