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My darling dear Mother,

What a dear good woman you are to write to me so often. You are worth half a dozen Helen's in that branch of the fine arts. Not that she is at all to be slighted - but I don't believe she has injured her eyes sitting up at night to write. However Nellie "its very good what there is of it." I should like to see Mrs. Taylor - Did she tell any news worth hearing? Anything about the Peases or Catlins? I suppose she has material for conversation sufficient to last at least one year. I should enjoy hearing her talk. By the way where's Miss Seger? Please remember us to her. Also to her Mother. Miss Grant that was, Mrs. Banister that is, is visiting Miss Lyman. She is a very remarkable looking woman. We haven't been to see her yet, but are going tomorrow morning. Miss Lyman told her about us, and she expressed a strong desire to see us. She spoke very highly of Mother to Miss Gilbert. I was delighted with her appearance as far as I saw at chapel. She is as tall as Miss Lyman, and I had always imagined her short. I wish I could pass myself off on her as Miss Morrison. By the way I am going to send home for our family Bible in order to prove satisfactorily to myself and the world at large, that my name is Martha Spooner Warner, and not Morrison. On the whole I have decided not put my eyes out looking for Father. I have concluded that he will be visible to the naked eye when he does arrive. Bridget must be a useful member of society since her two wakes. I wouldn't wake a man that died drunk seems to me. "But every one to their taste as the old woman." I read that chapter. It is very beautiful. They are building the organ in the chapel, so that we can't have our half hours with Miss Lyman. I am sorry for she wanted Mrs. Banister to address us. Prehaps however the organ will be finished before she leaves, as I believe she is going to stay some time. Minnie had a letter from Maggie a day or two ago, in which she said "Mrs. Powel has just returned from Elba. Mrs. Town is ill, she has but one opinion in regard to her sickness - consumption." Won't it be dreadful if we never see her again. Only four weeks more to Christmas! Does it seem possible? Has Aunt Rebecca written anything more about our coming there? I believe I should prefer Vermont on some accounts. Aunt Mary is very anxious we should come and see her. I should like to I think. Who is the "little minister" at Mr. Eldrige's church? I thought Dr. Eels was there. Tell Father I am extremely obliged to him for putting "Knickerbocker" in with our books. For that matter the girls feel their obligation equally with me. I read out loud in it last night, to the great edification of all present. I had no idea it was such a keen satire. Mill Gilbert sends much love. Hattie and Minnie are considering the subject. O Mother! You can't imagine how much I want to see you, and have you see us, and how comfortable and happy we are here. I do believe that we three girls are as contented a trio as can be found in the college. Every says when they come in here, "Oh! what a pleasant room! only two bedrooms, how's that? Just you three, why how happy you must be! All I want to make me "perfectly happy" is, some sweet apples. I want you to see Miss Starr, she is lovely - Tell Nellie that a letter that came from her would be highly acceptable - But I know the dear child is very busy - Remember us to every body - kiss Mary Colburn's baby for me. Tell Mrs. Raymond that the President's little Nellie reminds me me extremely on her little Hattie. Give my love to every body and tell them I want very much to see them - We have begun to practise in the labratory. I like it very much. If I hadn't anything else to do - I think I should stay there all day long - I do love Prof. Farrar dearly - There's chapel bell Good bye my dear dear Mother -

Your loving daughter Mattie

Dr. Magoon of Albany preached for us Sunday. We liked him very much.