

Tuesday Morn.  
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Dear Mother:

A letter from Nell this morning gives me the welcome news that she has finally made arrangements to stay with you Thursday night - no - Friday - night - and she wishes to go up on the Freight Sat. I am so glad she has concluded to stay for I am sure you will be only too glad to see her. She wished me to write to her so that she would get it at Lisbon. Please tell her I would do so if I had time but I cannot write her before the last of this week and she will be much more in need of one after she gets home and I will try to write her a long letter Saturday or Sunday. Tell Henry I feel under great obligations to him for the paper I

received from him yesterday. Of course it was much better than a letter would have been, if you think it would be possible I would like a thick veil sent to me in a paper It is extremely cold and I need one very much that is thicker than gauze. I guess you will think I am sending for something all the time and I am nearly. I believe I wrote once for black ribbon. If you have not sent it you need not. Now I am afraid I wrote Sunday a little too much as if I wanted to come home, so in this I wish to say that perhaps I had better not do so for it is probably better that I should not and I don't want to have you let me come just because I want to. Let me see have I written every thing I wish to? I think I have every thing of importance. I hope you and Nell will have a real

good visit and I am sure you will. I do love Nell more than I can tell and I am very sure we shall always be the best friends, as we are now. I know she will urge you to let me come and when she was here I felt as if I must go, but do not let anything influence you against your own convictions. I would not for anything come and feel that you and Father thought I had better be here. if I could only get away from the Coll. I should not dread it much but I must say the prospect here looks rather gloomy. A person can stand any thing though if she has a will and this may be the best test I could have to prove my strong-mindedness. I presume you will get my usual letter next week as I shall probably write Sunday. The day after Nell was here the college was on fire for twelve hours, but

it was in the cellar and we knew nothing of it till it was all over. Prof. Farrar says there was enough water used to completely bedrench the whole building. What a panic there would have been if we had known it. It was the coal that was on fire first. Two or three men fainted during the time. I have forgotten to mention it before. Give a great deal of love to Nell and tell I can't sufficiently thank her for granting me the favor.

Yours as ever  
Mary.