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[a./70H.S.B]
Oswego Kan March 24th
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with your own work. I suffer the miserable feeling all the time of condemnation of my own efforts. If another year at Boston would, you feel, be of great service there is no hurry. Take your time, and all the culture you need. Of course I long to have you with me, but I desire your improvement first. Tell me my sweet one, why you

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meet again, to part no more, for if you go to Boston next winter I shall go too. I intend to stick to you like a burr closer than a brother. But I must to bed. Good night my pretty one, Tell Marmie all about your blues and who admired you, and if you lack any of the comforts of life. Lay all your little sorrows on my shoulders
With love and kisses

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