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Dear Sister

your kind letter came to hand a few days ago I was very glad to hear from you we are all as well as usual last Sunday I was having quite a time with my teeth and ears I shall have to have them pulled but I keep dreading it I dig weeds most of the time my garden is doing pretty well we have plenty of lettuce and onions we have a little of most every thing planted we have been having considerable rain lately we have a few strawberries there are quite a few green ones the late frost killed most of the mild ones so I shall not get any for winter a good many of my vines in the garden winter killed my flower seeds did not come up only the "pride of the village" I put lots of seeds in the ground I guess I sowed them to early our rose bushes are just loaded with blossoms Bert is sailing and with button hole ^{plagnet-} ~~song~~ all the time we have a few pansies and sweet willians and "flowers do live" my flower roots winter killed but I have some more growing I have some chure plants in full bloom I suppose you received a program that he sent I down there and one to George they had 25 printed and each graduate had \$ 25- the rest was handed around the audience the hall was crowded they said the steps and side walks were full of people that could not get in the graduates all done so well people praised them highly

My Mother came last - I felt a little afraid for her but she went through all right - she spoke very plainly they said they could hear her clear in the back part of the hall she said she trembled a little at first - she got lots of applause so many people told her she looked so well and spoke so well most made her feel proud the orations are all to be published hers will not come until next week we will send you a paper when it is printed it cost us about \$15 - to get her in train to graduate - but between us all we made out to get her dressed decently she had on all new clothes except her fan belt and I bought her dress Bert the hat and belt her shoes I the rest of the things Jamie paid for the programs I did not want him to pay any thing for he needs all he can earn but he wanted to help so we let him she can make it up to him some time the teacher took the class over to the restaurant and treated them to ice cream after the exercises were over the next night they gave a party and sold enough cake and ice cream to help pay some of the expenses on the programs I will put a piece of her dress in for you and Getta I guess she sent a piece to Ellen and Marcie the dress is trimmed with white lace and pink ribbon the sleeves are great big things only come to elbow then 5 ~~inch~~ inch lace set on she had pink elbow mitts the skirt is plain with 3 godets in the back the waist is full both at the front and back George said he was coming we was sorry he failed for she is the first and probably the last of my family to graduate - Bert might next year but I don't believe he will it takes too much ~~hard~~ hard study for him

well I guess I am scribbling lots but - I thought -
you would want to know how she got through
I suppose you are thinking about the 4th well
Cally is going to be dull nothing going on this
year I suppose most every body will be going
some where the band expect to play at Unity
we were down to Jamies last evening he is
looking better he has been taking Pierce's
Discovery" Lydia fainted away here a few days
ago Heath's was making her a dress and was just
trying it on she felled over she said she never
fainted but once before in her life I would not
let her try to go home but sent for Jamie to come
up to dinner she laid on the lounge most of the
afternoon well I guess you are tired by this
time so I will close with best wishes and
hoping to hear from you again soon

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