

Y.L. Seminary

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My Dear Cousin,

I received your letter just before quarterly vacation and thought I would have a little more to write about. I will speak of Sophy first, she is better but gets along so slowly that any one can hardly notice that she is improving at all, but the doctor says she is getting along as fast as can be expected after such a severe illness. She wished me to give her love to you and Ed and says she will be glad to see you both again. Our school does not close until the 30th of May. When does your school close? It has been raining here ever since Monday how glad this rain will be expected by the farmers. Monday morning papa was rejoicing.

When we came back to school as it was raining Laura Leross and I rode up in the back of Benicia and in getting out the side walk was very slippery and I fell and sprained my ankle or strained it either. I could not walk on it Monday afternoon and yesterday but it is a great deal better today. I saw Tillie and the Bussel girls and Georgie Shurt. I do not know whether you know him or not.

Sophy looks as well you would think nothing was the matter with her. It will be a long time, perhaps two or three months before she will be able to have clothes on, and may be a year or year and a half before she will be able to as well as ever. Just think she has been in bed for two months now. It still rains and I am sure the farmers of San Joaquin Co. are rejoiced at this charming rain. Eight weeks from next Wednesday and then comes our long vacation and I will be happy.

I must close as it is now time for school to close. How are you getting along in your drawing! I am getting along finely. I want to commence painting right away but do not think the teacher will allow me to. I am going to devote myself wholly to flowers those little flowers you sent me in your last letter were beautiful and all the sweeter because I supposed they were stolen flowers and stolen things are always sweetest. I had a letter from cousin Sue and she wished to be remembered to both you and Ed.

Give my love to Ed. Hoping to hear from you soon. I am as ever your loving cousin

Rhoda E. Sharp

P.S. When you write to Nell please give her my love. Do you expect to go home? If you go Ed will not will he. Write and tell me. Write soon.