

My dear ma I hope you will not think that we are troublesome but sister told me to ask you to let us board out in town if we could there is a very nice old lady who the girls say will take borders if we will go and see her it is a short ways from the academy now ma please don't think we are troublesome well I must say good night the borders are nearly all you (---?---) daughter leaving and a great many of the day scholars we have to carry our wood to our rooms after it is put in the passage and I just wish you could see our old shawls they look like and old woman's we have to make our own fares and make our own beds and sweep our rooms and carry our own water from the far end of the lower passage. I will stop the third time good night I have run out of subjects.

Your devoted daughter

Cornelia

My Dearest Mother

How do you get along with the many duties imposed on you by my absence. I trust that God who has for so many years supported you will preserve your health, & strengthen, and enable you to bear the burden until such times as circumstances seem to justify my return home. Charles does not suffer continual pain now but oftentimes shoots of pain, and so tired of lying he is getting very thin. Dr. (---?---) called again yesterday and says he considers him doing very well indeed. Tell Mr. Tabb they amputated the man's leg who was wounded like Charles this morning he has never done so well as Charles. I must not forget to tell you that I can drink coffee very well without cream and really enjoy it. I have used but a small piece off my roll of butter. I have not been able to get a (---?---) large enough to contain the whole of it. Mrs. Buchanan lint me a crock to put the roll in half and put one piece in brine the other is still in the towel but keeping very well. I was so unfortunate as to let my stone (---?---) fall and broke all to pieces. As I took it out of my box I struck my hand against the top which broke my grip. I got a large can from Mrs. B which answers very well in its place. I have not found time to sew or knit much. I have to do both Charles and my own writings, this is my third letter home I find Mrs. Hiller and Mrs. Dr. Reed very pleasant, if they were not here I should have a doleful time of it we go back and forward to each others rooms when ever we wish to. I have had an invitation to visit at Mrs. Freeman a very nice family you all must write often. Be sure to write by every opportunity. Kiss dear little Willis for Ma tell Ma thinks about him a great deal and will come home by and by. As my paper and envelopes are both full I will have to stop so farewell for this time. With a world of love to each and every one of you & my kindest remembrances to the servants I close Charles joins me in love to you all. God (---?---) you all and in his own good time having us all together again is the (---?---) of your devoted daughter.

M C Tabb

Mrs. Hilles says you need not be at all uneasy about me for I am doing very well. If you send the wind and foods seal the bottle and ask Custard not to put them together do as you think best about sending the foods.

My dear Ma

I have just seated myself by a very good fire for the present but it is the first fire we have had today and sister so sick in bed but not serious I hope she has a pain in her stomach and head Mrs. B has given her some drops and told her to put a hot iron to her stomach. I have had a stiff neck ever since Saturday so stiff I could not turn my head I was sick this evening and could not say my lessons I have a very bad cough indeed I have taken from cold by not having any fire in my limbs pain me very much I can hardly walk sometimes when I get a long (---?---).

I still have a pain in my side and head my Dear ma please don't think I am complaining but you told me to tell you how I felt I have done nothing imprudent except I went one day without my shawl We have to wear our shawls to keep us warm.

We go to Sunday school sister Le is a teacher and I am in Miss Lizzie (---?---) class

I will give you a description of our room sister Le is laying in bed Fannie Logan is knitting a cravat for her (---?---) I suppose it is out of drab silk and is going to put a pink edge around it it will be very pretty I think Sarah Yollman is gone to bed. Fannie is sitting at one end of the study table and I am at the other our bed is in one corner of the room by the fire place and F Logan is at the other a pile of wood is by the fire drying as it is very wet it is raining this evening and is very dull indeed our dresses are laying around the room and looks like a great curtain we hung our dresses up and then our cloaks and spread our ruffles over them I would not do without it for anything our bureau is a box turned up on its end with the lid split and made into doors it we (---?---) our press about we set our looking glass on the top. These girls I talk about is my roommates we were first in No. 3 but Mrs. B moved us to number 2 it is a very comfortable room if we only had a carpet on the floor and fire constantly. We went to church yesterday three times and last night when we came home we had not a bit of fire to go to bed by and we were very cold but the girls in No. 2 had fire and they let us come in and get good and warm the way they had fire they live in the neighborhood and their mothers sent the wood and pine and had it cut and piled up in their room but by the time we run along the long passage we are as cold almost as we were when we went there the passage it is about as long again as the front porch at home is.

Mrs. B will not let us go down on the street without a teacher we can only twice a week on the street and then a teacher is with us at our heels they are afraid that we will speak to the cadets they give Mrs. B a great deal of trouble. Sister Le is just having an operation she has a great deal of pain I reckon she will get a few demerits for using the chamber we have to go to the privy at night it makes no difference if we are sick or well if we use the chamber for a dirty purpose we get a mark of misdemeanor sister Le says she could not help it if she got a hundred demerits. Fannie sends her love to you and says she sympathizes with us for she had a brother in prison and she had one sick and her mother had to go to him to tell Brother that Miss Fannie Logan sends her respects to him sister Le joins me in love to you and brother and hope he will soon be well when you hear from home tell us the news.

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This was one big letter from several people. Lines were written upside down and between other lines of writing. I found it very difficult to read and interpret. GET