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then had to meet the directors of the Erie rail road Company opposite, with the view of engaging to take their passengers from Piermont to New York, having the ultimate plan that the same boat should stop at Dobbs every trip which would give us a boat of our own twice up and down every day. Think of that for next summer, when you must leave estates & positions and travel in steamboats with the herd.

I must give you a sketch of our plans for the winter that you may be able to follow us through the different months. December is to be passed in the country, between Fordham, Aunt Sam's, & home. The old grand parents are very much changed, much more liable to sickness, very still & quiet in their spirits, and longing more to have some of us with them, we are going to try & bring them here for the Holy days, when the family will assemble, as many as can. They will be but few, & when George insists upon having an ice boat on Howland's pond - the New York day Sat. Wells has engaged us for, one will probably go to Aunt Chugler's who is making an effort to be gay this winter and is kind enough to want us girls to help her - The last two weeks in January are to be spent in Boston at Mrs Lee's, a party of four, Mr & Mrs G. L. S. & the Misses - we have never been in that good town in winter, so we have determined to give them a chance. we go no further than this with our present engagements - Dear Mother will pass some time at her father's, some time at Rebecca's proving

the father's business will call him much away. Otherwise you know she is never so happy as when she can stay home busy as a bee - I was for every body from Tommy up to Pa, it would do you good to see how fat I well she looks, she thinks it dreadful to be so large, but I should much prefer having her so than very thin. The Aunt Sam are trying a l'envie to equal their mother Aunt will I think entirely succeed. I have had such a very pleasant four days here with us one but Ma I came home as usual, a little sick & very weary from the city rambles, the perfect peace and cheerfulness of home & Ma have restored me completely. I saw one evening at Cousin Sarah Moore's the great General Bertrand who had to give an autograph before leaving & insisted upon shaking hands with everybody in the room before leaving, his son they say is a very gay boy, probably takes a little the advantage of a free country to get away from parental authority - Your friend Colonel Low is going to give a party in his own house, Rebecca is to Lady patronise it, and we are to make out the list, think what a job the poor man must be in they say he talks of a job the poor man must be in they say he talks of it constantly. we chose his piano the other day. Julia & Eggs is on the most delightful terms with her but Ma's family, they seem to appreciate her, they had just arrived in town while we were there, I saw Miss Angel in the street, Mrs Lounded is quite out of health and is to remain with her mother all winter they say she looks dreadfully broken, her two eldest have been with Julia for some time for the sake of the school. Of course this winter's candidates for

Miss Livingston's farm are not yet known.
 Goodhue will probably sigh & send bouquets,
 but there must be some new ones. Westcott & Van
 Buren is driving far ahead, & Alexander too
 but they won't do - Mrs. Rumble Paulding had
 returned to the City, & gone to her new home on the
 Square. They have been feted up in the Highlands,
 but the groom had a swelled face - all that time.
 We saw by the paper that the Count de Bresson
 was to be the ambassador from France to Spain

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From Mary.
 November 28th 1843

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As soon as the queen's Majority should be recognized
 by the Cortes - Pa was delighted for our sake, said
 that he is a delightful person & was very kind to
 him when he was in Paris - Write to us if it be so, &
 also if Henry Bulwer is sent from England. We
 have now distinguished musicians in town & hear say
 the concerts are delightful, Danseuse quite!