

Mr Delesarre a frenchman who came with Madame
Moreau went with us, he is a very genteel man
I spoke french to him a great deal - - - The next
morning we returned to school & did not leave it
till last evening, Mr Greenleaf came to see me here
& Miss Lawrence - Mr Denman, Mr Osley, Mr Michel
& Mr Lambeoy - Indeed, altho' a boarding school
girl
I am paid as much attention as any grown up
lady - Last evening there was a grand ball at
Mr Lewis's Madame Moreau was there, & I
hear delighted every body with her dancing, she
demanded the Gavot with Mr Guenard, you know
the ^{little} frenchman who visited at our home last
winter - He plays troufrique ment bien on
the viaro, harp, & Tambourine, he was taught
by Stibelt, & I have heard that he said she
danced with more haste than even himself -
I have not yet seen ^{her} but I hope I shall soon -
Here my dear ^{father} is the account of my week

You will say I have had too much holiday - re-
-collect it was New Year - next week I expect to
keep quite solemnly - I wrote to Mamma
a few days ago I was almost ashamed to
send my letter, for Matilda scribbled over it
so badly - but I could not write another one
as I had no paper - Kip her for me, and beg
her if she does write ~~at all~~ to any body to
answer my letter - I shall write to Ogden in
the course of next week - I intend keeping up
a correspondence with both him & Mary
till then so - I do beg Mary to answer my
letter - I was glad you wrote to my Beech, I
never had so excited an opinion of any one, as
I have of her, indeed my dear papa, you know
not half her goodness - she looks quite handsome
more so than ever I think, but "she improves her
features, with inward greatness, unaffected

wisdom, & sanctity of manners" - He is thought by those
who know her, to be as near perfection as a mortal
can be - What can I say more? - I like the whole
family, they all treat me as a sister, & are as attentive
to me as possible - - -

Are you not tired of this long & tedious letter
I know you must be, I do not feel in very good
mood for composing, well - altho' I am in an
affectionate one - but when writing to you can
~~I be~~ otherwise -

I am writing by candle-light, my eyes are
very dim, but ~~my~~ affection will not ^{let me} furnish & carry
letters ~~seems to have~~ ~~a mind to lengthen itself~~
~~however~~ - - - However good night! ~~R~~
"I take this heart, my father, this heart,
which while it throbs shall throbb for love & thee"
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