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Portsmouth O.

My Darling Joe - Your letter
came to hand today, and I
fear, if your prediction is
true that you are sick & run
this, I think you will better
understand the cause of my
delay in writing when I tell
you that we have had a little
extra work on hands. We
have tried to entertain Alva &
Sam's, John's & Uncle Russ
this week. Miss Chandler also
visited me from last Thyr.
Aug. 27 until Tues. I have
also been trying to get started
in school, and I have hardly

found a spare moment in
the past week. I am very
sorry to cause you so much
pain but I hope you will
recover when you receive
my letter. I have enjoyed the
week so well what little time
I had to visit with the folks.
It is so nice to see them
once in a while. Today they
all left except Lucy and
the children, and I think
they will stay a few days.
Faidie and I enjoyed a happy
time together and now I
must settle down and study
like a good girl. I have my
work in school about arranged.
My studies will be Virgil,
Xenophon's Anabasis, Geometry,
Ancient History & possibly two lan-
guages & Bible.

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I think my work will be
very nice, but it will give
me plenty to do.

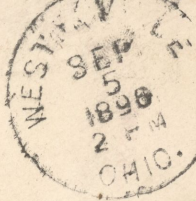
I fear the attendance will be
a little small on account
of "hard times" but we will
have a fair school when
you get here. I think you
are doing exceedingly well
in your work. I attended
Philophronea tonight - with
Lucy. They had an experience
meeting and I think two thirds
of the boys reported that they
had been canvassing and had
done scarcely nothing in the
business, so one can congrat-
ulate himself if he does any
thing at all.

Mr. Snyder is here and
seemed very friendly, but
you need not be alarmed.
Tomorrow evening will be
the students' reception.
I have been out every night
this week but one, but I
presume it is my duty
to go if possible.
Have you a Virgil & a Xenophons
Anabasis? I thought it
hardly worth while to buy
if you have. I have them
but they are quite old books
and not like they use, so
I may have to get some
others a part of the time.
Do not bother to send them
but just bring them when
you come if it is convenient.
W. O. is in school and I think
I will be also. He talks
a little of going to the seminary.

Carrie has rec'd a certificate
 in Delaware Co. and will
 teach if she can get a
 school. Lucy says she
 would like to see you before
 she goes home and she
 will ask about you quite
 frequently. I hope you
 can enter school before
 long but I am not worry-
 ing for I know you are
 doing what you think best.
 I will write no more
 as it is late. I hope
 you will pardon the delay
 and love me the same
 as of yore

Your own true one
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