

Boston, April 185..?

My dear brother, nearly four weeks have passed since I read your very welcome letter and I suppose you got mine about the same time, so I conclude we were thinking of each other alike at the same hour.

I should like much to hear from you oftener; but perhaps you do not have time to write. Do you have to study pretty hard? So be careful and not get sick for then you know I should have to go home and take care of you. Do you like Latin as well as you did at first? And do you not find it pretty hard? I expect you will have a great many headaches, not to say anything of the heartaches over its rough pages; but do not let it discourage you for remember the costliest-diamond lies hidden the deepest in the mine and it requires many a day of labor to bring its beauty to the light.

Do you finish Algebra this term? Before I proceed any further with asking questions I will just give you the sad intelligence that I learned from Uncle Rufus from last Monday eve. The doorbell rang and a upon Miss Eaton's opening it, a deep voice informed for Miss Gordon. I went. When what to my wondering eyes should appear, but Uncle Rufus and a very pretty young lady by his side whom he introduced as "My wife and your aunt."

I did not believe him at first as he is full of fun, but he assured me sincerely that she was indeed his wife and that he had been married three weeks. He remained here until the 3 o'clock the next day, then went from here to Haverhill to visit Uncle Isaac (now who has lately moved there) and I suppose arrive at New Hampton last night with his agreeable surprise. I like her very well. She is just Helen's age. Looks a very little like "" Brown. I think I suppose you know that. Uncle Randolph, he and Uncle Rufus will work in the

I think of remaining here this summer as I have but just commenced yet. I hardly want to for I think I may be needed at home.

Yesterday I heard from home by the ( )

He came this way and brought me a box. They are all well at home. The two societies have had public meetings; very good I believe.

How does your society prosper? You asked me how I like my school. I am very well pleased with it, get along well and am contented. I board with Lucy Eaton's father's cousin. I find somebody almost every day that I have known before at New Hampton. Helen ( ) is here in the city. I called upon her with Sarah Crockett. I see a great many young men that used to be at ( )

Grammy ( ), Frank C, ( ) Whitten, George Prescott, William Hague, and a great many others. Are all the people well at New London? Give my regards to the Bigelow and all the rest. Do write as soon as you can. I suppose your school closes very soon, does it not? Is Martha ( ) there now? Mary and Lammy? Came down yesterday but I

have not seen them as it has rained ever since so that I could not go out. I must now close remember and write very soon.

From your very affectionate sister, Julia.