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My dear brother,

Another week has passed since I wrote you and although nothing at all now has occurred to me since yet I feel that I might to write you as the mails are irregular thinking my others may not have reached you. Tonight the mail comes in and I truly expect a letter from home. I worry about you constantly and fear you may be sick, do be sure and write me immediately after you receive this.

School has closed for the week and only another will pass before (I?) when we have a week of vacation, and then another week in May.

My time though much occupied passes very pleasantly and I can honestly believe that I have heard from home three weeks.

I have the classes in Algebra, (?), German, Geography, History, Physiology, (?), Theology (?).

I have somewhere between fifteen and twenty classes besides the drawing (?)

I suppose you would like to know how are (?) so I'll tell you.

For breakfast we have always our kind of meat, of fish and oysters, (?), corn bread, wheat bread (and """).

For dinner four kinds of meat, cabbage "", sweet potatoes, sliced apple, pickles, oysters and "coffee". The people are made of meat here-and tis so finely cooked that I begin to love it. The "coffee" is more excellent.

The people here though they have all that is necessary for comfort and even luxury, do not know anything of happiness, ever as is "" by labor. It is really very disturbing to be obliged to be "" upon"

The homes of the "" are very inconveniently constructed, and the servants very strangely instructed. The Principle () this part of the state.....)

If I walk one I am sure to attend a herd of swine, but the dear creatures are perfectly harmless so that I enjoy it, much often the "hog killing" I will tell you more. A () lady across the way killed twenty pigs yesterday for her () only there in the family. I was quite a curiosity to see them all hanging in a row out door.

But you must think my mind runs in a () and () Yet, I thought you would be interested.

How is Father getting along in the mill? I guess or rather "reckon" that he is quite as happy and well off here he is now as he would be in Virginia. () (...) had better come down and see for himself. How are you prospering? Does Helen go into school now and is she well? I am expecting to hear the children have the ().

It is raining hard today, and it is very warm. The weather is quite (), very warm and then very cold and a great many people die of Consumption compared with those at home.

The roses are still blooming though they do not look very fresh.

() usually () the () of January and in the () they make the

But I have expanded my store of knowledge so will leave now.

Give my regards to Father Richardson and all who may inform after and remember to ...