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Dear Sir - your
 kind letter of the 18th inst.
 has just been received
 and I am glad to hear
 that you are well
 and that you are
 planning to visit
 us in the near future
 and that you are
 planning to be
 dubbed Ph.D. to let
 these honors come
 gradually than to
 injure your health
 I wish some
 other members of
 the family - one
 especially was as
 anxious to
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We received your letter
 to school. It yesterday - with the
 interesting account of your journey
 to Paris - It must have been a
 profitable trip. Though we are
 in the midst of house cleaning,
 I cannot refrain myself from
 speaking when I think of the
 things you are in of doing.
 Your vacation has been so well
 and I am afraid you are planning
 to travel for this term. Would it
 not be better as you are rather young
 yet to be dubbed Ph.D., to let these
 honors come gradually than to in-
 jure your health? I wish some
 other members of the family - one
 especially was as anxious to

improved opportunities as you are.
To be sure Maria's advantages are
small but when these are not im-
proved - others would not be. She
has a great deal of head-ache I know
but her mind is pre-occupied and
I cannot think for her. I do get very
tired re-iterating the same things,
knowing they will pass through the
head as through a sieve and forgotten
by to-morrow. Charlotte is always im-
proving - she is so industrious, she
makes time for every thing. She has
been sewing too much lately and
the spring weather seems to weaken
her - From whatever cause she looks
unusually well and is going to town today
for a little change & to do some shop-
ping. Besides Grandma is poorly
and C would like to set up her
caps &c so that she can come
up here earlier to get reunited. W

I hope I shall be better now, so as
not to shirk so much in to the girls.
Mary is my dependance - her time
for reading &c is too often cut short
& she does not understand how
to make the most of a few minu-
tes like I; but must be "in
the humor". Don't allude to these
things in your letters to them - I
nearly forgot I was not talking
to you & let out some of my am-
bitions for my children's good.
Laura is better - she goes to Ellen
& Davis' class - enjoys it better than
studying alone - Plays ball with
the other children and in this way
gets more fresh air. Papa lost
a splendid cow last week. He
got her at Boms at Mr. Matthews
sale and has been taking too good
care of her all winter - The tooth
which I had some lung disease. The

was very sorry to lose her & her
calf as they were a choiced breed.
Laura was quite surprised to
see Papa laugh at breakfast
after the cow died.

The Impover party gained their
suit about the bridge & the coun-
ty must pay as well as our friends.
Mr Dwan says "they have gained
a loss" it has been so expensive
an affair. Mr Cushing & Paine
are very indignant towards Mr
Abbott - he has been so active
& so shy. - Our house looks
like another since it is painted
even though it is badly done.

Mary wrote to Maria Atwater to know
if there was any chance to send you
some clothes but she was busy pre-
paring to go to Mary Webb's wedding &
did not answer - What are you
going to do - The Blackmans may
know of somebody ~~going~~ going.

There is so much waiting for me
& I am scribbling so horribly
that I must stop.

Are you busy preparing for this
life - do not forget that the chief
objec of our existence is preparation
for another and an endless life.
The latter does not hinder - rather
blesses the former.