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For fear dear brother that your vivid imagination might be again the cause of your misconstruing my silence I determined not to let it be so and prevent it by writing immediately.
your nice long letters Besides the private pleasure they afford me are a source of great entertainment to my friends to whom you generally send long messages. we all look forward to the arrival of your letters with both pleasure and impatience Now as you know your importance in this little world of ours I hope I shall be favoured with long and frequent letters still for I acknowledge with pleasure that I can not complain of your punctuality except when you allowed your imagination to prevail over your good sense. About a week since I wrote to Father for some money. yesterday I received a very kind

note from him enclosed with ten dollars. I expect you are wondering how I spent my other pocket money — on shoes and postage stamps. I can not count the stamps I have bought this year than they have such poor shoes here that the truth was my money went and I hardly know how. but I have one consolation I will not be such a dunce next year. but will follow Sallie Pickett's plan which was to bring with her shoes enough to last the whole year. I will bring every thing of the kind then I will have all my pocket money for my own private pleasure. I think you could hardly guess by what kind of light I wrote the first part of my letter — by that of a light-wood torch. I had to open the stove door and stick it in so as to write by it for "lights out bell" had rung. I am sorry that I can not gratify your curiosity as to how I knew that Lee Abercrombie was at your University it is a great secret which I can not divulge. not even to you do you think the gentleman handsome?

I think you are growing to be almost too exacting since you have been in Virginia you ought I think answer all those letters to which you made no reply for the same reason that you made none to mine Do write to Father he mentioned that he seldom heard from you. I know that I have not written home as often as I should have done. so I deserved all Father's censure. I took your observation upon my last letter to be ironical.

What amusements do you have I suppose your darling Mary Lou's letters are your greatest sources of what you students call fun. but are those beautiful mountains over which you went into raptures near enough for you to wander among them? I should enjoy that finely how much snow have you had and how many sleigh rides have you taken. we have had no snow. We are all looking forward to our May party with great pleasure I expect Mary Myers will be yneen she is ynite pretty.

"Lily fair" sends her love (and says she will not have a portion of your heart if she can not have

all she will take more and that you must make your choice for either herself or her rival.
But without any exaggeration I think you ought to return that girl's letters and yourself making her appear so ridiculous to the students take care or some knight will rise in her defence when least expected. Mary Byers has a rich old uncle who lives near here he frequently sends us over cakes biscuit and sausages tomorrow he will send over two horses for us to ride which in my opinion will be splendid although I do not expect that Dr Sparks will allow us to ride out side of the enclosure which will be very mean in him if he does not. I think Olivia Hall will be here before long I am not certain of it but I am very desirous for her to come. several new pupils have come lately. I must bid ye farewell but first do you like your F. F. V's any better or longer acquaintance?

Your affectionate Sister
C. L. Hall.

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