



Bowdoin College April 25.

When I received your letter I was moving out of my old room in college to one in the house of the late Mrs Andrews. You will wonder at this because you know my college room was the best in the whole building, and I vaunted myself on the good fortune that gave it to us. But after all it was not that "silentium ac solitudinem" which Quintillian recommends for study, a noisy and disagreeable set in the adjacent rooms, and a nervous and irritable proctor beneath me, were the good reasons enough for quitting it. The room we now occupy is one after my own heart, 'tis the sitting room of a neat little one story house beautifully situated, with a most tasteful front yard, filled with fine shrubbery and flowers, all the back door appertences are exquisitely convenient. Whether I shall actually study enough more to come to the additional expense I cant say, but the comfort will far exceed it, for here each has a pleasant bedroom in which he can scratch his head and rub up his forehead without any one to disturb or make him afraid.

I feel heartily thankful for the convalescence of our dear Father I cannot bring myself to think with the least complacency upon his being taken away from us, though my situation in life would demand it, still what should I do without some one like him, on whose kindness and sincerity I could always rely and on whom

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Description: George W. Pierce on changing rooms at Bowdoin

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The towns folks are much pleased with the idea of having a parsoness, and I am troubled with a thousand silly questions about her looks and character, all of which I answer exactly as I should, viz. in a manner most favourable to the lady. Mr Upham has been absent a fortnight on a courting expedition, but it has done us no good but rather hurt, for the President hears us recite and he gives us longer and harder lessons.

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try to prevail upon father to let me accompany you; for such a sight does not happen more than once an age, or rather one of equal interest, for this can never take place again. I shall only lose a week of term time, which is no great loss at the beginning. Do write and tell me what you think of it. Give my special regards to all the good Gorham people-

From your affect' Brother George Washington Pierce