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Description: Letter to Sarah Tarbox from home

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letter from you last Sunday, we were all pleased
to hear from you. Henry Dunton is well again,
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grade higher than their associates, but I will speak
more particularly of school teaching, a young person
by hard study and perhaps sitting up late nights has
acquired an education sufficient to teach a town school
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wasting their precious hours in bed or loitering away
their time with some base gang at a grog shop telling
long yarns, and when they get run out they must have
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paid

Miss Sarah P. Mallard

Richmond

Me

Waltham July 11

to get also

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