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Description: Letter to Mary from her sister, Lydia Patterson.

Portland August 8 – 1843.

Dear Mary

I have asked to have the scholl-room this afternoon, that I may write, though I have nothing of any consequence to say to you, but I wish to recieve a letter from home. I recieved mother, s of the 27th the 29. My coughs has entirely left me, and every-thing is going on very pleasantly. We all attended the party, that I mentioned in my last letter, on conditions that we should leave quarter before ten. There were about forty present. It was very pleasant, and quiet, and there was a little dancing, and playing on the pianno. I saved a sugar kiss, for you, and wish I could send it in the letter. I have made your tassals, for your bag, and began the lampsuals, but think I shall not be able to finish more than one, I could very well employ all my time on my History, and Algebra, for the eight weeks bigin to appear short, and I wish to go through them. I am attending to my drawing in my room, besides my regular lessons, as I can do very well without Miss White, s assistance. I attended making Sabbath before last in the afternoon, and evening. Dr Booth, a Methodist, preached in the evening. I went to Mt. Joy last Wednesday afternoon, in company with Miss Greene, Miss White, Miss Poole, and Miss Browne. They all went into the Observatory, execpting Miss Browne, and I. We thought too much of ninepence, (though we did not achnowledge it,) and walked in the grave yard near by, until they came out. I should be

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pleasent. I think she must have recevied a lesson, while at home. father

I have learned that Mrs Kellog, is not the one you^ supposed, but that

family his in the city. I think the Hunchink people, are bearing very dissipated, to have so many princess, I shall expect to here from home by Jahurday, and tell mother to write me all the news. I hope to hear you are all well, and Farah back again. It is now often - moon, Gardiner out, his fort, and was not able to go to the office, I shall take this down, if dis W dow not present me, and I think I shall get a the exact, which will with about 25 ch. They are very much were with, and instead of collars. I have been very arriver to see home, to day, I hope I shall hear good new from you, soon, from your affectionate sister, Lydia Latterson.

family live in the city. I think the Kennebunk people, are becoming very dissipated, to have so many picnic,s. I shall expect to hear from home by Saturday, and tell mother to write me all the news. I hope to hear you are all well, and Sarah back again. It is now after-noon, Gardiner cut his foot, and was not able to go to the office, I shall take this down, if Mrs W does not prevent me, and I think I shall get a blue cravat, which will cost about 25 ct. They are very much worn with, and instead of collars. I have been very anxious to see home, to-day, I hope I shall hear good news from you, soon. from your affectionate sister, Lydia Patterson.



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