

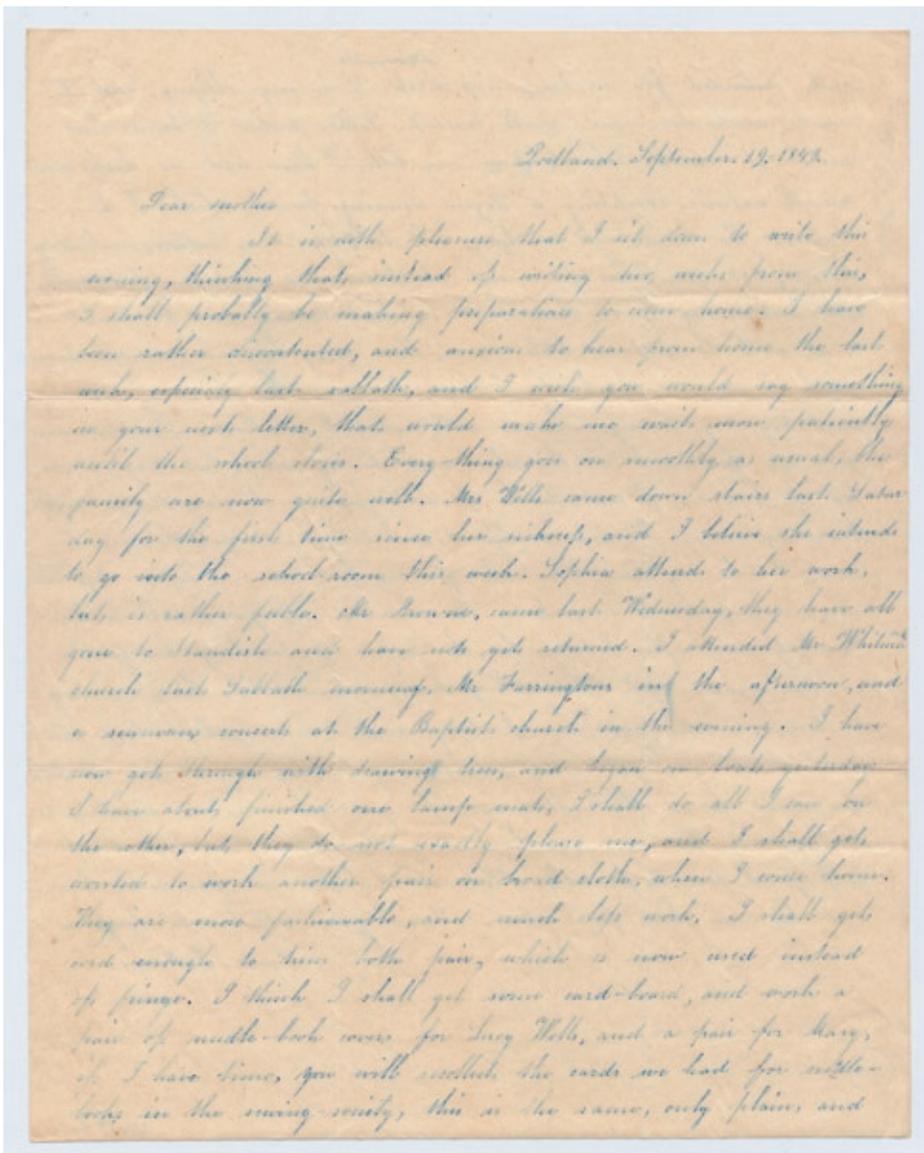
Portland, September. 19, - 1843

Dear mother

It is with pleasure that I sit down to write this evening, thinking that instead of writing two weeks from this, I shall probably be making preparations to come home. I have been rather discontented, and anxious to hear from home the last week, especially last sabbath, and I wish you would say something in your next letter, that would make me wait more patiently, until the school closes. Every thing goes on smoothly as usual, the family are now quite well. Mrs Wells came down stairs last Saturday for the first time since her sickness, and I believe she intends to go into the school-room this week. Sophia attends to her work, but is rather feeble. Mr Browne, came last Wednesday, they have all

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gone to Standish and have not yet returned. I attended Mr Whitma[^] church last Sabbath morning, Mr Farringtons, in the afternoon, and a seaman,s concert at the Baptist church in the evening. I have now got through with drawing trees, and began on boats yesterday. I have about finished one lamp mat, I shall do all I can on the other, but they do not exactly please me, and I shall get worsted to work another pair on broad-cloth, when I come home. They are more fashionable, and much less work. I shall get cord enough to trim both pair, which is now used instead of fringe. I think I shall get some card-board, and work a pair of needle-book covers for Lucy Wells, and a pair for Mary, if I have time, you will recollect the cards we had for needle-books in the sewing-society, this is the same, only plain, and



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Description: Letter from Lydia Patterson to her mother.

Sept. 19, 1848

and intended for working ^{with sewing-silk} cross-stitch. L is very obliging, and I must make her some small present. Father wished to know how much it would take to pay my bills, I have had no books nor small articles, excepting a dozen drawing pencils, which I have taken. The board, and washing, will be \$24-25 ct. Tuition, including drawing \$10. One dollar for a seat at church, and about one for pencils, after subtracting the 15, there will be about 21 or 22 due. It would be as well to send a little more, there may be some small charges which I do not think of. I think I can make all my purchases and pay my passage home with what I now have. The stoves were put up ~~last~~ week in the school, and dining rooms, but they are useless at present. I can think of nothing more to say at to-night. Wednesday morn. We have breakfasted, and I have just put the room in order, I take my turn this week, for the last time, I hope. Miss Whittier, does not expect to go home this vacation. Miss Greene, will be here nearly a week after I leave, for the purpose of finishing her quarter at the organ. Miss White will go home, and Mr Wells thinks of going to Boston. Take good care of Mary, and I hope I shall hear good news from you all, next Saturday. You may expect me at home two weeks from this afternoon, if you give me no directions to the contrary. The cars now leave a quarter before four, instead of half past four, as formerly. Write all the news in your next letter, and let me hear from Saco. From your affectionate daughter,
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