



Kents Hill, March 28 61.

My Dear Father:

Lizzie has just rec'd a letter from you, the contents of which surprise me very much - you say you have received no letter from me - I wrote you as I promised, the

very first opportunity - ^A Tuesday morning after you left us, handed the letter to Emery to be mailed as I did not wish to walk to the P.O. on my lame foot - and the "horse-railroad" is not very conveniently near in this locality. What Emery has done with my letter I know not. it may have been mailed and gone in some other direction than the one intended or possibly he may have forgotten it - I do not think that that is the case for I told him I was very particular to have it sent as soon as possible - he said it could not go Tuesday for it was after study hours, but he said he would put it in the office so that it would go Wednesday and I supposed that you had received it - As I do not see that it was my fault, — I shall not appropriate any of the terms you make use of in regard to keeping my promises - We are settled in the room which I had chosen. It was occupied by Miss Beals, but she left us in

possession, but as I presume you will receive my former letter, as soon as you do this – as I imagine it is somewhere on its way – I will not enter into an extended account of the proceedings at the time of our debut –

Lizzie is as well contented as I had expected, gets homesick at times, but I think will soon get over that – she wants to go home Friday, but I do not wish to as I desire to stop to Calliope – Are they coming up after Em? Lizzie studies Arithmetic and Grammar and thinks that is all she can get along with. I study Astronomy, Drawing, Rhetoric, Latin Phase Reader, Latin Grammar, and I doubt about having any time to "practise" – I fulfilled my promise of writing for Celeste's paper, although I do not know as she will think my communication worth reading, for I wrote it is somewhat of a hurry – I sent it with my other letter and I suppose it will soon make its appearance at "Frog Valley". I have no time to write for it again now or I would, for I have promised a peice for the "Calliopean" and with some letters to answer, and Rhetoric and Astronomy I have as much writing as I can attend to, but I will try and write the "funny" piece she wants, if somebody will forward me an account of the proceedings in

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receive from home, for I am more tired when
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