

Bowdoin Coll Brunswick March 8

Dear Sisters

Having predetermined to write you this night evening I find that the contense of my port- folio reduced to half a sollitary sheet and this I am determined to render acceptable by the quantity of interesting news it will bring you in the first place it is my misfortune to inform you of the destruction of the principal College building by fire it would be useless for me to enumerate all the particulars suffice it to say it took fire on Monday afternoon in No 29 no one can tell how, and in spite of the spirited exersions of the Students and towns poeple in less than five hours it was reduced to a heap of ruins the extent of the loss you will learn from the news-paper ere my letter reaches you, was it not fortunate aught I not to be thankful that I did not room in College.

My very Dear H I am truly glad to hear that you are at Bridgton I was always desirous as ever since you were lame that you should have more constant attendenc from some skilful Phisicians, it is my sincere wish and almost believe that you will soon recover under the prescriptions of Dr. F. Dear Harriet believe me when I tell you that I feel all the symptathy and tenderness of an affectionate Brother for your sad misfortune.

Yesterday I had a letter from Mrs Freeman (ah how [?] that sounds) I mean Sister Nancy just what she is. she and Mr F. are now in P. they will visit Baldwin next week. ah I wish I could but be there how very deliciouss would it be to spend a week or day or even but one hour at my own old but much loved home here the want of paper compels me to stop - and so it must be I hope to meet you both next vacation in health and prosperty and to be considered your sincere friend and affectionate Brother Geo. W Pierce

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