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Harriet I hope mother is well I feel guilty for not writing to her, I ought to have done it before. Give my love to her and father, tell them they occupy the principal part of my thoughts and I wish very much to be with them.

I hope you enjoy yourself this beautiful spring, I can almost see you upon the bed with the rose [word blurred] on the table and all the furniture in your room where I have spent so many happy hours —

Your affectionate Brother George —

Mason will come home with me in vacation if I do not go like then —

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