

Sauvokool.

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My beloved Mother.

It is my
desire to tell you all I can, in
the few moments that I am going
to be able to keep awake) this p.m.,
(about it) but don't know just how
to begin. William has been in
good spirits most of the time since
he came to Sauvokool, why he does
not write to you I don't know, I can
think of only two ^{reasons}, one is lack of time
& the other is that I think he thinks
that you folks at home are down
on him for some reason or other, I
sincerely like to ask him if it is so, or
why he thinks so if he does, he does
not suffer now from lumbago, but
ever since he came here has been a
good deal troubled with diana,
which makes him feel badly, of course.

Wm has taken all or nearly all of
the House class in the boys school.
for the year I suppose. (as we expect
to be here for about a year) & enjoys
them very much. Wm is real kind
about the house & takes an interest in
having everything look nice & home like.
He still feels that it was a mistake
to come here, but is not so low spirited
about it.

Ellen seems happy though I think she
is not as happy as she used to be, or no
I think she has grown to be more ~~content~~
^{fringed} with things than she used to be. E -
seems well - real well.

Mary & Ellen are getting better, but
still whoop a good deal.

We get along nicely without any
^{favor} of you. I am sure that I feel the
& constant need of prayer, than ever
before. We have family prayers twice
a day. Our eating hours are, Eight
o'clock breakfast, One o'clock dinner. Six o'clock
tea. We have a good dumb girl. We
love very pleasant room, & neighbors.

Wednesday Dec. Good morning my
dear Mother. & a happy day to you.
You can see by the number
of mistakes that I made last eve.
how sleepy I was. I have been trying
to help Mrs. Anne in her preparation
for home. I concocted a dress for her
yesterday that makes all the ladies
of the Station to think you Caroline
a wonderful dressmaker. Mrs. Clark
looked earnestly at me & said "I
wonder if you realize what a gift
talent you have in this line". My
side of the story is this, I have
made even so many dresses at home
out of quite a little & ragged goods
at Mrs. Anne's & don't consider that
it is wonderful at all, but these
people here not see any thing for
so long that it makes them think me
very smart. I went over & made a lace
neck tie for Miss Malbee last evening.
We are going to visit the House very soon.
They are coming here to dinner today. Ellen
& William have invited them to come & make

thru there home till they go away. but
they will not be here very much for then
Clark had asked them first, so they of course
will have to go there most.

We are going to have a house warming
on Friday evening. The guests will be
who are invited here. Mr & Mrs Howe &
four children. Mr & Mrs Clark & Lizzie.
Miss Stone & Miss Wallbee, Mr & Mrs
Sode & three children, the latter has not
yet arrived from America but are ex-
pected tomorrow evening. I don't know
just what we are going to have for supper
will write you later.

I really ought not to take any more
time away from Mrs Howe, so having
come to the eighteenth page, I hope
you will not think me very brief.

Please give a great deal of love
to all the dear ones at home. There
are too many to call them all by
name. I am sure Eliza & Tom
would send love if they were here.

Affectionately
Esther