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Dear friend:

Your last two letters received. It does not seem fair that you should write two or three letters to my one, but I think you ought to be satisfied with one a month as I was very much ^{surprised} when father gave his consent for me to write that often.

I received a letter from Jess about a month ago and answered it right away, but have not heard from her since. I suppose I ought not to expect more from Jess though as Mrs. Horton says she is a

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very poor correspondent. She said in her letter that she had stopped school out at the male college, as the boys were so rough. I know she would not like it out there. Suppose she is going to the A.F.C. now. The next time you see her tell her I say answer my letter real soon.

Our school is increasing rapidly. I like Luray more and more every day. The people are so kind. You have no idea what a lively place a female boarding school is. I have not been homesome since school begun.

And so Rev. J. I. Stockton is going to

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preach for you all next Sunday
I know you are anticipating
great benefit from the sermon.
I advise you to go early and get
a good seat as you know that
he always draws great crowds.
The Baptists are holding a Min-
ister's and Laymen's Meeting
here. I went out Friday and Sat-
urday nights but did not go
to-night. Father made a speech
this morning and he says
it was a fine one, but as none
of us were there, I do not know
whether to believe him or not.
It is very remarkable that he
always makes his good speeches
when we are not there to hear

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them.

We received a letter from Tom this morning. They are studying real hard. Have to study every night until twelve o'clock and get up every morning at six. Think of Tom and Thom up at six!

Father made us a present of Bulwer's and Hugo's works the other day. I have just finished "The Disowned". I started it before we left Athens but I did not have time to finish it. It is very interesting. I am anxious to begin another, but have to study so much that I do not have time for much

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reading. We started Geometry this year and I think it is the hardest study I have ever had. Our lesson for to-morrow is the "pons asinorum", but I know it perfectly.

We are going to have a school entertainment. I have given tonight and my vocal teacher wants me to ~~for~~ sing a solo and a duet. I think I shall sing the duet but am afraid to risk the solo. I would like to sing if I thought I could do it, but I could not bear to make a failure.

I was very much surprised to hear that Miss Emma Hous-

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You ~~was~~^{is} going to marry. Whoever
the gentleman is, he ^{will} surely get
a handsome wife as well as a
rich one.

It is getting so late now
that I will have to close. Ans-
wer this letter soon.

Your true friend
Cornelia Binford.