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“Pardon dear Grandfather, this seeming neglect and the long silence of your Grand daughter Mary, when I assure you that it has not been for the want of inclination or from forgetfulness that I have thus long neglected writing to you. Indeed, I hardly know now what to write. I suppose you think that Papa has forgotten you, but that I can assure you is not the reason he does not write, it is because he has been for the last two or three years so much engaged in public business that he has hardly time to think of us, who have been at school for the past four months at Linden Wood, St. Charles, Missouri, about twenty miles from home. The school is under the direction of Mrs. Sibley, who is a fine and amiable lady and beloved by all her scholars and all who know her. Linden Wood is truly a delightful place surrounded on all sides by Lin trees, secluded from the noise and bustle of a city. We are able to study more than if we were in the city, where our minds would be taken off and we should never profit by what we had learned. The rules are strict, but that is nothing, if it were not for strict rules we should never learn anything.”