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"I believe that I never have told you any of the rules of Linden Wood yet. In the first place we have to be in the school room at a quarter past five (you may guess what time we get up, but that is just what you want). The roll is called and every one that is absent is marked, then we study till six, have a recess of five minutes and study till a quarter of seven and then have prayers and breakfast. We have another half an hours [sic] study before school. I think that I learn more and more every day that I stay. Mother said when she was up that if she was satisfied with the school that she would let me stay the next session, the only thing that would make me stay till next spring is that she told me that she thought you would go to the east next spring and I would go with you. I thought to myself that I would stay and be more advanced in my studies and my music. The college examination is two weeks from last Tuesday...

... The weather is very warm up here especially when we walk to church of a Sunday. I get completely done out by the time we get back to Linden Wood. This afternoon Mrs. Sibley will come in to read to us from the newspapers and if she comes across a town or river she asks us where it is, where the town is situated, and whoever answers the most questions she gives them a credit."