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"...We arrived in Linden Wood a little more than a week before the opening of session, in time to get all things adjusted for me to resume my labors in school, which I did on Monday 22d April.

I am happy to be able to inform you of the safe arrival of our friend Miss Rossiter, a more happy meeting has seldom been witnessed, imagine, than ours was-words are cheap things-they could not half express my feelings. . .

Miss Rossiter and myself are very pleasantly associated in the school. We intend to share the labors about equally and shall be able to make our burdens light. Mr. and Mrs. Sibley are in good health and still so kind to us and almost as affectionate as parents could be. Mrs. Sibley . . . is a most worthy woman, and in force of character, I think seldom surpassed. Of this I might give you many examples of such occurrences. But when I tell you she once performed a journey on *horseback* with her father, Col. Easton, then a member of Congress, from St. Louis to Washington, and afterwards from Lexington, Ky., to St. Louis, you will be prepared tounderstand what such strength and energy directed to useful ends might accomplish..."