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have a good time going to school. do you  
 Bertie Keegan is married here. I saw her  
 down here last Monday with a Russell I don't  
 know his other name. Why don't you write to me  
 how is dear Horace and Agnes Washby  
 I will tell how far I went in Arithmetic  
 this summer I went over over past complex  
 fractions and just got over to Miscellaneous  
 exercises in fractions and went most through  
 Grammar and Geography and I left off  
 more in the first Spelling class than any  
 other person in school. How do you like  
 Miss White. Has Mr. Knills folks moved in  
 their new house yet. Aunt Hannah is going  
 up home in about three weeks I think. she wants  
 to get her money before she goes I guess she will  
 see for Aunt Margaret while I am going home  
 with her when she goes and make a visit.  
 How is pap's leg and how is ma getting  
 along. Mary I think you might write to me  
 I have not had a letter for 3 months and you  
 might write me a little short letter once in  
 awhile. I cannot think of much more to

from from Horace & Agnes  
 write. Give my love to all the folks  
 and keep some for your self.  
 Give Horace Agnes & Washby for me  
 so no more this time  
 From your  
 affectionate Sister  
 Louisa Richards  
 Oct 65  
 To Mary Richards  
 Oct 5  
 P.S. Aunt Agnes has got me a new  
 Skeleton & a pair of Congress Boots.  
 She is going to make me a woden  
 dress it is going to be crimson and  
 trimmed with Black Braid.  
 It was yesterday that I began to write  
 this letter and I finished it but  
 I am going to write more to day  
 I guess I will finish it after I get  
 done sweeping you know this is in  
 the morning and I have not got my work  
 done yet. Aunt Hannah is going to  
 write to you and Mother and Father  
 well what will I write now. I want

Why can't you be down here. Can't you be down here. Can't you be down here. Can't you be down here. Can't you be down here.

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you to write too me and write all the news  
 Aunt Mary & Honor were up here yesterday  
 and stayed all day. They are all well.  
 Aunt Agnes is going to Woodstock  
 she is going Wednesday and going to  
 stay till Sunday and she is going to  
 have a girl to spin while she is gone  
 & I am going to learn to spin while she  
 is gone. I am going to do the house  
 work and she says when she comes  
 back she will bring me something pretty.  
 I want to call on Mary Staples the other  
 day she is staying with Mr. May's  
 her folks live in Houlton she is about  
 my age she quite a good girl I think  
 Aunt Agnes said I could have  
 a party on my birth day if I was  
 down here then. So no more this time  
 I hope you like in from your Sister  
 my name and if any  
 me asked me if I have  
 a middle name I tell  
 then it is Alice  
 So note it be  
 to Mary of

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 scholars had supper in the hall after school.  
 The scholars parents found the retreats  
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 supper we played in the hall and had  
 a nice time. I suppose you have heard  
 that Uncle Wesson had gone to the war. He  
 went about 3 weeks ago last Thursday. They have  
 had 2 letters from him and they said in his  
 last letter that he could not get enough to  
 eat. He is in the sixteenth main Regt.  
 and was at Spring Island but was going to start  
 for Alexandria Alexandria. I suppose he is  
 on his way now. They all felt very bad when  
 he went away and he did too but no money  
 could make him stay he said. I suppose you

I have just got your letter and I was very glad  
 to get it. I think you know in your  
 heart. So you are taking lessons in drawing are you  
 I have a few things to give you for them. I hope  
 to write to you soon.

Ford Fairfield, Oct. 4, 1863

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Carriet Ricketts  
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 to me so note  
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