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Dear Papa:-

Saw Mr. Corthell about my board and he said it would be better for me to pay up to the Christmas vacation but it will not make much difference to him whether I do or not so you can do as you want to. It will be just twenty one dollars and eighty two cent (21.82) up to Christmas. They take out five days that we are home for Thanksgiving time. I got my letter from mamma. This noon but My throat is better. It is during study hours but I have no studying to do to-night. It is the first study night I have had no lessons to get since I have been here. One of the teachers had to leave on account of sickness in her family and she will not be back until after Thanksgiving if she is there. Charles Parsons takes her place in our Geometry class so we have our lessons [Page 2]

just the same. We took a test in United States History this after noon and this is what we had to do Make an imaginary letter from a man who had been with Gen. Washington throughout the Revolutionary War. This letter was supposed to be written directly after the War and every battle in which Washington took part had to be described. It was a hard test and it took me all the after noon. Last Monday night there was but one of the normal teachers in the building and she never says anything to anybody. Mr. Corthell knew it and he thought we would set as bad as possible and not keep silent study hours so about quarter past seven we heard him come to the front door. We can tell his step anywhere. Pretty soon he came up on our floor and went the whole length of the corridor and he did the same on every floor then he went down stairs and went out the front door. We supposed he had gone so we commenced to talk but he did no go he came in the back door took of his boots

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and went all over the house in his stocking
feet he went so quietly that no one
could hear him. He I [sic] paced the corridors
feet on one floor and then on another
For two hours. We did not know he was here
but after the study bell rang at nine o'clock
I went out of ho [deleted] our room into the girls and
began to talk with Grace when I heard him
Coming. I ran for the closet and stayed
there until he went up onto the next floor and
then I went back to my room. He went around
and knocked on the different girls doors and
told them he didn't want so much noise. He
did not leave the building until after ten and
every light was out when he left.

To day has been a lovely day and I went
around Fort Hill to walk to-night.

We shall begin our written tests next Saturday
I think because we have to have an examination
in everything before Thanksgiving. We are
going to have single beds put into our

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room while we are house. I don't believe you
can read this I can't myself.

I am growing awful poor. Mamma said
I was fat when she saw me in Portland
but I have lost nearly seven pounds since
then. I do not weigh as much now as I
did when I first came here.

Tell Herman I think he ought to find
time to write ^ to me now that he does not go to
school. I suppose the school exhibition comes
off next friday night, I should like to be
home to go. How did Ernest get along in
His Geometry test.

There are only six more days twenty more
meals and four more study night before
we come home. It is about quarter past
eight now but I am tired and want to go
to bed early to night so must stop writing for
to night

With love to all

Harriet

It is a stormy morning and the breakfast

Bell has rung so I must go.