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My dear Mamma--

This is a beautiful day and very warm. We went down to the M.E. Church this morning because we found out that Israel Jordan was going to preach there. We liked him very much. We probably had the same sermon that you had last Sunday. His text was from the third chapter of Phillippians the last part of the last clause of the eighth verse. I wore my new hat (my old one fixed over) and my spring jacket and then just about roasted. The church was nearly

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filled and a good many from the Congregational Church go there now. Mr. Hinckley our music teacher used to be organist at the Cong. church but he wasn't --ny enough for them so they discharged him and got a new one all of the choir resigned and several of them went down to the M.E. Church so they had some singing there this morning. We sat with Mr. John Hinckley. It seemed more like Sunday than any day has since I have been here. There was a minister from Cumberland Mill at the Cong. Church today and Miss Fickett said that all he talked about

was about his going blueberrying up on Mt. Russell and getting lost.

After dinner we went to walk. We sat over on the old town house¹ steps for a long while and then we went down by the Old Academy.

If you know of anyone who wants to go somewhere where there is something going on for excitement send them over here. Last Thursday night they had a wake down to the Feaneys. That fellow that was killed by the train was an Irishman and his folks are Catholics so they had a big [time] Thursday night.

Friday morning Eunice and I went down to the milliners with my hat. When we got down into the village we saw that one of the streets was crowded with

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men. We soon found out what the matter was. There had been a burglary and they had got two of the burglars in one of the stores and every one was down there. Four of the stores were broken into. the jewelers, a shoeshop, Emery's big dry goods store and a Grocery store (Summersides the one that has been broken into so many times).

Eunice and I went on down to the milliners and she said that as my hat was made on a frame she could fix it up very prettily. She put on a new crown of a

¹ The old town house is currently the University of Southern Maine Art Gallery. The steps she refers to face College Avenue.

new kind of straw trimming
of an ecru color. The ribbon is
of two kinds a dark brown
and a light brown. The flowers
are very pretty I guess they

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were made to represent bachelor
buttons and are of an old rose
color. I have not got any chiffon
on it so I can wear it in
damp weather. It has been
turned up on one side and
the new crown changes it so
that you would never know
that it was the same hat.
It does not have anything very
light on it so I can wear
it quite late into the fall.
The girls say it is the most
becoming hat I ever had
It cost \$2.37. I found I could
not get any hat all trimmed
for what you said.
Yesterday morning Miss White
fell down stairs and hurt
her ankle so she has to stay
in the house. Mr. Corthell has
gone to Boston. So you see we
did not have many teachers

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Saturday. This is a stub pen and it
acts dreadfully.
Last night we had some great
music I tell you. One of the girls has
a friend visiting her who is studying
music in Germany and is now
home on a vacation. She is just about
the size of Geo. Jordans sister Mrs. Brown.
But she could dance just the same.

We had the best time we have had a Saturday night for a long while and Eva missed it when she did not come out.

Next Monday night we have another reception--but as I have not anything to wear I shall not go downstairs.

Grace is coming home next Saturday night if she does not change her mind before that time. Charles is going in town Fast Day and so she will probably be out here next Sunday the class above us gave a reception to that part of the class who does not board in the Hall. No one was invited except the class and some of the teachers. They had ice-cream and cake. It was from 4 o'clock until half past five. I guess they had a pretty good time.

It is getting real green and it is all dry around here. How is the melting at home? Did you look for that School Report for 1896?

There is a Drama here fast night given by local talent. We may go if we can. I don't have the least idea

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what we shall do. Probably stay in the house all day. they will probably make us study part of the day.

If we only had a horse + team we would go up to Sebago Lake. It is only seven miles from here.

One night after school we played croquet it was the first game I have played since I have been here.

Have just got in from the

Evening meeting. We went down to the Methodist again. the vestry was full and we had to set up front on a settee near the platform and face the rest of the audience.

I like their prayer meeting because they sing so much.

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Eunice and I started to read a book this afternoon but we shall probably never get a chance to finish it. I was asking one of the girls tonight if we had to keep silent study hours Fast Day and she said they had to last year so we shall probably have to this. I think it is a pity we cannot have one day to ourselves. But it is study all the time Holidays and all. We heard the other day something about a reception for the graduating class. When is it to be? Are the alumni going to do anything this year. Is the graduation on a

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Friday evening?
I wish it was Saturday night so that we might come home to it.
Well I must leave this letter for tonight and if I have time will a little in the morning.

Good Night,
Harriet

This is a lovely morning and
possibly Eunice and I shall
wash. There goes the
breakfast bell so I shall
have to go down + eat my
hash and corned beef.
Such an elegant day I
would like to go to ride
if I only had my wheel
here. Well I shall be late
to breakfast if I don't stop.