

I suppose
I shall
have
to send
my
regrets
to Mr.
Williams
if I do
not go.
That
candy
is awful
good. I
know
the
cookies
are
but I
have

the house. In the afternoon
we had some lemonade
The marion gave us
some ice water and
sugar so we made it
ourselves. Last evening
we had a heavy thunder
shower and it rained
nearly all night. It has
been a real cold day
to day and has rained
most of the time. Yester-
day I put on my shirt-
waists but to day I was

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Dear Mamma:-

Received your
letter and package yesterday
Thank you very much for
the candy and cookies that
you sent me. Grace said
she told you that Eunice
and I were coming home
next Saturday but I
did not have the least
idea of such a thing.

This afternoon we
received some invitations

from Mr. Williams to
attend the reception of
the graduating class
next Saturday night.

Grace is not going I think
but Eunice is not sure
whether she will or not.

I thought that I would
write and ask you what
I had better do. I do not
care especially about
going to it but of course
they will have a nice
time. I invited Lydia
to come over and spend
Sunday either ~~this week~~

or next as was most
convenient for her. I know
she will not come this
week if there is to be a
reception.

Wasn't yesterday a
hot day? The thermometer
went up to over ninety
here. How is that for
the first day of May?
Grace said it was
cooler at home. I did
not go out of the house
at all it was so hot.
We found it hard work
enough to keep cool in

of that I don't know what is going to happen. We had a very fine Sunday but I don't like it as much as a hot day.

Tried to cool off. Rhoda and Charles found something they thought was very pretty and said they were going to take it home for they thought it was some kind of a lily. When we got up to Mr. Charles Hinkley they asked him what it was and he said he knew of no other name than "Stunk Cabbage." They carried it up to the Hall but it was all wilted before they got.

not care of any of them yet. We had some cake with whipped cream on it for supper to night first think

not any too warm with my thick dress on.

Sunday was very hot here and I nearly roasted with my red dress on it is so thick but I haven't any thing different to wear to meeting.

Truette, Charles's sister was out here with us over Sunday and she did not go back to Portland until this

This is
not a
very
pleasant
morning
but it
does
not
rain
the
clouds
look
very
pretty
and
it
is
clear
off
a
long

morning. She is very pleasant and we had a very nice time. Saturday night we had our pictures taken and they are real nice. We went to meeting Sunday night and the new organist played. He is young and looks like Ruben Merrill. He comes from Portland.

They sang "The Old Green Bucket" and "Jawwita" only with

different words. I had never heard them sung at a prayer meeting before. In the afternoon we thought we would take a walk where it was cooler so Rhoda, Marian, Charles, Eunice, Truette and I got some crackers and pickles that we had left from our feast the night before and went down to Bickfords pond and

I can't
write
either
so you
get a
miserable
I don't
believe
in leaving
any
empty
spaces
I can help
it. If you
can find
out which
comes first
you are
lucky

If they do I shall be alone the 14th
unless Lydia should come
over. I want her to come
awfully. If you see her tell
her to be sure and come.
The clock is striking eight
and so I must finish my
lessons for to-morrow.
Let me know what you want
me to do about coming
home. I should not care to
come anyway unless Eunice
should and I don't care
much for the reception anyway
Will must close with love
to all
Aunt

I am
very
sorry
that you
can't read
my writing
but taking
note is
just spoiling
my hand
writing
and the
vertical
and slant
together
don't make
a very
pretty
writing

The trees are leaving out
very fast and the grass
is getting quite tall around
the school house. Yesterday
and to day it seemed as
though we could see things
grow. The bulbs planted
in the gardens near the
school house have been
in blossom for a week
or more. They look very
pretty. Mr. ^{Charles} Huckleby has
some beautiful flowers

It is not
half past
nuff &
may
having
an
awful
thunder
shower
lots of
the girls
are
laughing
and I
must
say I
in front of his house. They
looked lovely last week.

We do not know yet when
school will close. The graduation
conflicts with Farmington
and as they cannot come
together some thing has
got to be done. School may
close the 14th or the 22nd
of next month but they
say now that it cannot
close the 16th as was
planned.

I hope it will not keep after

do not
like it.
It is a
great
way
of now
but we
don't
want
to go to
bed &
blow
out the
lights
yet for
I can't get
to sleep when
I can see

the sixteenth anyway.

I got all of my arithmetic
lesson done before this
evening so have not got
so very much more to do.

I plan to come home at
Memorial time with the
girls if you are willing.

Emmie says now that she
and Grace are both going
home a week from Saturday
and again at Memorial
time but I don't know
whether they will or not.