

My Dearest William

I am very unwilling to part with our dear Gratz before he has had a taste of cold weather - and if I had dared to detain him a few weeks longer until he was braced by our northern climate - but he felt as if he must go in this week's steamer - I hope you will find him better than when he left home - tho' I think a longer absence from his studies would be of advantage to his general health - and he can well afford a holiday - without endangering his position among his comrades - we are all much attached to him - and thank you and his dear Father for intrusting him to our care - give our love and keep a large share your dear boy in the

in all you wish to know about
your friends here may God Bless
you ever your affectionate

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Savannah