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I hope my Dear Anna you will not think me
unaffectionate to the many interesting topics discussed
in your last letter, which I have left so long unanswered.
I am not going to apologize for doing so, because it
has been an act of necessity not choice. This morning
I received Mary's letter saying she & the dear Progs
would leave Lexington this morning, and my joy upon
they is all alive for you in again parting with you.
For particulars after the trials he encountered in
last session at school. It is a great pity teachers do not
consider it a duty to make their pupils happy. It
seems to me that this is as essential as any act or
science they are employed to teach. The only portion
of human life we can enjoy that privilege is before
the struggles with the world commence. When no one
has responsibility, lowest over the mind, and the
heart never is ready to receive the impression that is
presented before it. Jo's first session appears to have
been quite as agreeable as a boarding school might
have been expected to be to one who had never before
been far separated from his fond Mother's care.
and I was sorry to see his countenance pale when I en-
quired about his school concerns, but he uttered
no complaint. I would not tell me a single noble
he had suffered, nor did they. They were young
philosophers, or rather free masons, and devoted
nothing but both Jo & I have made diligent enquiry
respecting other schools. The only one I heard of that
could rival Boston is located in the city of New
York, which is certainly an objection to those who have

no friends relevant there - I do not know what Jos
recept has been, but I believe he & Maurice would both
venture on another trial at West Chester, under
a candid representation of what will be expected,
however when the boys come, they will be taken into the
council, and bringing your & Bea's views with them, it can
be decided. If the boys ^{are} unwilling to go back to Bolinas
some other school must be found for them, you have heard
of friend & teacher J. Thompson recommending a private
school in the country as a very good one - but living in
a private family however comfortable would not suit
boys of their age & habits - Bishop Potter and some other
clergy men have been visiting our schools, and the Bishop
highly approves of Bolinas, thinks the order arrangement
& discipline the best he has ever seen - Mrs Williams is
not satisfied with Crowl, the other school at W. Chester
and was enquiring, in order to place her nephew.

Dear Anna you may depend on our brother's acting with
all due consideration for the boys and exercising his
best judgment in their behalf - I have just been making
acquaintance with Miss Willhore of New Haven, so if they
should even go to such a distance, there will find a friend
at hand, she is daughter to the old Judge of that name, &
sister to the author of Hadael -

I enclose you a receipt for a Box sent yesterday
by Adlam's express, which I hope will reach you in
good order, and meet your approbation, I decorated a
little from your order, in favor of a new article, a silk
lawn, instead of two cotton lawns - pray my dear
sister, send freely to me for any thing I can do for you
here, and if the things I send are not suitable
to your taste give me directions how to please you
without imagining there is any trouble in executing
your wishes - my only difficulty is in the apprehension
that my choice of colors is not good - for my young friends

I feel disappointed that Henry has given up
his visit. Tho if his arrangements were without a change
of climate, I can suppose, believing he will be much
happier in his present occupation, it is very plea-
sant to see all the dear boys, as they arrive at
manhood exercising their abilities in a manner
to advance them in usefulness & respectability.

Horace writes that he is working very hard, his
profession is very laborious, and by no means
profitable - but he does not mean to pursue it
permanently. I have been reading some very
curious & interesting letters written by Mary Stuart
now for the first time published. They are collected
by a French Count who has had access to the
original papers, on the different countries where
the unfortunate Queen had corresponded.
Her "dearest sister & cousin" Queen Elizabeth
was always a hard and harsh mistress to her,
I poor Mary seems to have been her victim
long long before she could lay hands upon her.
Give my best love to my dear Mother, I am rejoiced
that your health is so much improved. You can
make summer excursions to Brecknock and take
the little pots to rusticate. What name is his farm
called by? Give my love to the farmer & the local
agent - and all my dear friends & acquaintances
where will Mrs. Lushly stay during Mary's ab-
sence, she will not expect to see her again this
summer. Adieu my dear Ann, it is well my
paper is full - or I should see you with due sub-
limity - which deserves not the name of a letter but bears a more
affectionately yours R. L.