

time and we didn't have  
any fire in our furnace  
for economy's sake  
So we had to burn  
kitchen and kitchen  
Any show it was  
winter. Two days  
J. A. Lee and I  
Spent at Birmingham  
Ten - 40 miles  
West - a very  
beautiful place -  
We enjoyed  
that very  
much. I like  
Mr. M. Lee  
London tells  
me she is  
enjoying to a  
young clerk  
in P. & O.  
London to see a  
Bristol - Homer

My dear Thomas,  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 1860.

I am sorry it  
has been so long since I received your  
letter. you wrote an excellent one -  
just what I wanted to know - only  
it was too short.

It is Sabbath evening, just after  
tea. The sun (which we have seen  
for two or three days) shines splendidly  
in at my two windows, on to the wall  
opposite. Within a day or two we have  
had a charming addition to the furniture  
of our room, a nice lounge. I wish  
we had had it all winter.

Since I wrote home, we have changed  
teachers. Mr. Spear and Miss Sands  
are both gone - I didn't dream that  
Mr. Spear was going till two days  
before he went. He expects to teach the



High School at Rockland. They could not afford to retain two teachers, so Lizzie and Mary Wilde take the Primary department, and a Miss Thompson from Maine has Mr. Spear's place. She is one of the small-<sup>er</sup> <sup>er</sup>-ahead people - something like Lydia Thompson. She looks like her too - and a little as Ellen looked. I think, I miss Miss Lands very much. She was in our room most of the time, out of school. She has gone to West Point - to visit Lieut. Otis Howard, a brother of the Howard, who has been called to Bangor. Is he to be settled there? and when? How much salary has he? There are three churches <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> town and there is not any meeting in the town, some Sabbath. The minister of our ch. has left - and although there are men in the parish estimated at \$200,000 they can't get subscription to call another. There seems to be a perfect stagnation in relation to religious





matters. I have <sup>been</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>for</sup> <sup>#9ac</sup> <sup>Practo</sup> <sup>I can</sup> <sup>begin</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>#</sup> <sup>send</sup> <sup>upon</sup> <sup>putting</sup> <sup>home</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>any</sup> <sup>plan</sup> <sup>as</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>teacher</sup>

Oh. but I didn't like going -  
 We had our usual meeting here in the  
 afternoon. Mr. Wilde expounded the Parable  
 of the sower. We have the most variable  
 weather you can imagine. Yesterday it  
 snowed a little. Today it is all melted  
 - tomorrow it will perhaps be very  
 warm. Write me about the weather at  
 home. Now Mr. Spoor has gone Sue  
 and I go down and get the mail  
 every night at seven. We have to cross  
 a covered bridge over the Delaware  
 and the Post Office is situated just  
 as the Toll house at Bangor is.  
 When we go down we get weighed every  
 few days. I weigh 187 which is enor-  
 mous for me, as my usual weight is  
 97. This is a very healthy place. I have  
 never so well in my life - for so long  
 a time. How is Mother. I have ple-  
 ased very much worried about her - and  
 how is Father? Is John perfectly well?



I should like <sup>to know</sup> my <sup>to just</sup> much <sup>more</sup> <sup>indeed</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>know</sup> <sup>how</sup> <sup>soon</sup> <sup>Brocton</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>where</sup> <sup>she</sup> <sup>is</sup> - I feel anxious about - her -  
I wish I could have had time to write -  
Susan - perhaps I shall soon - but -  
I find I have ~~been~~ now unanswered -  
Mr. Wilder has just - been in talking about -  
Dr. Adams - He has a very high opinion  
of him, and of his abilities - He sends  
his kindest regards to "my excellent Mother"  
and also to "my father", whom he doesn't  
know, but - has no doubt - is a very fine man.  
Lately, the family, and Mr. Wilder when  
study hours are over, assemble in our  
room at eight - P.M. and I read aloud.  
I have read Goldsmith's "Good Natured Man"  
& "She Stops to conquer" & "The vicar of  
Brakefield" - Now am reading Scott's Lady of the  
Lake - you ought - to be reading some standard  
books in all your leisure time - I hope  
you don't - box, or jump much or dance  
at all - When there is dancing there is  
misery - for young men - & I wouldn't  
have you in it, for anything in the world  
I don't learn to smoke either - I was glad  
to hear about the arrangement - you had made  
with Mr. Savine - hope you don't have to work  
hard now - The two weeks of vacation were lonely  
enough to me - It was cold and stormy all the

This summer -

