

Salem September 15th 1839.

My dear Parent,

I have delayed writing for some time in hopes of receiving a letter from you, but I have been disappointed repeatedly, and I fear the reason of our disappointment is caused, by some member of the family being sick; but I am in hopes the next mail will bring me a letter and deny my suspicions. A great many of the young ladies will leave this fall. I wonder if we will be among the number that leave. M^{rs} Deike says she will accompany us this fall, if you conclude to take us home, as M^{rs} Moore is very anxious for her to spend the winter with her; and I think you requested us to tell her if she would go, you would take her with pleasure. I shall be very glad of her company and I am sure you will be pleased with her. Sister and I have ^{worked} a foot-stool apiece since you were here. Sister's was a long stitch called "Turk" and mine a Pen-fowl; they are both

very pretty, and I think you will be pleased with them.
The weather has been exceedingly dry for a few weeks past; and
it is almost too dusty to walk. We were at the
Church today (the 15th) and heard a most excellent sermon
delivered by Mr Shultz; his text is to be found in the 5th
chapter and 4th verse of St. Matthew. "Blessed are they that
mourn, for they shall be comforted." Caroline Griffin
has heard that her father is married: she is not at
all reconciled; but I hope time will make a change
in her mind. I think Mr Martin has determined on
taking his daughters home this fall: they are very
anxious to go to Georgia. I received a letter from
Brother Frank last evening. He says he has
an appointment for the Commencement in
October; but he did not say an appointment
of what; I suppose he means that he has to make
a speech; if so, I hope he may acquit himself with
credit. He said he intended to visit us in
December; but I hope we shall go to see him, before
he comes to see us. Please ask Aunt Mary
and Grand Ma to write to us: Aunt Mary has
not answered my last letter yet. What keeps
Uncle Bedney from writing? I think he can
find time to write now, as the sickly season is
nearly over. Our festival is on the 25th of this

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month. It is the day on which our Chapel was dedicated. Please write soon and let us know if we will return to Georgia in the fall. Please give my love to Mr^{rs} Martin's family, also Uncle Smiths, Aunt Mary and Grand Ma. Sister Catharine and Ella send many kisses to you, and if you ^{please} accept of the love and affection of your daughter.

Mary Ann.



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