

Fort Hamilton

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My dear, little daughter:

What a long time it is since I saw you. I suppose you have grown a good deal since you left Fort Hamilton and began to go to school. Perhaps I should not know you if I met you away from home.

I am very glad to hear that you have been a good girl and I hope you have tried to learn. Little girls are sent to school to learn

And the cherries so near ripe that we  
big boys are beginning to eat them. How  
long the little boys have been eating them  
I can't tell; but I think they and the birds  
began about the same time.

It is a very pleasant place, but  
it would be much, very much pleas-  
anter if mother and you and Frank  
and Robbie were here to play with  
me under the trees.

Now it has been a long time since  
you have sent me a letter. I hope you will  
send me another soon. Good bye. Father

And when they are good  
and try to get all their les-  
sons well, they please their  
father and mother, and all  
their friends; and when they  
grow up to be women, they  
will be very glad they made  
such good use of their time  
when they were children.

Do you remember the  
big house across the street  
from Mr Vanderpool's? That  
is the place where I board.  
I have often looked over the  
fence, and wished I could  
go in, and lie down under  
the trees, and pull the flowers  
and eat the nice cherries.  
Now I can do it any day  
and the flowers are plenty

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