I hope you believe I do not resort to desperate remedies for anything. Try to be cheerful too. There is much in being determined to be well, and to succeed. I think of nothing better offers than once I can busy ourselves to profit, to our health and last, in our lot, for a few months, but something well it must end shall.

We shall have to wait longer, and be satisfied with his progress, then if we were at peace, but we will hope this state of things will not continue long. Write to me soon and often and freely. I have not spoken to Will about the school, but his father thinks he is very tired already. However, we cannot know from what he says, Jem will show the suits in every hour in the day, and the first thing I think of in the morning is Oh they are all gone! And the last thing I think of at night care of you all, and how you are doing. We had Carter Maynard, speaking at the Fair, and they were Serenaded.

Dear Children,

(Annette, Horace, & Jeannie)

I have received a note from Luther this evening saying you are all well, we are thankful for it, but would like to hear more in detail for the future. We are very lonely without you, I do not know how I could have supported myself the first few days if there had been nothing to fore me into action, as it was I was obliged to exert myself continually, and when Joan came, I put on as sturdy a face as possible, and made her visit a pleasant one with Father’s and May’s help, but my face was so set to sorrow that it actually pained me to smile. Joan is a real good woman, and her first was a benefit to me. The same Tuesday morning, and left Thursday afternoon, Wednesday it rained all day.
and we were obliged to stay in the house most of the time. Sue and I went to the Park ground a little while with Father but it rained incessantly, and we returned Thursday proved fine and we all went out and had our usual horseback ride. So many clear ones were absent that it was rather sad to me, Frank's friends insisted on returning in the evening so she and I left the ground early. Suppose she was at home by nine at night, I wished much she could have seen you all. I would have been so proud to show you to her. Mary's basket is beautiful and took the Medal. Emily's picture was there again but not entered, Mary is pleased but says she would rather have had more competition. E. arranged her begonia plants in my fern case and set it on the new root stake, then put a large graceful fern on top and sent it to the fair. She took the premium for arranged plants, and roses, and Maristrum for Bouquets, and Lib would have taken it in string beans, if Anne had given good measure, so you see we have been reasonably successful.

Dear Howard, Father has spoken to Mrs. Martin, and I promised one of my letters, and Mary has spoken to the son (who ran once with his wife in the morning and returned in the evening) but to no effect. We will continue our exertions and not despairs, something must "turn up." I am disapponted that I did not get a line from you just to say how you are. I do hope there will keep up my spirits, and try to get well. Any unpleasant symptoms he may have are no doubt occasioned by his weak stomach owing to the late sickness and the burden of life. Also I suppose aggravated by the confinement to school, air, exercise, sea bathing and wholesome diet. Are all the
I hope his hay fever has left him long ere this. Kate seems quite well, and Ann tells me that Maggie,ips say, that Matt and she are with Kate and Mr. Phillips, are trying hard for the books. Mr. and Mrs. S. were in town last evening, and the good people have sent him two letters from him last evening. She is much annoyed. Of course you will not repeat what I write, but "they say," the S.'s are quite neglected, and thrown into the shade by the others, and do not feel to make sarcastic remarks on the subject. But enough of such stuff.

In view of the distress of the nation, it is a shame to talk so.

I send this note addressed to August through the P.O., and it was thought best to open it. Did I do wrong in not? You are in usual health, but very anxious about you. Do write soon often and fully to your affectionate daughter.

Sarah W. Starer
since you left and are quite fine, healthy, and as yet, we have lost none. Thanks to
Brenor. Suppose
O. has just left, Sunday evening, and took Mary with her to pass the night.
Father expects to go North soon and shall want her with me, so the con-
clusion to go tonight.
Everything is safe so far, at your house I spill when he comes home. I do.
Come there every day and sometimes, not want them too closely confined;
twice in the day. Father has looked it not by any means, but to be very atten-
gent, and I think no one has been in bit love when mamma is teaching, and
ourselves. The recent rains have started when lessons are over, run and play
the flowers afresh, and all looks just and grows rosy and well. I see
little Rob is too little yet. He must
be a dear good boy, till I see him.

Tell me particularly how you are
situated, and if Augusta and the sis-
also feel at home yet, and if Stewart by this time, and able to go about and
improves in health and spirits,

I want him and Augusta to learn all
every opportunity to see, all that is work
about the Cooper Institute. That can seeing. You may not have another op-
be found out. And let us know the
fortuity so good.

Luther seemed in good spirits when