

them, they will then be  
able to take care of them-  
selves no matter what turn  
fortune may take

If you will second  
me in my view we  
can induce F & M to take  
this course - if there is such  
a young lady who will  
come to Ky - you must  
write immediately so that  
we can hear before I leave  
home - for if it is not  
decided on before I  
leave, I fear nothing  
will be done

All unite in much  
love

Your Affly Brother

Henry

Home February 3<sup>d</sup> 1856

Dear Sister

I have been trying  
to persuade Father & Mother  
to employ a young lady who  
can take charge of the ed-  
ucation of Ellen & Lily.

Now if there is a young  
lady at Pittsfield like  
Miss Clark whom you  
can recommend & who  
will be willing to come  
to Kentucky I think that  
F & M. will agree to  
employing her. I know  
you can judge very  
well of her qualifications  
in my opinion you  
should first find if

she is a person who will suit Mother in her tastes & habits &c. As E & L. advancement is not of a character to require a woman of very profound knowledge I think the above will be the qualification chiefly needed. You know Mother well enough to know who will be apt to please her.

Ellen under the pretence of giving out meat, soap, lard, flour &c or seeing to the poultry, feeding sheep &c is really doing nothing at all & will go to ruin unless she has some one to teach her.

Lily is fond of her books & will do a little in her present way of learning - but Mother is unable to give her enough attention. she can read & spell a little - but that for a girl of 9 years is equal to nothing.

I want I & M to let Ell & Lily go to schools at home until a year from next fall when Ell can go on to Pittsfield or somewhere else and enter the first class to remain four years & graduate - Lily can go two years later this I believe the best course that can be taken with



Miss Duncan  
Lexington  
Ky -

Mrs. Jakes had left the  
day before for N. Y.  
- I have been enquiring  
about all the schools for  
Young Ladies - and have  
come to the opinion that  
Miss Willbous is the best in  
Boston - and learn from  
Clara that her father pays  
for her tuition & boarding  
\$230 a term - Now I think  
it will be just the place  
for Ellen and hope that  
you will write with  
me on my return home  
in January Father & Mother  
to let Ell. come on with  
me in September. (If I am  
not mistaken Ell. will be 16 -  
in a short time) -

Love to all  
Your aff<sup>l</sup> Brother

Henry

Cambridge May 24/58

My dear Sister

Your letters of  
April 30 and May 4<sup>th</sup> are  
still unanswered - pardon  
my long delay and I will  
try to make amends by a  
affluent course in future -  
- This letter will also serve  
as a letter to the whole  
household - Since my last  
I have had a tolerably  
pleasant time, considering the  
fact that we have had a  
N. E. storm for ten days  
fast - well to begin - on  
Monday after the duties of the  
day I went to Boston and  
took tea at the Cabballs -

after tea I walked with Miss Cabot to Mrs Judson to congratulate Miss Judson on her engagement which was announced some 10 days before - passed a pleasant evening and left at 10 o'clock having to walk home with Miss Kitty C. through a hard rain - we however got to her house safely - I worked Cambridge with pretty wet feet - Tuesday and Wednesday passed as usual in study &c - On ~~Wednesday~~ <sup>Thursday</sup> - went with "Sister Clara" & Miss Emma Lewis to a party at Mrs C.D. Wells - had a good time - danced three sets and returned to my room by half past one o'clock - went

to prayers at 6 1/2 o'clock - Friday was passed in Cam. without any change except that the rain fell faster & harder -

Saturday went to town in afternoon to see Mrs B. - who is a very pleasant lady and I suppose an admirer of yours for she asked me what had "become of my beautiful sister" - took tea at Parkers with Greenough, Hayden, Eustis, Redman, & Wood - called at Dr Haydens after tea - and walked out to Cambridge with Richardson - Sunday two dull sermons - called at Mr G. W. Warrens with Nickerson - Mrs W. is unwell - and

Lexington Ky. March 20 /59.

My dear Sister

As I am not afraid  
of making you vain, I will  
be candid with you and  
acknowledge that we miss you  
very much, you must not allow  
it however to hinder your return-  
but to begin in earnest - all are  
well and from the time of night  
I suppose all are fast asleep  
and dreaming about you & -  
I saw your servant Hart on yesterday  
he was well but looked a little  
blue owing, I presume, to his having  
been to Casselton - he reached Cassel-  
-ton only a few hours after  
you had left, by the way - Miss  
Lily Board asked me on yesterday  
whether you were engaged or -  
I told her I did not know - but  
was sure that you would not  
interfere with her. We have  
had dreadful weather since  
your left - quite a snow-storm

on Friday and very cold ever  
since - All the fruit buds are  
probably killed - We were all  
very much afraid that the  
bad weather extended to St Louis  
and that it must make your  
visit less pleasant than it  
would otherwise have been -

Father has received a letter  
from Dr Walker which makes  
it necessary for me to remain  
here until June - and I will  
not leave home until about  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of that month - The  
Class elections are over - the  
opposition to the N.P.C. have elected  
nearly all of their candidates &c -  
The result is such that I do  
not wish Father and Mother to  
go on - and I hope they will  
not do so - you may if you  
wish -

You may remember that this is  
Father's <sup>60<sup>th</sup></sup> birthday day - and much  
to my regret it has passed  
without a suitable celebration  
we had a "Sunday dinner"

On last evening I went over to  
Mr Bounds and took tea - Miss  
Annie tells me that she regrets  
very much that she did not go  
with you - we had quite a  
party - Miss Lily - Miss Mary Higgins  
and Miss Woolley were staying all  
night - several guests went  
down and gave them a little  
surprise party - there was - Minnie  
Waters, Matthews, Harrison, Hawkins  
and Aunt went out from town -  
we had a supper and then a  
dance - we took up about 10 o'clock

The Board girls are going over to  
Cincinnati on Tuesday with their  
Uncle & Aunt Macalister - I should  
like to go but am afraid that  
by some "low jinks" or other it  
might be considered equal to an  
offer - Give my afft. regards  
to the Gen. and kiss the baby - also  
remember me kindly to Mr & Mrs B. &  
Miss Belmont -

All send much love  
Your afft. brother  
W. F. Deussen Jr.

In favor of Mr. Cushing  
W. D.

Miss Mary Dune

Present



Dear Sister  
Would  
you like to take  
a ride this afternoon?  
I think it will be  
pleasant and you  
have never been  
riding any where  
around here  
as yet - If so

My dear brother I should  
like to ride very much,  
and also to take "Lock"  
if you would  
come at five; ford  
take a music lesson  
before,

Your loving sister  
Mary D.

Send me word by  
Mr Cushing - and  
I will come for  
you by 5 o'clock - &  
should you wish  
we can go by for  
Lili" & & &  
Your Aff brother  
Duncan jr



Cambridge June 6<sup>th</sup>

My dear sister

- As I have a few leisure moments just now I will write you a few lines to let you know of my safe arrival and of various other little matters - first I almost believe I fell in love with May while I was with you - what say you to it

- I saw Mrs Sparks this evening she was glad to hear that you were well again - she say she has received a letter from Miss Hunter &c &c &c - on reaching Boston I found quite a number of Kears at the River house - I staid there all night & gave as much of them as possible there was Mrs & Mrs Wilson Mrs & Mrs Ferguson (I do not know if I spell right) and daughter - they have been here some days - and left this morning for the west

the passed through Pitts field  
this afternoon at 2 o'clock  
they were anxious to stop  
there and see the big girls  
- they desired me to send them  
look &c to them all.

I have two letters from home  
all well

The letter did not come &  
am distressed about it you  
must write me a long letter  
to console me

Last evening I had a  
fine bowl of strawberries I  
ate several saucers of them  
& thought of you and Mary  
& wished you were along  
to enjoy some of them - I  
would like to send you some  
fruit & will if I must  
any that is good  
- there is no news but  
love to you & Mary - (as she says  
& must call her Mary I suppose I  
must write it as)

Your Aff Brother

Henry

suppose she was so bel-  
-ligerent in disposition

It is now 10 minutes  
of one & the office  
closes at that hour so  
I must close

love to you & Co

Good by

Your Afft Brother

W D Duncanson

I will send you the  
last Liverpool paper you  
may find some  
news in it

Cambridge Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

My Dear Sister

I have  
just received your  
letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> (yesterday)  
& hasten to reply - you  
say you have not heard  
from home for two  
weeks - I have received  
several letters from  
home & Liverpool  
within that time all  
are well, <sup>they</sup> give no  
news except what I  
gave you in my  
last

I think I will be  
in Pittsfield on  
next Monday night

which is the earliest  
day I can leave here

I am goggling on  
about as usual  
nothing new at all  
I go to dine with  
Hon<sup>r</sup> St Bowditch on  
next Saturday - I am  
invited to take my  
Christmas dinner at  
Salem - if I am  
not in Pittsfield on  
Monday night you  
may know that I  
have gone to Salem  
in which case I  
will not be in Pitts-  
field until Tuesday  
- John Lafon will  
be in Pittsfield he  
tells me on Monday

Now for your letter  
I have just purchased  
3 Christmas presents one  
for you one for —  
one for Clara  
I will have to disappoint  
you about coming over  
on tomorrow - I Miss  
Offutt says "howdy" they  
return her a similar  
greeting for me - I dont  
no exactly what it means  
but I expect it is some-  
thing good

I Miss ~~Red~~ Red is sick  
you say she has given  
Mr Richard a getting  
with bowlding balls -  
did the old gentleman  
take it kindly - tell  
her I did not