

Mary Sharnes is
 better. remember me
 most affectionately
 to them and the ladies
 of Toront's family
 to him self. Dear
 love and to my own
 precious Darling,
 the three eldest
 I mean, a thousand
 kisses, I love
 them with all
 a mother's love.
 Do tell me if
 the new respecting
 you and some
 can be repaired
 misdeeds
 has any foundation
 in truth.
 or
 a lady from
 Boston told
 Maria Woodwind
 and I know you
 so well that I am
 always in doubt
 to listen to any
 scandal in that
 shape. Do love
 this ridiculous
 medley as soon
 as you have
 read it. ~~that~~ I
 have not time to
 arrange my thoughts
 before I commit
 them to paper

I have got so completely out of the habit of writing my
 dearest Ellen, from the circumstance of being so much crowded together as to have
 no quiet place to read, write, or do any thing that can not be done in a crowd
 that I lose much time which might, and ought to be given to my dear absent
 children, but it requires more character than I have, immediately to reform my
 habits, with a change of the circumstances which formed them. We spent
 10 days at the University with Mrs Duglison. During the meeting of the
 visitors, during which time we were incessantly in company at home,
 or engaged to dinner or evening parties every day that we staid. and the last
 day was a happy one for me, in as much as I heard my dear Benjamin's
 name called as one of the first in all his claps, and finally with one
 other only of his class in medicine, he graduated; that you know at our
 University is not a thing of course, but the reward of merit, ^{of an honor} that must
 be deserved before it can be conferred. he is now Doctor Randolph, &
 two days since performed his first surgical operation ^{an act of charity} upon a poor
 man, who had an aneurism on the knee. you may suppose the interest
 and anxiety I felt; it was well done, and the man is doing very well
 so far; he is very anxious to attend a course of lectures in Philadelphia
 where he could attend the hospital, but the want of funds will defer
 it for the present. he is an excellent & respectable young man, full of
 energy, discreet, rational and likely I hope to succeed in his profession.
 Lewis began well but was not so fortunate in the result. his mind is considerably
 unsettled as to his profession for which he has conceived a great disgust, not
 at all lessened by the circumstance of it's being so completely overdone
 that none but lawyers, of the first standing make bread by it. he talks
 of going to Florida when he gets a licence of which he has no doubt though
 he is far from being thoroughly read. I told him he was doing himself great

injustice and I proposed to him to get a clerkship which I have no doubt
I could obtain for him. the office hours are from nine till three which leaves
a long afternoon for exercise and study. his salary would be probably \$1000
500 would be a plentiful allowance in my family for board & clothing
and 500^{a year} might be deposited in the bank bearing interest. that would
give him time to perfect him self, in his profession and a little fund to
support him in the first years when he would probably make but little
I know that some of his evenings would, & ought to be given to society
but if he has talents, ^{or speaking} he will be immediately under the eye of the
government who have shown a disposition to assist the family. he
will have an opportunity of acquiring much general knowledge &
what ever business or profession he may here after follow he will if
he is industrious be the better qualified for - Monticello is at last sold
and bitter as the pang was it is over ^{for} the house & 500 acres of land
Jefferson will receive Mr Hatch's house in Charlottesville at 2000 \$
for which Mrs Carr will immediately give him \$3500 ^(for Wilson the same passport) down, and he
will receive \$3000 cash I believe from the purchases Dr Barclay, the
second son of poor Mrs Barclay that married old Harris. he has done
very well by the children generally, but this young man married an
heir's. you will say it was a dreadful sacrifice but the debts are pressing
the place going to ruin, and no other offer. I believe he gives as much
as he can afford, for after all it will be worth little to him. he has shown
much kind feeling to the family and says that if at any future day they can
repurchase it he should feel him self bound to give it up. he may safely
say that for most a part there is but little prospect of our ever seeing
the day when we could do it with discretion, if at all. the evil of visit
has increased to a degree ^{such} as to be a tremendous draw back upon it as a
residence but although that alone would not deter me yet ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Christian~~
other considerations, that would. the graveyard is retained, and now constitutes
all that remains to the family of my dear father & mother's own great
possessions

Of Virginia as a state I never wish to think, and must leep to speak, for it would be in the bitterness of my heart that I should. There are many excellent individuals that I shall always love & esteem. During the negotiations, which continued some week, I was in a state of great agitation which was perhaps connected with ^{my} sickness & ~~affairs~~ particularly an attack of cramp in the stomach that would I sincerely believe have terminated my earthly career if there had been no Laudarium in the house. the second paroxism of which I had found was so alarmingly violent that I thought my self at one time dying, but that divine drug checked, and if it had been more boldly used would have saved me perhaps all but the first attack. Doctor Duglison advised me in case of a recurrence to take 50 or 60 Drops at once and if that did not check it to repeat the Dose, of 50 Drops untill it did. he told V. Cary who was with me that he should probably have begun by 100. he was just setting off for the spring, but was kind enough to say he would not go unless I was entirely well, and that he would leave Dives with Mrs D if I did not continue ~~soth~~ to write to him & that he would return immediately. he made me promise to go to the University as soon as I could be moved and to insure it borrowed Dr Patterson's carriage & seat for me before he went. I was at the farm on a visit to V. Cary who was staying with Wilson and his wife. they rented the farm of Mrs Davis who has built a very large brick house just upon the hill in that beautiful wood to the west of the old house. I have met with a degree of affectionate attention from the Duglison's that I can never forget after Ben had graduated, he wrote him a most kind & affectionate letter returning the \$50 tuition fees that had been paid to him, and told him he never would have received them, but that he knew by experience that a man exerted him self more earnestly to acquire the knowledge that he paid for, than what he got gratis. one of the finest young men at the University is Edwin Randolph, the son of my old friend

Maria Ward his name was called I think five times, as first in his different claps. He seemed very much struck with Tom; in addition to my own two handsome fellows, the girls had three other beaux to escort them to the rotunda the day of exhibition. Lewis is quite handsome and man of a gentleman in his manners & appearance. Young Huggins (the Count de Lawendale) visited us at the University & was invited to dinner by Mr. Duglison and in the evening or afternoon rather, he escorted the girls up to Monticello. Monsieur Ferrurier also came to see us & spent the evening. The D^r made it a point to ask every body that paid as any attention.

Ellen and Willie will both return to Washington to live with me. I shall send him to the same school that I'll let you to not looking at John's school. Mr. Sparks's office was raising, & also by a letter yesterday concerning a philippic against him (Sparks) in which however it is very ordinary of Mr. Sparks's no doubt if she had known his feelings concerning her name she would never be in the room.

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to the care of S. Coolidge Junr.

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Handwritten notes:
Handwritten of the Duglisons.
Set of Monticello
I went to the university
to see some products
of mine & others

Cornelia & Tom are staying with Mrs Duglison during the Doctor's absence I spent 8 days with Mr. Davis and have promised to return to Charlottesville to spend not some week, as they persuaded me, but some days, perhaps a week. ^{with the Gazette} we shall be expecting Virginia in a week or 10 days. I have had so much to say about ourselves that I have not left room to say any thing to many valued friends in Boston & Cambridge. I am delighted to hear that