

From: Ellen Maria Goff, Stockton, California

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To: Alice Maria Watrous, Berkeley, California

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Dear Alice:

Yours of the 1st was duly received and now I will try to write a few lines. It commenced raining night before last and has been raining or cloudy all the time since. Frank and George Wells have taken our horse and gone hunting; they expect to be gone till tomorrow. We got the pictures home yesterday, but have not hung them yet. Ben and Emma J. were over night before last, and the wind was blowing so hard and it looked so much like rain when they started for home that she concluded she did not want to go, so they staid all night, and Ben got up and went off in the morning before breakfast.

Hi Prangley has left and gone to Seattle. They have hired two new men.

In regard to the gymnasium. I shall let you use your own judgement. If such exercises are beneficial to the boys I don't see why they should not be to the girls, and your father says the same. Still if it is looked upon by the majority of people as being any thing out of the way or unladylike perhaps you had better not take it. You can see what it is like, what the others are going to do, and then do as you think best. If you should Decide to take it let Mrs. Spohr get what you need and make it and I will pay her for it.

I shall send no papers now, as there has been only three since you were here, but will send next week.

Mr & Mrs Abbott came in Tuesday night and went home this morning. Lottie and her children are still with them. Tom has written to Lottie that he does not intend to live with her again.

I expect to feel rather lonesome now that rain has come and made it to muddy to go out driving. It is time I was getting dinner so I will close.

From your mother

E. M. Watrous