

Boston March 22 - 1835

Dear Aunt Mary - I suppose you will like to know what we have been doing here since Anne left - so proceed in short hand to tell you - after Anne left - all was quiet till noon when Mary Harris called to see me to enquire in behalf of Miss Martha Bushing who was leaving the Andrews school & wished to know if we wished a French & Italian Teacher - she was a perfection so Mrs Robbins assured me & very pious - & very gifted & very beautiful - she was her bride maid - I told her of course that we had no situation for her with us - but I thought joyfully of my friend George Paton & thought that it might be quite providential - I told Mary that I knew of a most eligible situation - & she snatched at it eagerly - she said that Miss B. had a very good offer at Brighton of a small school where she would get three hundred a year - just what she has been receiving at the ~~the~~ Andrews - mean - was it not? - Miss Bushing was to decide upon the Brighton affair in the course of a day or two - I asked if she drew - but was sorry to hear she did not - also her orthodoxy

might interfere - I told Mary that the
school was Unitarian and in the neigh-
bourhood of an orthodox - opposition -
this appeared to shock her - but she said
she would bring Miss Bushing to see me
- I went into school in the afternoon
& staid there till five - then I was
summoned down - to see ladies - I opened
the Parlor door & there sat regarding
each other like Jacob's sons - first Deborah
in the midst looking like a baited
bear - on the sofa Sarah Ann & the
Percivals - next in a chair Sylvia Am-
midon - then Ann Moorfield (who
came to pass the afternoon & evening)
with her things on - then on the
other side Mary Robbins & Miss Bushing
was not this though, I consigned Ann-
Moorfield to Ophelia Sevenport
who took her off to the school room
left the others to Selma & I sat myself
down by Miss Bushing & greatly did I
admire her - she is really a very fine
striking person handsome well dressed -
perfect as she did not scruple to aver
in French Ital - & Latin - would teach
all else but drawing - she seemed to affect
the situation much - Felt that her religious
views need not she should think affect her
influence in the school - she had before

taught unitarians - I assured - her that to
Mr P - himself it would make no differ-
ence - I did not know that it would
with any one but if as I suspected there
was a violent party spirit there - it might
be thought impudent for both - I thought
the drawing would be the greatest hin-
drance - Mrs B inquired if she could
not learn enough in three weeks to
begin - I told her I thought she might
if she worked all the time - I think I
could have done it - Miss Bushings soon
put in - but Mrs Robbins stifled it - all the
scholars at Springfield are beginners - I told
her I should see Mr P - in the evening
& then would inquire whether there
would be insuperable objections
whether he would pretermine Drawing
& make a reduction of salary &c. -
Mrs P - told me that if I would not
consider it intrusive she would call
at half past eight in the morning
to learn the result - so they went -
Ann was with us at tea - and George
came in the evening - we had the vigor
of the game and I liked George more
than ever & wondered more than ever
- he was perfectly enchanted at the prospect
of Miss Bushings but - felt bad about the draw-
ing & worse about the orthodoxy - he could

have got over either alone ^{March 22nd 1835} - but he was
disturbed by both - he said he would not
think of enquiring her sentiments if he
could be sure she would not think it her
duty to teach them & preach them I told
him of course her sentiments would be
known for she would go to the Epis-
tox church - that of course he said
he could not think it would make
any difference - but if there should
be a broic about it - it would be as
unpleasant for her as for him - I
told him he must decide for she was
coming at half past eight in the morning
to learn the result of my conference with him
he wanted time to consult Mr Peabody at
Springfield - I invited him to come in
the morning & see Mrs C - & he glad-
ly embraced the offer - he rose in the
morning & breakfasted early - & then
Chas Cushing came - I told her that
I was "grain I've done wrong" but that
the German would be upon her in a
moment she seemed very glad of it
Mr Eaton came & I introduced Chas
C - & left them together in a half an
hour I interrupted them & put in some
amalgam - it was going on well - they
both behaved beautifully - & the case stands
thus Mr Eaton with eny & Chas Cushing without

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