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[Letter from May to Henrietta Green, ca1892-93; stationary from Bradford Academy]

Bradford Academy
Bradford, Mass. [Massachusetts]

My dearest Mama: - I wish I were cultivated in the science of letter writing for to me there is no sweeter accomplish ment [accomplishment] in the world. Do you know Mama dearest you are my ideal letter writiers [writers] (in fact my ideal of everything that is good and true and noble) Cousin Thom [Tom or Thomas]

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was given in grand style indeed the seniors deserve a great deal of credit, it was a very "swell" affair, the hall was crowded with (outsiders) friends of the teachers. Eda and I got flowers so of course I have to pay Isabel could not come Mama because the girls were not allowed to have friends hf [?] last night, so I shall write her again for my ring, I had a loveley [lovely] long letter from her just before I wrote for

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~~Con~~ and Aunt Nan [Nannie] stand next to you in this fine art. I am sorry I can not say as much for Uncle Lin [Linden] but really Mama I beleive [believe] I have never had a letter from Uncle Lin [Linden] so of course can not [cannot] judge how high he stands: but if he we would like to be ranked with my ideals, he had better as the B.A girls say "get a wiggle on him."

Last night was a gala night ~~indeed~~ for the girls, the senior play

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my sing.

After the play the seniors retired to ~~one~~ of the parlor where they received and when the clock struck twelve supper was served to them (the seniors only) the class of this year consists of 20 a small dining room was beautifully decorated One long table

was gorgeously set with cut glass, dresden china and exquisite silver candelabras, of course

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we could only look in before the seniors entered and then retire, they read prophesies [prophesies] and grinds [?] and were up until three o'clock.

I had a lovely [lovely] long letter from Cousin Thom [Tom or Thomas] yesterday and I am going to write him next week. My waist [sic] has not arrived yet Mama and I was a little disappointed. I did not have it to wear last night, but every one [everyone] ~~none~~

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Uncle Lin [Linden] can get me a pass for Lam [?] simply wild to come home and have set my heart on it, the sweetest Christmas presents I could wish for would be, to spend Xmas at home, even if it is only in old 1258 although I would much prefer [prefer] some other neighborhood Eda's mother sent her another five this morning it seems as though her mother sends her money nearly every time she writes.

Mama wouldn't you like me to get some pretty little things to bring home, the day

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said I looked nice in my little silk I am a little tired of it. Mama I think you misunderstood me about Jessie coming home, she does not expect to go home, but I said that she remarked "if she went home she would not return, she read beautifully [beautifully] last night and every one [everyone] complimented her highly you know these poems of Tennyson's were represented by different girls of the Senior class.

Oh, Mama I do hope

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negro nf [?] to take our train.

Mama you will let me spend the day in Boston won't you I can almost hear your reply "yes, baby and be very careful, don't laugh loud and be dignified" you see I have learned my mles [?] by heart. Mama you will send me ten won't you, for I have some things to pay for and I haven't any money and I will want a little left to do me until Christmas Remember this is the last time I am going to ask you Your most devoted daughter

May

Saturday afternoon.