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REVERE HOUSE
BOSTON.

Boston Sept. 13. 1845

Dear Girls:

Do not blame me
for not writing before - nor
blame me now for writing to
you all in a bunch - but take
favours as they come and be
thankful they are so. I
have been busy as a bee since
I left you all - and am just
commencing to have a little
time to spare. I wonder when
you are now. Ida is sound asleep
for 'tis after nine o'clock - Jimmie
(he is not a girl but that is no difference)
is in the same fix. Flora, Fannie
and Laura I suppose are either
in the parlor or at the front door.
Well now I'll tell you where I
am - but I guess you will be

in just as total ignorance of my
location after you read this, as you
were before. Well I am in the
gentleman's Reading Room of the
Reverend House, which house stands on
Borochois square, on the corner of
Leont and Cambridge Sts, Boston
Mass. It is truly a beautiful spot
and I wish you were all here to
enjoy the sights with me. Unlike
New York, this city is very quiet, unlike
Phil, the streets are very crooked.
But the ~~most~~ ^{crowning} sight of all is
the grounds & buildings of Harvard
University. A more beautiful spot
cannot be found any where around.
Talk about Dickinson's campus -
Ah tis nothing when compared
to Harvard's.

The people here are
different from the ones you
generally find in New York

and Pennsylvania. I like them
very much indeed and expect
to have a splendid time during
the winter. But I must stop
now - I'll write you all a longer
letter some day soon. Write to me
soon - every one of you even Puss
and dears. A kiss for you all -
and love to Rob -

Don't forget to write to
Miss aff too

Red -

To,

- 1. Flora
- 2. Jennie
- 3. Laura
- 4. Eda

Carriage

Dear + I am
very listless but they
must not mail this
good reason for them not
reaching it soon
so Flora! -
- you think

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For the Book —

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in grief as total grievance of my location after you read this, as you were before. Well I am in the gentlemen's Reading Room of the Rivers House, which [illegible] + [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible], in the corner of Court and Cambridge sts, Boston Mass. It is truly a beautiful spot and I wish you were all here to enjoy the sights with me. Unlike New York, this city is very quiet, unlike Phil, the streets are very crooked. But the crowning sight of all is the grounds and buildings of Harvard University. A more beautiful spot cannot be found any where around. Talk about Dickinson's Campus – Ah it's nothing when compared to Harvard's.

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and Pennsylvania. I like them very much indeed and expect to have a splendid time during the winter. But I must stop now – I'll write you all a longer letter some day soon. Answer me soon – every one of you even [illegible] and David. A kiss for you all – and love to Rob-

Don't forget to write to

Your aff Br.

Ned

To

1. Flora
2. Jennie
3. Laura
4. Ida

Dave + Ida may [illegible] but they must not read this – good reason for them not reading don't you think so Flora! –