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Carlisle June 2nd 1855

My Sister

I received your letter of Thursday yesterday afternoon, and I now hasten to answer you though my letter will not be mailed before Monday morning. Your letter was received with a great deal of satisfaction particularly the money, I have been obliged to get a new suit, my old clothes were looking sadly dilapidated, I expect mother to pay for the pants at least; if she can do more I shall be greatly thankful, I am pleased to learn that you enjoyed your visit at Chillisquague, it is

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quite pleasant, to day we are enjoying a fine
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It is to be constructed of white marble - we do not expect its completion before next September. How do the summer crops look, corn, oats, and grass, I would like to have those shirts as soon as possible mine are giving away in the bosoms, though not all of them, but expect the others will do the same. We are going to have a Sunday School Convention here about Commencement, we expect a good many ministers to be present, Mr Lee the Sunday School agent will be here, and I suppose some of his family. By the way ask Mag Beck when they have Anniversary exercises at Brooks Female College in Baltimore, Be sure and find out and tell me as soon as you write, Tell Mag if she goes to Hanisburg to the Anniversary of the Female College to come a few days before to Carlisle, I must stop this, write me immediately and fully
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