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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 Gere 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 Harrisburg to the Anniversary of the Female College, to come a few days before to Carlisle, I must stop that. Write me immediately and fully.

Yours

John C Gibson