



[Apr 5, 1885?]

Bruke N. Y.
Easter Sunday 1885.

Dear Niece,

Your letter with picture contained received, and looked at by one with amazement for I can scarcely realize you are so nearly grown to womanhood. I will say to you piece out your girl days a long time yet for in them is great comfort to yourself and friends.

Be in no great haste to finish your education for "haste makes waste" in that as in other matters, sometimes too much strain upon health will bring ill which take a long time to heal. Then too a cultured intellect must be familiar with the best authors "dreaming their dreams thinking their thoughts" until thoroughly familiar with them. All this takes time and may be gained in a measure