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West Point 2-7-86.

Dear Sister.

Your letter recd. am glad to hear that the socks pin &c. reached there all right. I am sent a book to Pertinax and I sent a postal probably as Edward was not well. He did not receive them on his birth day. Do tell me all about Edward. Why did he leave his position and if he had secured some place that he was sure would pay him as well, or did they tell him at Bragg that he was no longer needed. He seemed to think that business that they appreciated him & if any one left it would be the other traveling clerk. I do hope they did not dismiss him for any fault. They journey with him. Love & management

I shall feel troubled until you write
all about it. Have we got to take up the
burden again, that we felt had been
thrown off. Must the same months of
anxiety and disquiet come back?
You wrote that Bent was pleased
with his essay. But as the first name
was not mentioned suppose he was
not. You did not in your letter say
any thing about the "birds" only the
subject "Powers," and I thought it was
treated in a light and humorous
manner that suited Chapin. Always
supposing when these essays are sent
the reader changes adds & takes out
ad libitum. I know that it is a great
advantage for the boys to write their own
with no assistance. But with their limited
stock of information, feel like giving
them all the assistance I can. I can
truly say for myself, that my poor little
productions in my school days were

the production of my racked hair.
If you are in no hurry, Willie's
box, I will knit tops, and send what
you can carefully join me. I was fearful
they might be short. Phoebe may enjoy
in imagination the idea of going to
Athens College for you, but John's just
as sure it as he will ever see of her
furthermore. I do not believe it is for
his good to be with her. They do not study
hard enough when they are together.
My sweet little boy must be a scholar
if there is any study in him. I want
John to be examined at Amherst
in the spring summer, and see how
many he can pass in. It would do
no harm if he never went there to
college. I hope Ann Goodyear has
recovered from her last but concern
of the brain is often quite a serious
matter. Bernice says the prison contract
expires in a year, and you must be

certain to pay her a visit next summer.
I have not made a final settlement
yet with the negroes. I shall do so
next night. but drew \$50.00. which
I send you in P. O. note. \$20.50. of this
is Charlotte's interest money which
I send you for her clothing. the rem-
29.50. is for Chapin to settle his
account with you. ~~Keep for the war.~~
I will remit more board bill after
a while. or if there is any left of that I
apply that to board. Well finally do
what you please it always terminates
that way. you know I have paid Babbitt
& Chapin. Did the town authorities ever
say any thing more about tuition this
year? I hope not. you can tell them this
year is to balance Clint's second year.
I wrote to Minerva that hole had gone to
Alec. to Mrs Brown she interests you but I
saw her yesterday. she had St. Vitus dance
so badly I much doubt whether Mrs. B.
will want her home to all. Aff. Recy.