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Letter, "Sis" to "Bird"; 6/30

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Landdale, Springs, June 30.

My dear Bird,

I had just
time to write you a little note
and get it in the mail. Today
I have more time and shall
write you more of the place
and our doings here.

I was very glad to get your
letter yesterday. It was a deli-
cious letter as it was the first
scratch I had received since
my arrival here. I am home
sick today. Have been here
just a week but am actu-
ally ashamed to think that
I am such a baby as not
to be able to stay any time
out. I enjoy a great many

things here. The lectures are
just grand, and I wish
so much that you could
hear some of them. We have
special teachers in each
branch of study, but no
work is compulsory. Those
who have to be examin-
ed are studying those
who do not are doing as
they please. I attend all
the lectures and go to
the classes in Arithme-
tic, Physics & English &
take lessons in Prima-
ry work. Mrs. Donnell of
the L. & C. arrived last
night and will begin a
class in Art this afternoon
which I shall join. I
have met a great many
of the teachers but can't
remember them. Yours

girl & Lena came Monday
& Miss Mary Thompson, yes-
terday. Lizzie is very smart
and nice to me & I like her
more than ever. She rec'd
your letter to day & wrote to
you. I think the water
here is improving. I
have not been here
yet, but can eat & rest when
I go to the table. The fare is
very good. Of course the
cooking is not such as
we have at home but I
guess it is the best they
can do with so many to
cook for. There are 200
teachers in attendance
besides the regular boarders
and every train brings
out animals. The Faculty

stay in the white house
as we call it and pay
\$2.00 per month board. The
dormitory is surely built
just a long row of rooms
on each side a narrow
hall 32 above & below
making 64 in all. Ar-
ranged pretty much ^{like} stalls
in a cow shed. There are a
number of cabins in the
grounds all occupied. The
lawn is large and shady
and has seats and
springs scattered about
over it. This gives the place
a cool comfortable appearance
which favorably impresses
a new arrival.

Here as everywhere we
see human nature in
many of its phases and
it affords one no little
amusement to watch the round

as they pass two and two -
we have all sizes and di-
shapess. I wish you could
see the rush, when the
dining bell rings for
a seat at the table, every
body seems to be afraid
of getting left. The men
take the lead and lead
the women to follow. For
more than half an hour
before meal time they be-
gin to collect on the gallery
before the dining room door
there they stand crowded to-
gether like pigs until the
door is opened. When the
bell rings there is a gener-
al stampede and pande
monium reigns supreme.
I have never been hungry
enough to rush yet, but
enjoy my food more than
when I first came.

Jim is here taking ^{into} every thing and seems to be having a fine time.

I met the Misses Simmons and they said they felt like they missed you and from hearing Jim speak of us so often. Monday night we were organized for the purpose of selecting some one to donate into the Normal

for our Co. papers, Miss Lillie Hummer and I were appointed to do the writing. Miss L was so busy that I had to do the writing. Guess you will see it in this week's paper.

Am sorry the turkeys continue to die. And glad to hear that we had a rain

at home. There has
been one or two light
showers here and this
evening the clouds look
threatening. I wish it
would rain and turn
cooler. Last night we
had an impromptu
entertainment, music
& recitations by the teachers
and little folks.

We are fun told that
Nellie Suddery lives just
three miles from here.
I should love to see her
very much indeed. If
I have an opportunity shall
send her word that I am
here.

Dr. Stevenson says

that no one who has the
least lung trouble ought
to drink water from the
sulphur spring. I have
been drinking it all the
while, but it tastes like
hard boiled eggs on my
stomach. Am glad that
you have been to see Sallie
and that Sallie looks so
well. I could write on
all the afternoon but this
strain hit it is time to
dress for the afternoon ex-
ercise. I wish I could be
at home for the dinners at
Concord & Mohican. You
must write me real
soon. Kittie sends her
love. Yours as ever
Liz.