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A Letter to a Girl Leaving Home for College.

Dear Polly—Your mother paid me a little visit on the porch last evening after tea, and as we sat watching the beauty of the sunset sky, and gazing at the hills peacefully going to sleep, I noticed that she looked a bit weary and perhaps a trifle out of spirits. This state of things, as you know, is not usual with your dear mother, who has always been one of the brightest and cheeriest of persons, remarkable even in her school days for her happy gaiety of disposition and rare attractiveness of manner, so I naturally inquired if she was quite well and how you all were at home.

"There is nothing the matter," she answered. "I'm a little upset because we are sending our Polly away to school. I'm busy now over her clothes and I finished her pretty white gown for the school receptions today. Polly must go, for she cannot have the advantages at home which she will have at DeLand; but I dread her first contact with the great outside world that she has been shielded from in our home."

Never mind what I said to your mother, Polly—this letter is for you. Although many years have gone since I was a girl, I have never lost the feeling of girlhood. I know what a trial your school life will be in the early days before the homesickness wears off; how you will have to swallow hard to keep back the tears; how you will miss the ease and independence of the life at home. But you are a brave girl and an unselfish one and most of this you will keep to yourself. You are not going to begin by sending blue letters to mamma.

A great deal of your success in school will depend on the manner of your beginning. Resolve to be faithful in small things. Do not hold yourself above conforming to the little details which seem to the home-bred girl superfluous and burdensome. Those who have made and appointed them have done so as the result of much experience, and you will find your life easier if you begin by conscientiously obeying every rule.

I would not be in great haste to form close friendships. Take a few days to become acquainted before talking with entire confidence to your room mate or to that sweet girl who sits opposite you at the table. You will form the longest, dearest friendships of your life at school, and it is best to be sure, before the foundations are laid, that your friends are to be such girls as your mother would approve. I advise you to keep clear of the girl who tries to deceive the teachers, of the girl who borrows and does not pay, and of the girl

who says unkind things about her school mates. There will be any number of nice girls at school and you and your friends will float toward each other by a subtle law of attraction. You will help them and they will help you, and one of these days you will be deeply distressed at having to part with some fair girl whom now you do not know.

Among the teachers you will probably discover a graceful, low voiced, well-bred woman, whose magnetism and charm of manner indicate a true and winning character. If you admire this lady and half-unconsciously copy her. I for one will not be sorry. Remember that while you go to school to study, yet school work is not the only thing your parents thought of when selecting your school. They want their Polly to return to them a tranquil, elegant and lovable woman, equal to any situation in which she may be placed. It is impossible for you to over-estimate the importance of manner. It draws the line between the real gentlewoman and the uncultivated and boorish person, between the thoroughly trained and the awkward, blundering woman in society.

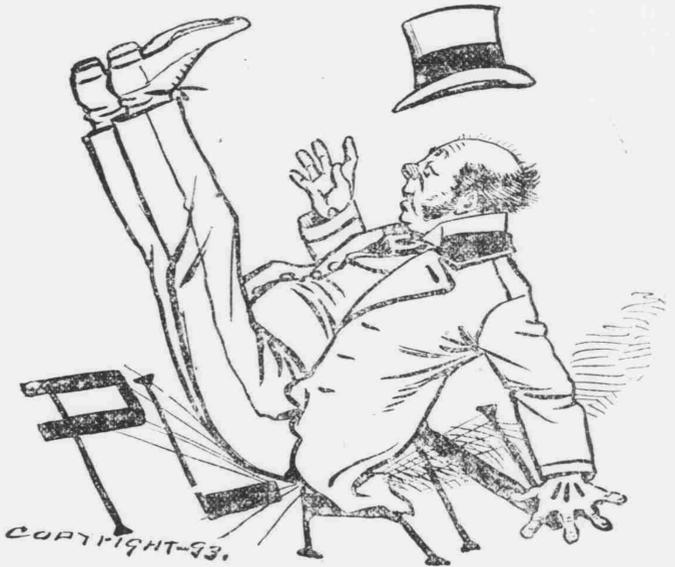
Probably there is a particular study or accomplishment which is to take precedence with you over the rest of your class work. If this be so, see that while you do not neglect other things you let no day pass without gaining something definite on the line of your specialty.

Of course, you are not going to be one of those stupid, silly young women who blush and simper and behave absurdly when boys are around. You have always met boys on equal terms before—terms of pleasant comradeship—and if you happen to meet any boys while at school you will simply act as you do when you meet them at home.

I am ashamed to suggest to you that the sort of girl who writes clandestine notes to boys and has secret meetings with them, may attend your school. Let her see how childish and unworthy you consider her conduct, and you and others will create a school sentiment in which she will simply wilt.

One word more. Never let a day go by without your little time alone for reading your Bible and prayer. Not one day. Your soul's health must be looked after as carefully as your body's, and just as you will walk, eat, sleep and bathe by rule, that you may have the most perfect physical health, so by rule you must cultivate that old-fashioned but lovely attainment, growth in grace.—Margaret E. Sangster in the Interior.

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