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# Letter from Agnes Graham to her mother, June 10, 1868

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Dear Mother:

you ask if I am sleepy at night or what is the reason I do not write oftener: One reason is I have a very severe pain in my side and breast another is Jennie writes nearly every day and the table is not our own and I hate to trouble M's so often. They give us milk and things out of the garden and currants as many as we please. They killed a veal the other ~~sent~~ <sup>sent</sup> us in a fine large mess Mrs. M bought 4 pocket handkerchiefs and one for hemming the other 3. She went away a buggy riding yesterday with her husband across Red Bank and he asked me to stay with the children at night. Indeed I feel thankful for the kindness of an ever guiding Providence in casting our lot in the midst of so many favorable circumstances. We have the use of this <sup>very good</sup> room to study write and often to sleep in. Sometimes one goes away then the other goes up there. Just now she has arrived and says she would like to see you. You say to keep quiet for people are talking about us for this

all thanks to them thier talk is my spur.  
people's hard talk has done more for me than  
some sermons. They may throw thier stones  
but they wond go up higher than the hog  
pen and fall down on thier <sup>own</sup> heads again  
I get along very well with all with whom I  
have to associate from day to day. I try to give my  
self as much peace as possible and if any one  
meddles me I give them an answer that  
tells. The teachers are both kind and use  
me very well. We have got through the men-  
tal Arithmetic and are going over it again and  
if we stay after vacation send us Stoddards  
I think Mary has one. We voted by a ~~large~~  
<sup>for Brookes</sup> majority but some were dissatisfied some have  
to study Stoddards though I like the other best  
for Mr Kodas will examine out of it.

We have used our meat nearly all but have some  
flour and a little meal. We only bought one  
pound of butter since we came one lb of coffee  
one of tea and 4 of sugar and a gallon of molasses  
we spend very little for groceries but we spent  
a good deal for things to use when we set up  
shanty

We paid for everything we have got as yet  
and also for our tuition but are now about  
out of money you know I only got 34 dollars  
of my last winters wages and I paid my board  
riding <sup>with</sup> the last 20 dollar bill I had.

I seems like spending money fast too to spend  
34 dollars for clothes and books tuition  
and all the little bit of boarding I have to pay  
but I cannot help it I suppose it is better  
than to fail next fall. But I had better quit  
murmuring or you will really think me stingy  
If I spend I still get the worth of it one time  
or other. Those who pray by the week pay 2 75  
present or absent. If we stay after vacation  
Mrs M will give us spinning and quilting to  
do would you advise us to stay and go again  
in the after part of the summer.

I would have written to father but I am  
not able and please do not fret about me  
writing any more. If you felt as bad as I do  
you would not ask <sup>this</sup> me to write for a month  
I will see father at the communion  
tell him to be sure to come. But I will

bring this to a close. You need not throw  
any hints to me about button strings  
for I do not trouble myself making one  
or asking for buttons. A little girl from  
Paston Illinois told me several of the  
charms of the button string which will  
tell you some other time but I will  
close by asking you to answer soon  
yours. Respectfully  
Agnes Graham