

Dear Aurelia

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I received your truly welcome letter with a feeling of pleasure amounting to joy I have thought of you every day since our separation but of late as a friend lost yes Aurelia as agonizing as the thought was I did think you had forgot those more availing your friendships and had ceased to remember your school mate who owed all the pleasure and happiness she then enjoyed to your own amiable self How can I ever forget you I do freely and readily forgive you for delaying writing truly grateful for your kind letter although it was long coming and in my turn I shall be under the necessity of begging you also to be merciful to me in neglecting so very long to write you though some time has now elapsed since I bade adieu to my associates at school yet I often remember them with feelings of pleasure Many a scene of innocent mirth enjoyed in your and their company will pass across my mind in vacant moments and one he more almost wish to go back and spend over gain those days in reality but be assured dear Aurelia there is not one of those associates whom I call to mind with such warmth of feeling and affection as yourself who were ever my friend and confidant It pleases me much to hear that you are making progress in your studies and although you do far surpass me I shall still say success be yours I am sure I did not learn much either at Mr Olmsted's school but as you say I suppose it was because I did not rightly apply my mind