

I presume by your writing that you can do as you please  
and at school, and if you like or get up early  
I like to do as I please about such things

Wells June 21 '99

Dear Abby,

I have at last, taken an opportunity  
to answer your letter. I received your first letter of course  
in due time and feel very much obliged for it; and  
it was not for want of an inclination that I did not  
answer it, but solely for want of time. I have been  
so much engaged that the time has passed away  
very rapidly since you left, and, <sup>I had</sup> almost forgotten it had  
been so long until I was aroused to my recollection  
by the receipt of your second. I have not forgotten  
you dear Abby because you are at Andover, but I  
often think of you and am very happy to hear of your  
happiness, to hear that you are so pleasantly situated  
and have such a good school &c. I anticipate  
with pleasure the time when I shall meet you  
there. it is not far distant. Providence permitting I  
hope to see you in two or three weeks, I shall be  
so rejoiced to see all your girls that I shall hardly  
know what to do, but I suppose you would