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Miss Lizzie Golden

Dear Friend Lizzie

As it is noon and I having nothing particular to do. I thought I would improve the time by answering your kind and most welcome letter. I was so glad to hear from you and such a good letter to. It sounded just like you. Well Lizzie, seems though I've so much to say I hardly know what to say first.

Well I may say I'm quite well and getting along first rate. I like teaching just as well as I thought I would but of course I have clouds to pass through once in a while. I can assure you that its not all sunshine. My scholars are all pretty good. I haven't whipped one yet. I hope I can get along without it.

Lizzie, why weren't you to the Association two weeks ago? I went down in the afternoon and who do you suppose I saw? Well it was Lillie, who I never thought of seeing. Oh! I was so surprised. I thought maybe you would be there.

Lillie looks just as usual. She came with Lizzie Gillet. Remember she was one who stayed to dinner with us the last day of that "long to be remembered" Institute.

Well I had just a nice visit with Lillie. Cora Jenell and I walked down the day of the association so Lillie and Lizzie were going up to Mrs. Kelly's so they made us ride with them and just (a single buggy to) four. Just imagine what a time we had.

She says she likes teaching quite well. But she says don't know as she ever wants to teach again. That Friday she had trouble with a boy. She started to whip him. He picked up an ink bottle and made a motion to throw it at her. He left that day. She didn't know whether he w'd come back again or not. I s'd hate to have anything like that happen to me. She has got an organ and is now commencing to take lessons.

Well Lizzie, I'm glad you like your teacher so well, but I am sure as you say it is but very little, like it is even at C'Ville. And **Ella**, the poor girl what a time she has had. I am so sorry for her. My! What would she have done if she had got a school. But I hope she will be alright yet.

Miss Lizzie I got one of those pictures. I think so much of it. I think you and Lillie looks so nice. I wish Ella was there but I think I set the picture out. I look horrid, such an expression as I've got on my face. But I didn't suppose he was taking it when he was. So ---

Nora and Mary looks nice to. I was some what surprised when you told me of them being away. I supposed they were at home. I hope they will soon come home. For Lizzie, I really do want to see you girls so bad. Wish Ella could come with you. Just think Lizzie this is my 7th week. Have only 9 wks more. I guess I'll not have but 3 days school next week on account of Decoration day.

Ma needs me bad enough at home. She has a girl but she is going to stay only until I'm home. We are building and you may know how much work there is and Ma is feeling very poorly. I got a letter from Grace a week ago. She said she would like to see all of the family that constituted that old shop last Fall and Winter again.

No, I never found out who did that, that night but I believe it was those boys. On the boy with the blue clothes Lizzie I could say so much more if I only could see you. Now come come as soon as possibe if you don't I'll feel awful bad.

My love to the Francis Girls when home.

Your loving friend Mary Nixon

I don't know Lizzie as I've answered all your questions but I forgot to bring your letter down with me. Well I've seen George T. once since we left and then he was bringing Carrie Hamilton home from school. So you or Ella or who ever it is, is gone there but I guess T. F. is alright.

"Ella": Ella M. Cooney was a friend of Lizzie's

"Nora and Mary": Nora Golden and Mary Golden were Lizzie's sisters.
