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My dear Friend,

After waiting so long that I am almost ashamed to write at all, I finally have an opportunity to answer your letter of "the long long ago" for I have forgotten the date and that is appropriate.

I expect you think Elvia was correct when she said that I was bad about writing, but I want to tell you how she does. I wrote to her before I did write my first to you and she has not answered it yet. Need she talk?

Almost two

weeks since your flying visit to Portland, and two weeks more will bring you out of school an accomplished young lady. I wonder if you girls cant still be called "bread and butter school girls". Or is it too late for that? I think that perhaps I can come out to the Grove ~~the~~ on Monday before commencement. I am very anxious for the time to draw near.

You have your pictures before this, havent you? Are they good?

Remember to save one for me.

Our school lasts only four weeks longer, for which I am truly thankful. I am very tired of teaching

and will give a hearty welcome to vacation. I still have 108 children in my room.

Oh yes I heard that Mr J- had gone away, never to come back. Of course it is only rumor. His hair I believe was getting too long and he didnt like to remain where he was known.

Where do you propose to spend your vacation?

At home or abroad? I ~~am~~ would like to go to Wasco County again this summer. Miss Frary - my chum - and myself were talking to-day of how nice it would be to go to Albany, and have some one meet us there with horses and go in that

way across the mountains.

Don't you think it will be nice, if so

But it is near supper time and I must close. Give my regards to all who enquire after me, and write as soon.

Hoping to see you before long. I am

Your friend
A Coburn

P.S. Can you meet me at the station at Smiths if I let you know what day I will be out? I shall be glad to have company for that walk.

Ada Coburn