

Dear Mother, Leicester Jan 13th 1840.

Mr Turner is now at home, & has deter-
mined to write a few lines by him. Eleanor
& I are well & getting on smoothly. She came
down to Mr Reynolds' on day before yesterday.
She is beginning at home. We have an
excellent boarding house. Unless matters
change I shall think we were fortunate in
getting in at Mr Reynolds. There are two other young
ladies in the family who will be com-
-pany for Eleanor. It is not yet the day of
small things with me, tho' I cannot com-
-plain. I have twenty one scholars. There
are several others who, it is said, are coming.
There are seven in Language & Mathematics
Two in Grammar & the remainder
reading. I hear of some three or four ^{who}
will enter the higher class & a number
in lower. It will not do to put too much de-
-pendence in what you hear in all
cases. I am not discouraged with the be-
-ginning of things. The boys are a rude set
& I administer timber freely. The friends
here are getting on pretty well. Alas has com-
-menced the study of Medicine. Arch
is with me. He is a better student than
I expected. I am beginning to extend my
acquaintance. It gives me only com-
-mon opinion of the people. Mr Orchard
is a tolerably intelligent man. I must
carry up this letter. Your Brother.

Thos B. Gordon

A. N. Gordon.