

John was the only grown young gentleman there. But I must tell you
more of this pleasant visit from Mr Breck. Mother entertained him while I
got ready, she has taken quite a fancy to him, as it was $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from
our house to Mr Robinsons we had quite a pleasant chat. He takes his
little son with him in most of his visits. Fortunately the good was sufficient
to freeze for us to get over all the quagmires. I had ^{never} met with Mrs
Robinson before, ~~and~~ ^{she} very entertaining like her daughter an incessant talker
looks and talks like a "down east" Yankee. She has friends in Sharpsburg who
were raised with Mr Breck in Richmond so they were quite at home with
each other. Mr Breck is really a good pastor, and takes a special interest
in the young. When his conversation is so instructive we feel it quite edifying
to be in his company. You know Phoebe is not one of the demonstrative kind at
least not so enthusiastic in her admiration of preachers as her Aunt Lizzie. Well
last Sunday as we were coming from church, Mr Breck caught up with us
on his way to Mr Shultz's to dinner, and speaking of his visit to you
remarked to sister Fanny "how singularly alike you were"; Phoebe turned
to me and in an undertone says "and he's singularly sweet." This is the
way all the young people feel towards him, in fact all of our people as far as
I have heard an expression. I thought ^{all} this ^{might} ~~would~~ be interesting to Richard
as he enjoys a little gossip sometime. Though I've feared lately that you
didn't ^{not} enter into my little pleasures with much sympathy. I live in a
little world of my own, my sphere is rather circumscribed since my removal
to the country, necessarily so, because I am determined to leave Mother as
little as possible, though she always likes me to enjoy myself as I think best.
so if you don't like so much "small talk" about my own affairs give me a gentle
hint and I will attempt a different style. - Mother and I and all of us are delighted
with my Balmoral though Mother is in favor of encouraging "home trade", though
^{we are both} I am delighted with my bargain. It was exactly the pattern an colour. I made it
that afternoon (Saturday) and had it on next day, and I've made myself a pair of
"leggings" so I get through the mud with our little damage.