

Self culture - there are a few suggestions of my  
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Self culture tends to make us more useful  
How much there is to be learned from every  
fibre of wood & the works of our brethren in self culture  
teaches us to improve our time's: learn to think  
the various wonders of life & reading compositions  
close enjoying good health Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1850 -

The Object of the general exercise is reading the Bible  
it will be found on the 10<sup>th</sup> or the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapters the  
subject of providence in reproving seldem by our dear  
rich she thinks a very good one / never speak before  
you think consequence we should have more  
friends, as remarked by our dearer benedictine  
is a great Jewel. never be guilty of speaking  
against your neighbors. Christ has said to us  
that which you shall sow ye shall reap

April 4 1850 I have now laid aside my studies  
and commenced to write a few topics

10<sup>th</sup> - I have not been attending school for the  
just some few health would not admit  
my parents and teachers thought  
it would be better for me to stay at home  
and rumble and take the fresh air well  
I thought it would be best myself but  
I hated to leave my teachers and mates  
but I have now commenced my dear  
school I have now commenced my studies  
I was very sorry to leave off my studies  
while I was at home. I am now boarding at  
Mr Thurston's I think it a very pleasant  
place Mrs Thurston has a very pretty  
little girl I think a great deal of her  
I love her very much April 12 1850  
I arose this morning and dressed  
myself and got my breakfast and prepared