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myself for school and was very much
afraid that I should be late to school
but I was mistaken I was in good
season and had good lessons which
gave my mind & pleasant feelings

I hope I shall ere long have good
lessons & try very hard to have them
but sometimes I fail through all
my efforts I have neglected to write in
my topic book for quite a while to
day is my birth day and also my
friend Mary Jane Thurston I am
very sorry that I could not be at home
but we can not have every thing we
want I am living at Mr Thurston's I
think it a very pleasant place
I shall try not to be honest as you
may call it

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I think I am learning very fast in all
my studies I hope I shall continue to
I must now close for I must go to either
I am enjoying the blessings of good health
it is now nearly the close of the week
and I wonder if every one can say
I have improved all of my time in
the most useful manner I warrant
that this one ^{can} not say they have
I feel somewhat lonesome because I am
not at home but it is necessary
that I should attend school for if
I should not go to school I should never
know any thing in the world so let us
strive to learn while we are young that we
may not grow up in ignorance, for it is
said ^{that} by one never knew any or never knew
till they had heard it