

Remember me
kindly to Mr. & Mrs.
D—Messr. Hays
& all the rest

Girard House
Philada' Feby 3 /83

My dear Miss Leonard,

If I remember well the farewell
or parting words we had before I
returned to my labor here. You agreed
to write me another letter, treating my
visit home as a reply to your
former one as usual you fail
to comply with your contract. No
wonder as a punishment for your
frequent violation of well made
promises, the Normal School is
running ~~not~~ riot. No wonder, indeed
that the boys are domiciled on
the girls side of the building

No wonder you fainted, and
Mrs. Gaighead wept & the
School generally is in sack-
cloth and ashes.¹ I now feel that
I will be obliged to resign my
office, return to Indiana, and
supervise you all. No such things
occurred when I was there. No
such things were dreamed of.
I am amazed and horrified still.
I sympathize with you, and hope
that you may get along without
me. I will not resign just now.
I will give you one more chance

¹ "in sackcloth and ashes": in a state of repentance or sorrow; contrite

Well, seriously, how was this affair
what is the present condition of
the matter?

I am working away at the
duties of my office—am getting
adapted to the peculiar requirements
of the place & find it gradually
becoming easier. At least I
feel easier and more confident
of my ability to succeed. I
have been treated so generously
by all here. Have been shown
so many courtesies, and receive
everywhere so many pleasant
~~things~~ attentions that I cannot but feel

that I have made a favorable impression, with those whom I was most anxious to please. I cannot enter into any particulars now but will talk with you when come home. Steele will be with me today. I received a postal this morning stating that he would be up to spend the Sabbath with me. Please write me at once when you receive this as I will greatly appreciate a line from you. Hoping that you are perfectly happy. I am

Your sincere friend,
Silas M. Clark