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Mount Hill August 30th 1844

My Dear Brother

Here I am again with
 a very good morning for you. I trust
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 morning till night, or are you free
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Mary has been home on a flying visit. I believe she came on Saturday and went off on next Monday. I did not see her, but heard that she was in excellent spirits. She has a class in painting, her hostess being one of her pupils. She has her board free for helping a little about housework. I believe she thinks of taking lessons in portrait painting, and so may not be home all winter. Annie has just finished her summer school and has been away visiting at Waupun. She is home to Portage again and is pretty well.

[Sarah Muir Galloway]