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Julia Merrill Moores

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not being very strong. She would  
 prefer private scholars - even  
 though she might not make  
 so much. - She writes cheer-  
 fully - and longs to see you  
 and your wife. We had not  
 known of more than one little  
 girl - but I am happy there  
 are two. I know how sweet bright  
 they must be. I thank you for  
 all you say as to writing to the  
 teachers in Oakland & San Francisco.  
 It is very kind. - But I do not want  
 to be troublesome - only I feel so safe  
 to know that you are so near - &  
 would be ready if they were in dis-  
 tress - to counsel them. Janet is  
 a dear child - sweet & loveable,  
 simple & cheerful. & no fool - you  
 will love her as you did when she  
 was a child. But I will tell you all  
 our truth much love to your wife & dear  
 little girls - I am Affectionately  
 Julia M. Moore

Indiana Nov. 18th 1847

My dear friend,  
 I wish I could tell you  
 how happy your kind letter made  
 me. wh. came to hand yesterday.  
 A load was lifted from me at  
 once. I thought if Mr Muir  
 is only in the State when she  
 is - why, I shall not be anxious.  
 How pleasant the confidence we  
 have in our friends! And mine  
 I will admit had begun to be  
 disturbed. I wrote you in Nov.  
 as you know. The very last of the  
 month Janet & her cousin Mary  
 Merrill, set off for Oakland.  
 My brother's boys - whom you may  
 remember - Charley, at least - had

Remember me to Charles with love & remembrance -  
 I will admit had begun to be disturbed.

gone out the year or more before L23.  
onto a little place some ten miles  
from Los Angeles - clearing off  
& fruit planting. Their Mother  
with Annie - who has been an invalid  
two years. joined her boys & spent  
a year with them. Annie being  
most of the time in a sanitarium  
near by. - In Sept. my sister,  
Mrs Merrill, came home, leaving  
Annie & Sam. at Oakland, &  
Annie near our relatives  
The Briers. - Carl, had returned  
to the Book store. in Indianapolis.  
My brother has been unfortunate  
in business - & some of the rest of  
us have met with losses. - Mary  
Merrill felt that she must make  
her own living - & Janet having  
been shut up in the house for  
two months with her ankle. our  
Physician advised a milder climate  
where she could get sunshine &

L33  
Charley had an offer of a situation  
in Mr Wm Brier's bookstore on  
Geary St. San Francisco - so  
now - Charley - Janet - Annie  
Mary & Sam. are all in Oak  
land - keeping house together -  
and waiting to get well - &  
for an opportunity to teach.  
That is Mary & Janet want to teach,  
Mary is a brave young girl. full  
of fire & pluck & has taught  
more than a year in our  
public schools - Janet has been  
mostly at home - though she  
has occasionally had private  
scholars. & has recommended  
from those for whom she has  
taught. her Aunt Kate. has had  
charge of her entire education & you  
know from this that it is thorough -  
she is a fine English & French scholar.