

Latin sciences, languages,  
geography etc. <sup>then</sup>  
perhaps a year for  
household work would  
not be out of place,  
perhaps part of it  
to be devoted to some  
accomplishment, where  
she does not ~~not~~ want  
to devote herself to  
music or painting.  
Then she should make  
up her mind as  
to her vacation and  
devote her time to  
that, as long as necessary.

But she should not  
forget a woman's  
greatest happiness is  
in her home her  
family, and seek  
to develop herself as  
perfectly as possible  
for that. Keep herself

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My dear Firda!

You ask me in  
your last letter which  
has forwarded to me  
at Berlin what ideas  
I could give you in  
regard to your good  
essay. A woman's  
education? Probably you  
love it entirely better  
by this time, but  
perhaps a few words  
will not come too late.

A woman should  
not attempt to learn  
too much, she should  
take up one or  
two special, perhaps not  
similar subjects, and  
learn what she can  
about them so thoroughly  
and deeply, that she  
can say I know

this or that - and need  
feel no shame in  
confessing that on  
many subjects she  
is not at home -

It seems to me that  
in general a woman  
can better interpret,  
extend, than invent -  
and she should, when  
she does not feel a  
strong, intense desire  
of accomplishing some  
particular and generally  
not attempt this -

She must have a  
knowledge of practical  
things, domestic business  
affairs, that she can  
in any case be inde-  
pendent, should it  
be necessary, and also  
should she have some  
vocation to fall back

upon - but then she  
should remember  
that whatever she does  
must be well done,  
thoroughly done, and  
that is one of the  
principal things to  
be sought after <sup>in her education</sup> that  
her sense, her ideas,  
her accomplishments,  
her knowledge be prac-  
tically in one direction,  
so as not to be split  
and incomplete - that  
always gives an independ-  
ence of ideas and  
thought to be gained  
in no other way.

To the end of the  
high school general  
knowledge can be taught  
her - that she can  
express herself correctly -  
obtain knowledge of history,

that much you seem  
is but preparatory for  
your later work, &  
Now your low inde-  
pendent sort is  
to be done - this is  
one thing to be  
sought in the early  
education of a woman  
that she may find  
pleasure in extend-  
ing her knowledge,  
for this prevents  
much that is  
wrong and not good -  
too much vanity and  
giddiness.

It is too bad.

I shall not see you  
graduate, - I should  
have liked to dearly.

I hope we shall  
spend a pleasant  
summer together -  
Emma Tyler is  
in Pension at Dublin  
and very Louisa & it  
succeeds. she is alone  
where she is, and writes  
her friends so much -  
as well as her parent.

Please write  
again - to Rheinhardt,  
I shall be in Middleburg  
from the 6 to 14 of June  
probably, and in New-  
burg from the 20 to 24  
I think now.

Caroline will  
not come over  
will see, neither  
Berhard I think,  
both are not here now.

My dear little  
teasing sister I  
send much love,

Yours lovingly  
Marie

in robust health  
and be able to hear  
what she may be  
called upon. Keep  
her hands skilful and  
busy, ~~to~~ without spending  
her time upon trifles.

You will find  
no good relations in  
the Remonstrance of  
last year. I hope you  
have found them already.

But since please  
do not hold your  
pen compasses.

Now I expect to certainly  
sail June 30, - should  
I delay the date again  
you shall have the  
freedom to laugh  
at me, all your want  
to.

Your teachers will  
have often told you