I so often on the way, and since have wished you could have been with me to see the many places - and persons - of interest. Dear old Virginia greater in her poverty than all the world besides. Mother of States - and Statesmen - how thankful I am to be one of her daughters. While speeding our way across from Harpers-Ferry to Gordonsville - over Balls Bluff - and the plains of Manassas - my feelings were indescribable. We passed directly through a no of battle grounds - right over Bull Run. saw the whole battle ground - stopped long enough to get a few relicks. The grounds have been so hunted over not much is left. I could but weep while passing the long long rows of graves of our heroic Confed. graves were pointed out to me by the Conductor. A large no of bodies that were placed in single graves - are being removed - quite a no of our noble Southern heroines were there superintending the removal to various places made ready for reception of confederate dead. I see Gen Lee frequently also his sons Gen Custis - and W. H. F. - They all attend Grace Church. Dr Pendleton who was Chief of Artillery - and Gen on Lees staff - is our Minister. Some days Gen Lee rides through Town on his splendid white horse. The same he always rode in battle - he steps as though he knew his master. how I wish you could see he - and so many other notables. The College is in a very flourishing condition going ahead of every institution in America. Who would not wish a son under such care. The Military Institute is also very flourishing. I do glory in looking at them marching - all wear full uniforms of gray. No hateful blue coats here except two poor buzzards who belong to the Freedmens B - seldom show their faces - There are also some Yankee old maids teaching darkies - live off on the back streets from all I have heard. The respectable darkies dont have much to do with them. The servants here are generally well behaved - and attend faithfully to their duties. Seven of ours here I see no change at all. They are if any thing more polite than ever. Mary is having a nice time I feel the change so much, that I do not know how I can ever content myself to live again as I have in No. Every thing is so nice - comfortable and like lineing - not staying. There are no signs of hard times here but much sorrow for loss of loved ones. I have met with so