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My dear Miss Butler:
after writing furiously for
three weeks at home, I ran up here to plant
some more apple-trees. I have been here nearly
a week - alone since the second day when
John + Reuel went back - and will be here
at least another day. I'm reduced to
cooking for myself since the boys left.
I'm getting tired of living on boiled potatoes,
tea, shredded wheat biscuit + canned
cherries. Boiling potatoes in their jackets
and tea in the pot are all the culinary
exploits I attempt. The woods are fine
here now - but I haven't time to be in them -
weather warm and balmy too. I certainly
want to show you this place sometime.
I'm going to bring the limnology class
up here next spring.

my department is running so well without me, that it is already demonstrated to be unnecessary there. We have more graduate students than ever this year, but my few girls.

Miss Rogers and Miss Hughes are all that you know that remain. + 2 new ones

Remember me kindly to your mother
Write when you feel like it

Yours sincerely

James G. Thompson