anxious to hear from home. Some of you ought to write to her. I have received her mon, written once & also sent your letter to her. I was well pleased in my visit to New York with her situation with respect to her boarding school etc. I have every reason to believe she is doing well & will do well. In my letter to her I was free in giving her advice on different subjects, which I also did when I went up to see her. On that occasion I had considerable conversation with the girls, & pleasant chat with them about your own & myself. That they said I had in Jackson just taken the honors & upon the whole looked pretty well— that they called you the lucky Yankee, & you are not quite as handsome as I, though you are in the book here. But I knew not how they could admire either of us, for we were certainly very dirty & I had just returned. So fine things they are at Hargraves' little animals. Being exceedingly busy I write her at different times whenever a leisure moment offered, consequently writing these letters have consumed me. A Jami's letter which is a source of great delight to me, bringing news of a letter dated than Williams, informing you that you are all in good health & I cannot proceed without first expressing my sincere thanks to her for her letters of affection in attempting to write, & your companions, & giving her credit for the execution. I shall end the letter to Caroline as soon as possible. Permit me here to make a remark of some importance. It is as necessary that a letter at least in its outward appearance should be treat, that is consist of common letter paper & be backed correctly, & folded up in the usual manner of the usual size, so that a young person should be entirely & honestly judged when he appears in the company of strangers. This thing I intend to apply to after you as often get letters from you which are of very coarse, unsuitable paper, which have the directions put the back put on the wrong place, & the places to which they are directed in entirely different. For instance none of you spell Chapel Hill, thus Chapel Hill, others thus Chapel Hill, so some times this Chapel Hill. Now some of them are correct; this is the way to write it, Chapel Hill, making two words instead of each word 1st begins with a capital letter at the first having but one j in it. I believe I generally spell my letters in the fashionable way; if you can then you conclude to take mine as pattern I think you cannot improve. My particular attention to them & imitate them exactly; it is of importance to write a nice letter & any person can learn who takes the necessary pains. Now, it was not the few letters which suggested these remarks for I did include several of my opinion; but I have often thought of making them. Hugh, don't me to advise you to read all that is in your power. Your situation perhaps often offer you opportunities to do so, as I learn that you can with mother's consent in her hands. This is commende...