somewhat independent of the bad weather, as I more agreeably
situated on account of boarding in a private family, instead of
a public house), and where there were about 20 boarders, and
about 10 ladies of the number, who would sometimes play
on the piano, and engage in other amusements— which added
considerably to my enjoyment. There were some school girls, and
taking them all together I was tolerably well pleased with them—
I was particularly pleased with Mrs. Bayard (formerly Miss Haywood
of Raleigh) whose husband moved from N. C. to New York last fall.
They were boarding until they could get a place to suit them.
Mrs. B. of course appeared much more like an old acquaintance
than any of the other ladies, and I enjoyed her conversation very
much, she still has the North Carolina characteristics.

From N. Y. I returned to Philadelphia where I stayed 4 or 5 days,
and saw more than I did in New York, while in Phil. for also
the weather was very bad and the snow fell until it was
more than two feet deep— I did not read that account yet
not seeing many Swagee girls— Philadelphia is a much hands-
= some place than N. Y. on account of the regularity of the streets,
and the cleanly manner in which they are kept.

From Phil. I returned to Balt. and Washington, where I stayed one
day and then travelled down the Potomac River 60 miles
keeping by Mount Vernon. Took stage to Frederick's and
Richmond, where I stayed a day, saw the Legislature in Session
— thence to Petersburg, V. to Raleigh. Stayed a day with
sister Caro. and left her rather unwell. I have not heard
from her since. You have received a single line from home
this Session. They don't treat you so badly as that, do they continue
as you will condescend to answer my long delayed letters,
remember how they have neglected at home, and write all the
news of our Valley— Since cousin Julie has left them, it seems
it appears rightLouise— to cousin Laura particularly as you
are absent all. If a few more of our young folks should take
a notion and get married, I don't know what the rest of us will
do. Are you agreeably situated this session, as regards your roommates?
What written ladies besides yourself have you in the school. How long
do you expect to remain, before you go home. Are you done sick, I
suppose not, for you submit cheerfully to the privation of home
for a certain period, in order to reap the benefit of study
(I should have 3 aid more properly) in order to sow the fruitful seeds
of study. you must let me know how you spent your vacation.
I have not written to your dear niece Sally since I
received your letter— I suppose she has answered your
letter by this time without the-schooling