her to this. I remember something of your management of Maria when she was a little thing. I know I thought you required too much. How was it? Do you think now you were right then? — I was much seduced, but I want cheerful seduction. Can I get it?

Chapel Hill people are very poor. We are all so dependant on the prosperity of the Uni. that its decline carries the whole village down. The Faculty are greatly straitened. I could tell you some pitiful stories of some of them. And the future is both dark & uncertain.

Bro. C.'s oldest child, Mary, is nearly as large as I am. She intelligent girl with a good mind. Would be very pretty but for her mouth. She is well-disposed, but I fear will be made unhappy as she grows older, by her near neighborhood & companionship with Mrs. Teller's girls. Mattie N. is just her age and her classmate & dear friend — a sweet amiable girl; but Mrs. T. restrains her girls in nothing & denies them nothing she can get for them. Laura means Mary to have a different