will give their entertainment. The girls are all inclined to neglect their studies to work for it.

Rachel is about as well as usual. She complains a little of her throat, but she goes to school all the time. I don't think her parents need to be uneasy about her. The road between here and Brenham is so bad that the hack has not run in nearly two weeks.

We have company to dinner today, Mr. Parks from Brenham. He came to see his sister who stays here.

I can think of nothing else to write. I hope you are all well by this time.

We just came up from dinner and are quite tired. We have to come up these flights of stairs. For dinner we had wild duck, turnips, apples, corn, rice, and light bread. The pea crust was so tough I could hardly chew it. Write to me often.

Your affectionate daughter.

Gertrude.

Postscript.