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Dear Mary,

Writing to you has now taken on a new aspect. You have left the rank and file of the high school kid and are now the prospective college woman. There's no denying it, graduating from high school is very definitely a mile stone. So I am extending to you my hardest congratulations. If you were like me, I believe that you were for all graduates are the same, you felt mighty proud of yourself and justly so. It also had a little sorrow for me for I was leaving St Augustines and I had grown very fond of the school. More than likely you felt the same way. But I hope you like college as much as I liked Santa Clara. Your next step is to decide what you want to be in life. What career you wish to follow and then, with serious thought, choose your college as well as your course. This isn't an easy job but you have certain traits that tend toward some occupations rather than others. So, the

thing to do is to choose that field of work which best suits your particular talents. Knowing you as I do, I am fully confident whatever field you decide to enter you will be a success.

I'm sending you my graduation gift as well as my thoughts on the subject. Now, Mary, this is truly not meant to be a witch add like you see in Saturday Evening Post. None the less this letter is strictly for you. Do whatever you want with the money for it is yours. But you are my younger sister and I want you to feel free to write to me at any time when you feel writing to me would help at all. This not only implies to your four coming college years, but thru out your whole life. When I graduate I'll be making a hundred and fifty a month which is far more than I can ever use. You will be in school and that is the best time of a girls life. She should have spending money and clothes. Now what I'm trying to tell you is this. When you go to school, I'm making arrangements to send you so much



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every month. This won't be a huge sum but it will help you I'm sure. When you need more, then drop me a line. Mother and Dad have been sending all the rest of us thru so the least the boy of the family can do is help with his younger sister. Besides, the next four years are going to be your best, believe me, and I want you to enjoy them as much as I did. I feel that giving you this money is very wise for you are indeed serious and an allowance every month would be well taken care of. In fact you, if I might add jokingly, will probably turn out with a savings account. But seriously Mary, if you do ever want anything, you just let me know. I take pride in being the older brother and will do my level best for you.

So give your future college a thought and when I get home we can work out the allowance. I wish I could send you more with this letter, but

found I was a little pressed this
month. Now don't forget to write
and tell me all about your graduation
also I would like to hear from
you once in awhile

Love

Bud.