no letter since last Thursday. I fear one has miscarried
and as I think it quite time my question about the
Christmas presents should be answered, that very letter
may contain the answer and accompanying money. I do
hope tomorrow morning will set all right.

The children are doing pretty well; Nelly has had some
thing like dysentery with her measles, but I think her
decidedly better tonight. A slight cough remains to
Frank, but a little care will probably take it away.

I believe I forgot to tell you that Nellie had gone
to Washington; she went last Thursday quite suddenly and
Mr. Brady went on Monday. Eliza said she tried to
get him to write to you before he left, but he told her
you would much prefer a letter from her. She talked
and asked questions about you for some time and
said she would write to you and before I went back
she meant to I know, and I hope will.

Are the MacCollers very well? Hurriedly wrote
that October wine seems good! For two or three days
past I have been allowing myself to dream of having
you back, the war being over, but this dispels the pleasant
delusion, for the time at least. Let me tell you in
what way this dream came, you will laugh as well as

but will agree too, as have I do. Neither sent me

a little picture of Flack taken when he was a more

baby, and immediately the thought came, "This is

that, and I don't care if I do have another." I said to

Mary, 'Neither has done enough what I wanted to put on

in a happier frame of mind', she said, 'Of that's

all I can show you some now,' and neither got down

all the rest of the little picture, Flack's was lost, but they

all continued to make me a happy woman, and I think

that the coming little one will cause me no more clumsy

feelings. From that I went to dreaming, and thought

of neither could keep me still till in possibly till I am

after, then you might join our family circle and the

little house be more cheerful than ever. I that it may

get be 2.5, but it does not look so promising now.

But then husband, I must hope that you will

love the lamp as soon as you can honestly do it.

Families cannot be charged the country and so

can be done, I shall have to leave you and attend to the chil-

dren if you do remain in the public service, and that

you know full well will make all unhappy.

With your political life false, it will make

me a honest and nice servant to men. They

boys cannot learn duties (with your permission), and

I mean to teach them honestly the work to well stand

mind's, why should they not? I believe they will be

more and better men if they are thus brought up, and

if one day take them in the county or state, the will

have nothing be easily disturbed. There are Virginia my

sentiments, and I don't think even Virginia can change

them. So once again, so many wishes for your health.

for one? Here you are, understand you? Neither do I

want any feeling farmers! Neither has been any on that

subject again, and could have to go to see a farm

belonging to one of the Newsome, Mastana didn't like

it nearly, and Neither didn't seem quite so much

pleased on their survey as he expected to be. I

you are unduly kept, satisfied by this time that you can

make a barn having as you ever are expected, now during

whether I live or die, I do depend on you. That after the

delegation you make our change more, and only the

let it be some manufacturing business that would not

be a lasting one, and that will not make the lives of

orphans desolate. Have to yourself healthily to maintain

and to prepare situations for you sons, thank me

much pleased, it will be for them to learn this busi-

ness a hand better than from hard changes.

Then, when the day's duties are over and you spend

time, cannot you with your leisure time again teach

you boys to you and your home by pleasant mementos

and recreation, then. But that would require the confid-

ence, you see subjected to being cunning) folk it well tell

somebody must do this part by joining in the general

entertainment, and give the boys in giving home mementos

Father's part must have been partly justified through the

day in making all comfortable for the good remain at

night. Our Intent don't that better than anything as he


yet tried? It will not do to wait till our children are grown
before we plan for them; we must square our lives to suit
their long before they are old enough to go from the nest, and
if in the mean time we have not secured them a pleasant
home, nor chances to one, they will leave their home for a
home, and seek unenlightened pleasures. They can be many
and love them too, and will be if we are true to ourselves
and them. Our parent care hardly for all, both are much
may we be spared to each other. Do that work.

That was thought of delivering such a discourse when
I began, but if you will be kind enough to read and
think earnestly, I shall not be sorry. We are both too
patient to talk guiltily on such matters; I can write them
better and perhaps you will read them better than listen.
Life seems different to me lately; so much more serious
and yet so much more richly fraught with happiness than we often discern. There is often a yearning for
a higher life, but I want you to feel with and aid me, you
know more and can keep me from bigotry; yet I am afraid
to ask you lest you be driven from me. I wish we could
throw off all restraint of prejudice against old or new
dogmas, and earnestly seek to learn how to live as Our Father
would wish to have us. We love each other now, but
sorrows of feeling here, would ensure a deeper and better
love, and not only ourselves but children and friends be
aided and helped on by our example. I cannot say
more but my heart is full. — Good Night, dear one.

Thursday — Father has brought one very welcome letter, dated the 14th of November, at first marked 15th. Hope doubly will not again interface with my pleasure as yest