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Dear Luther,

You are learning to get some letters, by writing of these form letters, yourself. Today has been a dismal one of days, but rendered quite happy within by the reception of a good long letter from Hiram and two, from you. Yours of the 16th reached me this morning, and of the 12th, containing Bella's letter, this evening. Mary brought in the latter, and informed me that if she found another tomorrow, she wouldn't bring it to me. Two letters in one day were outrageous!

The young lady wondered if you really had any hands down there to fill the hogs with eggs? I think the whole undertaking rather too uncertain to risk much on it. I suppose I was quite delighted to hear that you
had been so well treated by Mr. Hines, and can readily understand that something good and green is a great addition to your table. You must on this have received my letter, telling you that the works had come, so you must give the man credit for fulfilling his promise.

You fear the Washington project will prove a disappointment; don't believe it will and yet, it might prove as great a one, for it is something new and untried. My great desire is to have the war close, and then I hope that some steady employment will show itself, and we may let politics hold a minor position, live quietly for our children's good, and be content to them and each other. — If you can come to us before the war closes of course I will get scarcely dare hope for it. — Of Mother's home is finished now & it will be your holiday. I cannot ask her to stay here so uncompli-

ably cramped up, yet how I am to get along without her and you too? I cannot now see, and am almost certain you ought to come home than at any rate. But enough of speculating and wishing letter, and now I should tell you that the letter your dear letter "over as much" and also come to see you which our duty For child! she listens to them with all eyes and evidently means it as you told her, but like her Mother, she is always training and repeating. I feel that I can expect little change from either her or he both till there is a great improvement in myself too little patience is my fault of faults and all is much is needful! Then perhaps my heart will fly off to the Utman Army and I find myself nursing unfortunately, day rather your not then any earthly good, only a selfish pleasure to myself.

Perhaps your good letter to her may help me so I feel once more after reading
them, and wish to be the mother you would have her think I already am.

Thank sent some message to you, but got it badly jumbled. I think he wanted a letter, and know that he and Kitty both sent love. — Little Mary gets cakes at an astonishing rate, and is a good baby with a good appetite, the letter I try to keep within the three house rules. She could rather keep within it than without it by the way!

I have forgotten to tell you of the addition to our neighborhood! Mrs. Folsom of Spring-fulde bought the Dryden house, and is now getting it up. She is said to be very wealthy but what do you think of this marrying his wife's daughter? He married a Mrs. Folsom I believe, they disagreed and were divorced after which the daughter ran away from school with him! The three concluded to make it up and all live together! That strikes me as rather amusing, nevertheless I
don't care to interest myself any further
in them, and will not make that request
latter. Miss park thinks she present is
an old schoolmate of ours.

We hope here is permanently better, but
as the membrae often forms anew after
being entirely removed, we must wait
until developments. Ellith had an attack
last night, - Kelly also had a very
attack last Sunday night. So he has been kept within doors all day on account
of bad weather. I was at a loss to account
for it. - There was but little of it last night
and I am more or less this evening.

Little Mary has wrote as goodby.

Mrs. It is quite late, and I am not
yet well of my cold so will close soon.
Mary just left me, she says Kelly asked
her if she wasn't sure the Devil had
made so many rebels. I don't know
where she gets all this funny ideas from.
I sent two Samuels letters; can have the Grards' last letter to his friends.

Feisty, it is that it couldn't be this last—indeed!

Really, these I must see godfather, perhaps running may force me all to finish this page.

Morning— I feel better both in health and spirits, though, because if I am firm enough to carry out a new plan, I think there will be good results. Tell me what you think of it.

I am to help a child of good and true. The bad strengths are inherited in not missing one quickly, and the goals ones are to encourage the existence of juvenile faults.

Each one is to have a good mark for dressing quickly, good teeth at each meal, one for a good report from grandpa, Grandma, the Aunt Mary and Betty individually. The favours was quickly at night. There are faults common to all, but each child has juvenile faults and for answering them the god marks are increased. Find they are already looking of chances to increase them.

I think to this to these will add a special record of the wax feelings in tension and youth firmness.

What think you? I am afraid of my own shortcomings, but thought that if you are little of the plan and are watching me too, my desire to go on could be increased.

Help me with advice and excellent letter and I will try to make this do little one that God intended the little.

Breakfast is almost ready so I will have to leave a recent page.

Goodbye. Best, One.

Augusta