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My dear little Sallie,

I have set apart this sweet Sunday morning to write to you, and try to tell you how much I love you and your dear little brothers. Now this is not easy to do, for I love you so much that I cannot find words to express myself clearly to you, you must understand it is so great a deal, as I used to say when I was a little girl "a hundred hiccups."

I am glad you are going to Sunday school, and hope you will learn to be a very good child, and be kind. Oh how kind to little brothers, and Papa & Mamma. Nothing makes a little girl so sweet as kindness in her behavior to her friends and the way to do this easily is, to be really good and kind, then you will not have to try to be. I was pleased to hear of your fish. Cannot you get up a little excursion? I wish you had my fern case, or rather, that I had yours and the fish and Mamma and all here give love and kisses to the Brothers and accept much love yourself from

Grannamum
Dear [Name],

I intended to write during the week, but on reflection thought I should only write an
insignificant letter on Sunday, and then if I
write in Sunday too, well, we shall see. Do you get to [Name]? We will
receive a letter on Wednesday, and then if we
write in Sunday too, we'll write to [Name].

John says he has written to [Name]. What has he
determined to do about recruiting?

Write not so old yet. [Name] and [Name] talk
of buying the school of the old [Name] but falls through.

I am much obliged to [Name] for the interest he takes in
[Name]. We hope to get the place of secretary to the [Name]
without much difficulty, but has promised to take that if we can
get it. The board meet the 13th of May, so the [Name]
will know, if he does not get it. I have very little
idea of keeping out of the army. I hope in case he
does go in there may be no danger of being in the
ranks as a common soldier, all is distressful to me
with the idea of the great expectations, the men from western Virginia, but
too much to work in doors. Do try to go out every day in some exercise, if
necessary. I suppose [Name] will come to see me, and she hopes he is going to the
very good hat.

And give him a kiss and [Name] too.

Mary says the girls the [Name] jotted down, and how
she will give it to him, or any other he may
think desirable. If the cost is trifling, get it for him,
for my part. We gave [Name] Darnell's letter, [Name] not saw
her sister's lately, but they were well some days ago.

[Name] will write to [Name] as soon as he hears
of the decision of the Board. All is dandy until
your two houses, but from [Name] is slow going.

When the rejoices about the house are finished I
will try to get some more money from him. He has only paid me in all $18.00, I
hope you will find a suitable place for the future; once you have the gas bill, the 15th, I
will get it.
I wrote you some notes which I would not like to keep, but with which I could buy the gas man, I'll attend to it soon.

I received a letter this morning from Cousin Sarah McKeith telling me of the death of her mother, my aunt, Mary Brien. She died in March last. Why Cousin Sarah delayed so long the information I do not know. She blames herself for it, and very kindly requests me to write to, and visit her. She says Aunt left a "tripling remembrance of herself" Joseph, Mary, John and myself, in the shape of $100 to each. I do not know how much she left at her death, but it was very kind of her to remember us, and Passen more especially this small legacy highly. Peace to the dear old aunt. She was as honest, she was as forward woman, with great business talent and a kind heart, two things not always found together. She was the last of my dear mother's family. I have no doubt they both rest in peace. They were both duty doing conscientious women and humble Christians, May we be like them, Dear Angus but I cannot express my love for you all. As ever thy, Mother J. H. Harris.