

Cyden into due March 31st.  
I don't know exactly what it will be.

Never not yet paid, I have been raising the money Mr. Minnick said for the fair, and will for the fair. Mary says she will tell you she has the man 'pumpkin' and product is! Like to see her do it!

With a nice large card my love to all or, rather when it would be otherwise!!!  
Your letters arrive generally in five days time, once or twice in a year. Your post will be made as it were that I remember, Della & Frank

went to be a great meeting of your type and here they get good material for every thing. I'll try to help them.  
1864

One from Howard, two for me from you and one for each of the children.

Polly wanted for his till I read Frank's, then enjoyed his own, but doubted my having read it all; he and his Grandfather had quite a discussion about the matter.

Della's letter was as good, perhaps, better than the preceding one, and produced the same good fair, and some good resolutions.

I sometimes think that it might have been better if we had kept her away from outdoor influences till she was still older and had her principles more strongly fixed. A word from a schoolmate is often enough to turn her from obedience to my wishes.

I have a "horror" of having her running wild about the streets and in the stores

Dearst and Best Wishes, August 2nd  
Guel Prof.

being saucy to the clerks, as some of the  
girls in every school, will do, I have ac-  
cordingly forbidden Main street, indeed every  
street but those that take her directly to  
and from school, excepting by especial  
permission from me, still I find that  
she is led to disobey the order, by promise  
of a piece of candy or other dainty, or  
sometimes it is to call for some school  
mate. — I give her as much candy fruit  
cakes &c. as I think she ought to have, or  
I to buy, but it does not suffice.

As Aunt Anne said today, very few persons  
would take the responsibility upon themselves  
if they knew <sup>bifurcated</sup> what it was to bring up a  
family, ~~if I don't believe I could~~  
dare to again, knowing all I now do.

It's too late now, there are four little  
ones here, and we have to do our best  
what is the best? and where is health  
strength and purpose to do it? God grant  
I may not sink always in the dark, and

you - ~~crossed by dark~~ but very green  
& have got the opening color with ~~single~~ <sup>single</sup> that  
may not disprove the say, when it is too  
late to do any good! — I don't think  
Sella will finish her letter to you very soon  
as she has a job on hand, which she  
has to be done a week from today for  
my birthday, else she will have no  
present for me. She is crocheting a wash-  
rag, (as she couldn't keep from telling me)  
her great defect is that she begins many  
things, but does not finish them; so I  
have told her that I cannot accept of  
anything but that. As she has already  
idled much time away she will have  
to be industrious henceforth to accomplish  
the work. The signs are better today so I  
hope to tell you she has conquered and  
the washrag is mine

I have not seen Uncle John since Sunday.  
I was there twice today but he was not at home  
either time; neither have I heard anything  
from him. ~~Some of the <sup>children</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>house</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>house</sup>~~  
~~to <sup>be</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>house</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>house</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>house</sup>~~

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a ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~. — Mother said to day that she had  
never been acquainted with Mr. Stanton, but  
if she had been so great a favorite with him  
as her sister Ann Howard was, she might possi-  
bly do you some service. She was told that  
Mr. S. was nearly crazy at her death! You  
have doubtless heard us speak of this youngest  
sister who died with Cholera in 1833. She  
seems to have been a general favorite.

Don't fix your heart on this thing, Dearest,  
you are doing so more than you think,  
and I cannot bear to think of your being  
disappointed, and I too far away to comfort  
you. — Some if I am to be left alone this  
Fall, it does seem as if you must resign  
by that time, I do not feel able to take  
care of the family without you.

The twenty dollars came safely. — Six cents  
postage charged on the four letters together, the  
envelope on Letitia's letter was perhaps unnecessary.