Dear Luther,

We arrived from taking Mrs. Brady and ourselves a drive, a short time before the children were in bed, and I think, asleep. I am afraid my last letter will trouble you somewhat. I desired you to allow us to live in the Convent, and in the evening of the same day I sent that request your letter of Sunday came to hand. So that you speak of the probability of keeping house. I hope you will do what you consider best. I know I shall not like to burden the children, perhaps your plan is best. Still my dear, I think any movement of present when so much uncertainty exists about your location. I was trying hard to keep my movements secret, but Mr. Mansfield the news from Bill and came round full of it, I don't
believe she will be able to keep it long.

I have not spoken to Lucille yet. She will want to know how long she will have to stay, and we ought to make some agreement with her. Of course we would not be willing to pay her expenses back if she did not stay some time, but something might- perhaps if she is here long enough and is not willing to make her expenses good. Will you let me know what you think, in such case I think it would be unjust to keep her if she wants to return and also unjust to make her bear the over expenses. Will you let me know that you think of this?

Would it be too expensive to have her stay with you and perhaps the evening and two days in all the house work and help me with the children? To have a cook for her? Things—washing, table linen, towels and socks, etc. V. R.—Bed clothes, etc. and all the things of which you spoke? All one everything.

Bill Banks wrote home that she had had a very pleasant call from you, and that your letter was exceedingly well.

Have you found out any thing about

the Cooper Institute? and do you suppose that Mary would attend it conveniently, and without which expense (Pray particularly to the expense of getting to and from the city), in case we could allow her away on that little lease? If you can find out any thing about the Institute and terms of admission, so as only to not inconvenience yourself, to do it. Brother says nothing about it; it is my own concern. I should seem better this morning, but his fear again tonight to suffer with this cold. I don’t know what else to say. Aunt Lyd is very crazy at times and the Doctor says he will try to see him as long as the live. Love, Dear, thinks she is weaker but around four days on the course.

Eliza feels better. Bracket is off at Cincinnati. Mrs. Brady thinks he will go to Washington soon. How could it do for us to take him for company as far as he goes, and when you meet us at New York?

Upon receipt of my keeping your checks unless the express man would send the baggage to the Fort, I cannot understand what I will do with it, if an express man does not take charge of it; unless indeed, you will in