

Clifton Springs, N. Y.
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Dear Aunt Ellen, -

We received your letter and the handkerchiefs yesterday. We think the handkerchiefs are very pretty. We thank you so much for them. It was so kind of you to write to us too, when you are so busy. We had a very pleasant birthday. Cousin Carrie and Eddie and Garibel & Grandpa are here. Garibel is staying with us and the others are at the ~~house~~ ^{house}. We went down there and took dinner with Cousin Carrie. Papa and Mama gave us each ^{thirteen} dimes, and Aunt Clara Bowman sent us each two handkerchiefs, and Grandma sent us each a dollar, and Mrs Gay in Levantun sent us each a

pair of silk mittens. She and Miss Gay were here this summer, and Willie and Lena gave us some pencils. Last night the four Quakers that are boarding at the seminary came over and stayed to supper. Their father and mother and two little sisters and little brother have gone away, they are going to Liame, and leave the four oldest here at school. Mary is just about our age. She is in our class in Latin and Grammar too.

We like the seminarians very much. We study Latin, Grammar and Arithmetic.

I wish you could see Selden and hear him sing "Jesus loves me" and "Jesus bids us shine," he sings them very well for such a little boy. Often after he has been singing he says to Maria, "Ma who is strong, is Jesus strong?"

He has learned several little verses lately, the last one was "Thou God seekest me," He says it very sweetly "Thou God sees me." Last Sunday Cousin Will was here and Selden came in the room and went over to him, (he is very fond of Cousin Will) and said "Thou God sees me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." He learns his golden text for Sunday School every Sunday. He goes every Sunday with Evelynia. We have had quite a hard snow storm for this time of year. Selden is out sliding.

We had a lovely thanksgiving, I hope you did.

We all send lots and lots of love, of thanking you again for the lovely handkerchiefs.

Your loving little niece
Mary M. Beldere