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My dear Ellie,

Uncle Selden & Aunt Ellie were much pleased with your remembrance of their wedding Ann. & send much love

I am glad you miss & think of me occasionally. I'm sure my thoughts are often in Bridgeton & with the dear ones there. There is a letter now on the way or you have received before this from Carrie. Hasn't she had an awful time. I do hope she will be well now.

I'm still full anxious about her and the babe I fear will not be strong. I have thought of sending you letters but have neglected it. Lucy writes her weekly letters. They have now moved into the kitchen part of the house, & expect the rest of the house to be finished in a couple of months. It is no bad about Evadina's eyes what disasters children do here. How wonderful they escape. Tell her G. Ma is so sorry & sends her lots & lots of kisses.

well. I'm glad you have gotten a quantity of
peaches "done up". Peaches are 75 + 80 - here for
nicer ones & less for the smaller kind. Uncle Selk
finest melons here been stolen again and
he says he never will have any more plants

It is too bad you have to be looking for
another girl. I was trying to recall the looks
of the present one, but do not forget her fondness
for novels. Yes. I think she does dislike to work.

I noticed in the Tribune that Dr. Beldin's
funeral was on the same day that ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~exp~~ ^{exp}
had to go to Tuckahoe & it seems providential
that they had sent word to him not to come.

The Allens have really gone. How you
must all miss them & I presume they do
you. It seems they left some comfort for Nell
in the packing of a box. I hope you can
have the "boys" soon. There is no time like the
present. I often wish I could help you but
I think it was best that I came here when I
did, as I found I had different things to look
after. How kind Mrs. Elmer is to see for you
to give her my love. It was such a comfort to
me to have her come in so informally after you

went abroad & she was always so interested
and wanted to help in any way. I think
all the people were so very kind. They are too
many to mention by name, but give my love
to all my, uncles if there are any such.

How sad it is about Mr. Ches. Elmer, but he is
not beyond hope. His not seeing his pastor or
others might be accounted for. You know Uncle
Eng. did not for several years. She was a Christian
but then we have to judge by the life, but even
Henry Warner, has expressed himself as wishing
to be a Christian & he is certainly very much
changed. I've used to think he was beyond hope.

I Mr. F. Miss tried to get to day - 6 at ten. How I
did wish some of our women could see & hear
the missionaries! I tried to tell them something
about the S. M. U. meeting, but I fear I failed to
interest them & I suppose it was my own fault.

I thought the Croquet playing was getting
to be rather of a nuisance before I left.

Do you still keep the hot room? Willie & Lena
no doubt will be artists. Tell ~~Elmer~~ she
can give my clippings to some poor body - I
did not think they were worth bringing

Nelly seems very comfortable, she sends her love to your Aunt Emma expected to go to her home today - but it was so cold that she did not think it safe to take Nelly out. They have been here now more than two months. Joe has been in Buffalo but is expected on Sat.

Alice Warner has been here for a couple of weeks, she is now going to school Aunt Ellen has invited her to stay the winter. She is a very nice child we all like her very much simple & unaffected and willing to do as she is told quite industrious - fond of reading & she has been busy with her crazy patch or something ^{which she gave}. She is nearly thirteen I think she will be a great comfort to us all. I hope to hear from Nokomo tomorrow & will not close this letter until after the mail comes in.

I hope you are in bed & asleep as it is eleven o'clock. I did not feel sleepy & feared I would get nervous if I tried to go to sleep, but now I will bid you all good night.

Tell the Gibbis, excuse M & E. I was delighted to get their lovely letters. My tooth brush they can use for scrubbing. ^{Aunt} Ellen gave me a new one, that she had on hand. I will write to them very soon. I suppose they will be great French scholars soon.