

My dear Sister Ellie.

I will just add a note to thank you for your kind invitation to us all to come to Clifton. It would be a realization of one of my dreams, were it possible to accept, and carry out the beautiful plan you have made. I, however see not the slightest prospect of helping you to do this, for several reasons too numerous to mention. The children will not be through their school and I am afraid Edmund would not like to spare us again this summer, besides

no man had such heavy
expenses the past year
that I must try to be very frugal
the coming months.

A month ago I began to fix
a couple of rooms with a little
new paint and paper but it
has been so long since anything
has been done, when we got started
there seemed to be no stopping
and we are now, in terrible
confusion. I am trying to be patient
and think how nice it will be when
done. Girl's room all painted and
new carpet all over the floor
Front attic room all painted
(both a cream) with matting
fixed for Evangeline. The other
attic room painted blue &

intended for a Guest Room
Yvonne's room (Grandma's)
paper, paint, new carpet
old blue room the same
work. the last two pink.
Carrie and I were together
in S. G. on Monday and
did not do much else but
buy the paper and ~~carpet~~
for old blue room

We like our new teacher
Miss Reynolds so much
she occupies the room
opposite mine. Mr. Howell
still with us, so you see
we are pretty full of people
and confusion at present.

~~Welcome you to my home~~
Mrs Mc Neal and Kitty
Scrantom visiting Aunt Ellen
at present. The Maxwell
baby Kenneth was baptized
last Sunday by Rev Hopbough
old class mate of Mr Maxwell.
With much love to you
William May, Ellen, Willie
& Charles Selam. I am
as always your affec^tionate
May E. Lukens.

11.15 Pm!

Wm. & G. G. G. G.
May 1855

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Master Charles. Eldon Belden
To Rev. H. H. Belden
Clifton Springs
New York.