

Ans. by Mother & Ellen



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Dear Mama.

I haven't any thing to do now so I thought I would write to you as you said in your first letter.

I put my own hair in last night but I came right out but I am going to try tonight again.

Betha Sanford and I play checkers almost all the time when we are not down at Aunt Mary's.

I have read "Uncle Tom's Cabin" all through and also "I'll Try" and "Little Agnes" and "Wickie" and "A Start in Life" since I have been here.

I did not read "Peter Parley's Tales" before I came away.

Mr. Cochrane was here day before yesterday.

yesterday, and gave Bertha and Evangelina
and Gertrude and me each a box
of candy.

~~My~~ Grandma won't be home
(I mean here) for quite a while, will she.
She told me that if Papa got better,
she would come back pretty soon.

How is dear Papa? I wish I could see
him and show him how sorry I am
for him. How is little "Kinnie" too?
I hope he is well over his cold now.

Uncle Eldon calls Bertha Sanford
Berthie ^{the} same as he calls Lena, Lennie,
and he can't seem to get it into his
head that it is Bertha, he says Berthie Bertha
and at last will say it right but the
next time he will get it wrong again.
I ^{forgot to} thank you for the lovely letter you
sent me, to encourage me in trying
to be a good girl. Aunt Ellen is
just reading it now.

Ellen wrote me that Miss Hallie
Brack is going to be the head of the

"G. G." (that is our little sewing society you know) I am so glad he has because we wanted some lady at the head of it but did not like to ask any one.

Uncle Selden is reading the other leaf of my letter now.

Cousin Sarah is just about the same only she gets weaker ^{short} every day.

I hope Papa will soon be better.

Will you give him my love and all the rest and give "Luisie" a good big kiss from me.

I don't suppose you will have time to answer this letter but Ellen can answer the questions. Please ask Willie to write also.

But Ellen sends lots of all. ^{love to}

Please excuse spelling and writing
 (E) (F) (G) Your loving sister, daughter,
 (H) (I) (J) (K) (L) (M) (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) (S) (T) (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z) All.
 Mary M. Selden.

P. S. Please excuse the directing of this envelope?
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