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My dear Mrs Belden

It was just lovely in you to write me that nice letter, and we all enjoyed it so much. We shall be glad to see our little girl once more. She has had one of the most delightful times of her life, and has enjoyed every moment. Her letters have been perfectly enthusiastic, and she cannot say enough of the kindness shown her by you good blessed Women of Okechu. I do want to thank you most

Sincerely for all you have done for her.  
It had been a real treat for her to have so  
long a visit, and give herself up to enjoy  
-ment, for all her life she has been so  
limited in her pleasures. She is a very  
important part of this household, and  
we have missed her so much. Last  
night I called her up on the phone,  
but she had gone out driving, but I  
learned she had reached Buffalo about  
5 o'clock. We hope to see her on Wednesday.  
I am so sorry you cannot come to the  
meeting this year. I feel as if I wanted  
you to lean upon, for I don't know who will  
help me with the Home's meeting this year.  
How sad it will seem without Mrs. Thayer,  
then Mrs. Bliss is not coming. She has been  
very ill all winter, just escaped with her  
life. Three of the officers have gone, Mrs.  
Thayer, Dr. Gulick and Dr. Cushing. What  
a number have crossed over the river  
during the past few years. Alice Thayer  
has taken up her Mother's work beautifully  
and has done the secretarial work all  
through the year, & has seemed very am-  
bitious to do it just as her Mother would  
have done it.

Do pray that we may have a blessed  
meeting, notwithstanding so many  
sad and discouraging features before  
us.

All send love and join with  
me in thanks for your attentions  
to our child. I think Mr Gracy's  
health is a little better, but he is  
not able for any work, but can  
act as a sort of advisory Committee.

With love to the Oberlin trio, of  
Missisquoi, especially yourself,  
I am lovingly yours.

Annie R. Gracy