

Cydon into due March 31st. ^{Franklin said; I have not yet paid}
 for. I shall pay it with what it will be. I have been raising the
 money Mr. Minnick
 and Mr. Brown
 and will for the year.
 Mary says she will
 tell you she has
 the new 'Pumpkin'
 product is! Let it
 see for its lot!
 With sincere regards
 and my love to all
 or, in the other it is not
 the 'straw'!!!
 Your letters arrive
 generally in five
 days time; once
 or twice in a year.
 You post to the
 made no difference
 that I remember.
 Della & Frank
 sent to be of use
 'resolving upon try-
 ing hard to get
 good marks for
 every thing.
 I'll try to help
 them.

9th,
 1864

We were rich in letters today.
 One from Howard, two for me from you
 and one for each of the children.

Robby waited for his till I read Frank's,
 then enjoyed his own, but doubted my
 having read it all; he and his Grandfather
 had quite a discussion about the matter.

Della's letter was as good, perhaps, better than
 the preceding one, and induced the same
 good face, and some good resolutions.

I sometimes think that it might have
 been better, if we had kept her away from
 outdoor influences till she was still older
 and had her principles more strongly fixed.

A word from a schoolmate is often enough
 to turn her from obedience to my wishes.

I have a "horror" of having her running
 wild about the streets and in the stores

Dearst and Best Friend,
 Guelph, 9th August

being samey to the clerks, as some of the girls in every school, will do, I have accordingly forbidden Main street, indeed every street but those that take her directly to and from school, excepting by special permission from me, still I find that she is led to disobey the order, by promise of a piece of candy or other dainty, or sometimes it is to call for some school mate. — I give her as much candy fruit cakes &c. as I think she ought to have, or I to buy, but it does not suffice.

As Aunt Anne said today, very few persons would take the responsibility upon themselves if they knew ^{beforehand} what it was to bring up a family, ~~beforehand~~ I don't believe I could dare to again, knowing all I now do.

It's too late now, there are four little ones here, and we have to do our best what is the best? and where is health strength and purpose to do it? God grant I may not walk always in the dark, and

you - I have got the spring color with single that - I don't think I can possibly do any good! — I don't think Bella will finish her letter to you very soon as she has a job on hand, which she has to be done a week from today for my birthday, else she will have no present for me. She is crocheting a wash-rag, (as she couldn't keep from telling me) her great defect is that she begins many things, but does not finish them; so I have told her that I cannot accept of any thing but that. As she has already idled much time away she will have to be industrious henceforth to accomplish the work. The signs are better today so I hope to tell you she has conquered and the washrag is mine.

I have not seen Uncle John since Sunday. I was there twice today but he was not at home either time; neither have I heard any thing from him. ~~I was to write to him but I did not~~ ~~to write to him but I did not~~

~~My dear Mother~~
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a ~~few~~ — Mother said to day that she had
never been acquainted with Mr. Stanton, but
if she had been as great a favorite with him
as her sister Ann Howard was, she might possi-
bly do you some service. She was told that
Mr. S. was nearly crazy at her death! You
have doubtless heard us speak of this youngest
sister who died with Cholera in 1833. She
seems to have been a general favorite.

Don't fix your heart on this thing, Dearest,
you are doing so more than you think,
and I cannot bear to think of your being
disappointed, and I too far away to comfort
you. — Since I am to be left alone this
Fall, it does seem as if you must resign
by that time, I do not feel able to take
care of the family without you.

The twenty dollars came safely. — Six cents
postage charged on the four letters together, the
envelope on Letitia's letter was perhaps unnecessary.