

about him and so "all well, that ends well" - Robert and Baptiste had a big fight which ended in the dismissal of the latter, as you see on page in Raelson and kitchen

We have gotten no sewing done, as the needles have been come! Charles has written to Annie for them and we hope to have them on hand and begin our work - I cut out Lucy's and Annie yesterday and it turned out to be nothing but a mistake! It will be just as pretty as a linen - We were trying some kind of ideas to see if they would fade (read away) a strip of the blue I pressed down today, give to you and Lucy and the blue did not fade only the gray ground, so if you will have yours carefully washed with a little piece of alum in the water it will probably not fade enough to spoil it -

Lucy is very much concerned about the "good" photograph - not one was left for us and we were very anxious that Col Blackford should see them - Lucy says you must send her four of the groups - I think had a good look at it and didn't get one of the biggest you had taken of yourself in the city which is splendid - Her last set too which Pa & Lucy

Dear Annie
I have a letter
from you
and I am
very glad
to hear
from you
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Oak Forest May 29th 1874

Dear Annie,
About this time you are making "our grande toilette" for church - it is the next Sunday morning - I may open the purple and hope you may enjoy it as much as I would - There is nothing to be much regret here in the lack of religious influence - not that Calvary is always in the church (the invisible church I should say) but we do require some stimulus to excitation and some encouragement to - when the petty trials of a very dull life become numerous without the sympathy encouragement and strengthening influence of the church. Often at the close of a week I have felt worn out in body and mind with the vexatious and labor of seven days and nights and Sunday morning my legs would be so weak, my heart so heavy, and my head so dull and aching, that I would drag myself to church merely from a sense of duty and it would seem that the left feet felt any ease and the sermon seemed as if it was written with a view to my special condition and the world would be so sympathetic and comforting that I would feel as if I were the only one of the day was enjoying - some people have strength of mind and will to be independent of these influences, but I have not -

You and I left on Saturday - on Sunday, we were
about some o'clock. Ed Blackfoot missed looking as
starchy as you please, in a suit of fresh white linen.
He would surely believe us when we told him
you had gone and seemed really distressed
that he did not see you to let you good bye,
said he would certainly have come up if he
had dreamed you were going away so soon.
I wish you would have heard what he said
of B. to - one thing was she has more of the
devil in her than any woman I ever met" these
he says in the same space of time heard any
one express so many immoral sentiments and
then told me all about her kissing her
photograph and excusing him for deserting
his wife to be -

The Ed had been our only visitor and I don't
much think we will have him soon again
Lucy and I did our best to entertain him
but he seemed awfully tired and left in
the evening -

We had had no news of the Minors. Mr. Sullivan
or Girard, but Pa arrived day before yesterday
an envelope directed in Tom Winkler's hand
containing both his Card enclosed! "Altogether and
Loren Keller at law in the odium" Poor fellow,
it was a shame to run him up about his defeat
but perhaps it was this very thing that determined him
to be successful in the end.

Clodie came out on Tuesday and Pa went down in
the carriage to meet her - we found her looking badly
and very thin, but she is unusually cheerful.
Clodie is very much improved in every respect and
Pa is so pleased with him, that he holds him up
as a model for you - I am delighted, for I hope as
often the poor little fellow would annoy him
and that, as distressful as my children's ways and
manners are to him, he would show a preference
for them, but it is quite the other way and I am
glad of it, for it would be much more gratifying
to Clodie to have Clodie constantly complimented
of and scolded, than it is to me - I think
Pa's humor of my management increased until I
hardly feel I ought to inflict the children upon
him, but winter need get I can't see how
he helped under the circumstances - a few days
ago Callie and Joe went riding with him and
when on returning, they stopped at the sergeant
house a few moments to see Nathan getting out
his and came back without them and he
was mad - he said I ought to give them both
a good switching especially Callie, which
I resisted doing, not believing the offense
warranted the punishment - so ever since he has
been quite "out with us" but I can see he is
getting over it - Pa has been in a good humor
most of the time since you left almost every word
my "company manners" is the talk, but I manage to