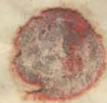


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Dear Sister M,

Your letter was handed me this morn. while we were at the breakfast table, and as Mr. J. is going today I sit down to give you a hasty reply. - I will give Mr. J. the number of your shoes and he will take them and put them in his chest. I was expecting to get your decision in regard to the black silk as I wrote inquiring whether you would take it and how many yds you wished. But perhaps you did not think of it when you wrote. I have looked down town since Mr. W. left and there is none to be had good for any thing short of 2 dolls 1/2 yd. If I felt that I must have one I should take that at the depot. But perhaps you have concluded to wait. In regard to muslin - there is plenty of it, but not the common French muslin or dark like the kind I had which was what Mrs. J. wished and you wished dark if I recollect. - Most of it is very thin, and if you would like that I presume I can get some that is rather dark.

B. and G. seem happy and will not acknowledge that they are at all homesick. And in regard to the room it is not because I did not express my opinion that another would be more suitable that they are not in, the room we spoke of in the other court. We talked it all over and concluded to have them take that room and I saw G. go in with Curtiss, and the Holiday boys take Henrys room, but afterwards Mrs. Rice said she thought the boys there better remain as they were Eugeniuss with Mrs. and Grace with Curtiss, and that no doubt is best for them.

I think your boys feel as well satisfied as they would with any room, I have heard no intimation to the contrary, and they have really nearer neighbors than they would have had in the other room. Miss Mrs. Hooker one of the larger boys is next to them - there Mr. Rice lodged in one corner of the court and Miss C. in the other. They can easily come to our window or door if any thing happens. We did not think the chamber as suitable for little boys unless they have an older brother or sister to help look after them. - If the room next us had been vacant that would have been a good place, but Dwight has never been willing to give it up and Abunseh does not wish to change. I spoke to Henry about giving up his before he went away thinking we might find it necessary to make some changes, and he seemed willing - though he would prefer his old room. Perhaps you know I ought not to go up and climb stairs very much and therefore it is better for me to have those who need the most attention below. - Sarah C. looks after her brother in some things. I have given you the reasons for the evacuation of your boys this fall because I suppose you did not see them and I think the boys will feel as happy as they would in any place, though it would have been easier for me could they have been nearer, and yet from what I have seen thus far I do not think they will require any more looking after than some that we need. - Should they be sick we shall take them into one of our rooms for temporary Mr. W. can tell you where.

J. recites in Geography with my J. and has done very well thus far. I asked him this morn. if I should tell his mother that he had recited well he said ~~yes~~ "that's just as you say". I think he is not discouraged by any means. He has his own way of answering sometimes, and I can hardly keep a sober face - He belongs to his father and mother both - I "reckin" when he laughs it seems to do him good just as it does his mother. ~~but~~ I mistaken. We have seen more of them ~~comings~~

I think if your boys need a little of your ring it will be too work.

them we should if our paint had been dry in the  
prayer room. We have had prayers in our room and as  
Mr S. did not have them commence study in the  
dining room till this week they have been with us  
in rest. I was a little amused the first one, that Mr  
W. and Mr. J. remained at Ben. We were all sitting  
around the table Mr. S. and I reading & pretending to  
be - though I must acknowledge I was as much interested  
in them as my book - and they reading & talking as  
they chose. George had a Yuth's cabinet and all at  
once he burst out laughing. I looked to see what it  
was he found so ludicrous and there was the picture  
of an old woman sitting at her spinning wheel  
as natural as could be - I mention these things  
to let you see that the children seemed to feel at  
home as much as could be expected.

I presume you and I do not feel very different  
about certain children. I do not remember  
what my remark was - perhaps it was some-  
thing expressing regret that they should be as they  
are but that is not wishing them to be here, and I  
felt relieved when the question was decided though  
I should have hardly dared to decide it myself.  
I hope as you say to us that you will write freely.  
But the clock says I must stop for school hour has  
arrived. I think you will say I hold the pen of a  
scribbler if nothing else - Ad. letters yesterday  
Did you get any?

Yours as ever  
C. C. Cole

You must look to Mr. J. for the "Kovera".