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I fear you and my other correspondents will begin to think I am rather neglectful, but they would not if they knew how I have been driven for the last six months I have not written to any of them during that time except two or three times to K. L. and it is more than more than two months since I have penned a word for any own dear sister in the U. S. This week I have commenced answering my notes which have accumulated to nearly twenty, though I have a sewing woman to prepare work for in addition to all my other cares. The vacation was the hardest part of the year so far as real hard work is concerned not even time to sew but I will not go into particulars - and only add that I was about used up at the commencement of the school.

In your first note you speak of the boys clothes. They are very comfortable while it is warm weather, and I suppose you intended to make new for winter. Would it not be well to make their sleeves a little shorter? I find it better to have them a little too short rather than too long, they keep them under meat. I suppose you calculated for their growing considerable, but I make mine so as to look well when they are new and they do not become so short as to look bad.

In regard to their mattresses I do not think there is any trouble if they are properly made; but boys of their age

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The boys have not been to the dentist yet but will in a week or so. He has been very

of school. I don't think you can get him to school. I have tried to know what things to put in and have not always the patience to make them beds properly  
go round occasionally and "pairpair" and show them how  
but they are careless and do not take pains to make them  
comfortable. — Some of the boys have had mattresses and  
some of them have them made of banana leaves. The  
latter need renewing after a time and I presume your  
boys will do well to take theirs home when they go. I have  
been trying to have them all get mattresses of some sort,  
for if they have a bed of grass or leaves without being stitched  
they are very apt to leave it rather hollow shaped.  
How regret that G. was in a class of little children. There  
were but two classes in Mental Arithmetic, and there  
will be two or three that do not exactly belong to either.  
still we cannot have so many classes. He could not go  
with the large class, and he did not appear to do much  
better than some others of the class he was in. There are but  
two this year and the largest class are about the end of the  
book and will probably give it up for a while.  
Last year I had five classes in Geography, and your G.  
was with mine and one or two others. It occupied a  
great deal of time, and this year we concluded to  
put them all in two. G. went into the largest class.  
Mrs. Rice took it and she said G. did not get his lessons  
so that it would be of any use to him and she heard him  
alone, but did not find time for that and gave him up  
to Mr. Dale. I put my George with the small class and  
though he might go on faster it is better for the school  
to do so than to have it so divided up into classes of three  
or four. Those present at our examination spoke of the  
labor, and the disadvantage of having so many classes.

G. and Sanford are together on these lessons but as you  
 do, I let him take me more study, and there is no child  
 but what has some study which he can pursue as fast  
 as he chooses. Your G. has two Geography and <sup>History</sup> ~~Arithmetic~~  
 Arithmetic, and Mr. S. has never classed them in this  
 letter study partly that they might have that to occupy  
 all their spare time - You say you hope Mr. S. will  
 give Charles enough to do this year. He always had his  
 Arithmetic <sup>to himself</sup> and his other lessons not so perfect  
 as to prove that he had any spare time. They can mind  
 of them say they have not enough to do, as soon as  
 they show that they are disposed to do well what has  
 been given them some of them will take up Latin as  
 they have expressed a wish to do so. But it is perfectly  
 useless to take up that unless they can make up their  
 minds to apply themselves. Some of <sup>them</sup> commenced a con-  
 tracty to Mr. S. judgement <sup>a year or two since</sup> have become discouraged and  
 have given it up. - I would say that Charles had  
 appeared more manly and disposed to make an effort  
 to do well this year so far than he did last.  
 I wish I could say the same of G. but I suppose we must  
 wait patiently for the time to come. Still perhaps you  
 can give him some advice that will stimulate him to  
 do better. He has been doing better for a week or so, but  
 the first part of the term he did not seem to care what  
 he learned any thing or not. Such perfect indifference  
 have seldom ~~in difference~~ I have ~~observed~~ seen, and a  
 disposition to play in school, and if asked to stand up  
 awhile away from others, he would be as happy about it  
 as you please. - I took him into my room after dinner

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in regard to your children all being there seem as they please and we  
they find time sometimes

talked to my son and would to my own child, on the  
performance of my duty his time, and had him study  
I think it had more effect. He was rather disposed  
to be disrespectful also in his manner of speaking, and  
I told him I should feel obliged to inform his mother  
if I knew his parents would not approve of that. He  
attempted to justify himself but finally acknowledged  
it was improper. I trust he will do differently hereafter  
but there is a time when <sup>some</sup> boys affect a sort of independence  
which is a very unlively appendage to their character  
and which they <sup>will</sup> one day be ashamed of themselves.  
You say I have written you freely and should wish you  
to do so in my place and I in yours, and I  
have written you wish to know how your boys  
appear under other circumstances, than at home.  
I think that is one advantage in children not being  
always kept under their parents eye and alone, that  
they manifest themselves that need the guiding and  
leading hand in childhood, else they will appear  
after years to mar the character. But enough  
for this time and burn up this scrawl when you  
have read it all you wish

I was glad to hear Albert was getting along so well  
and am of the same opinion I always was that the  
aid right to go. I heard a gentleman down town who  
judgement we value say he should have been sent  
to employ Dr. H. —. What kind of a reception did Al  
meet with at the rooms? He felt some solicited  
about it, and I should like to know. Write me and  
I will keep it to myself if there should be any thing  
you do not care about being known.

I see there are various things on the invoice of the C.  
Harris purchased by him for you and us, among  
the rest a Franklin stove. — The Liberator came  
yesterday. Mr. S. has a box of books on board, one for  
you. Baptist Noel's Church and State. We shall  
send it when we get it. Well I have scribbled over  
some surface whether it is worth any thing or not.  
Love to you all.  
Yours as our b. c. Dele.