



torments, hard to bear it as it is. Since I  
commenced writing, it have been interrupted  
ed by Mr. Lane, with whom I must ~~over~~  
discuss school affairs, & which, I then certainly  
where the evening paper came, we must all  
go down to hear the latest telegram concerning  
the terrible battle raging in Virginia.

Will there ever be an end of all this quackery  
work? I read toward Congressional reports,  
& anticipate such hot times there.

We are surprised in numbering a ground-  
ed soldier out on furlough as one of the in-  
mates of Collier Hall. By the way, Mrs.  
K. has eight boarders - six students -  
four of them young men. Esch is away  
in the winter, teaching; Saml. Lodge at  
the store he has gone into, and yet every  
bed in the house is full. I like it better  
here, to have a large family.

School has opened very pleasantly. I an-  
ticipate the winter.

Do you hear anything from Rev. J. P.  
concerning school matters, or are not the invalids

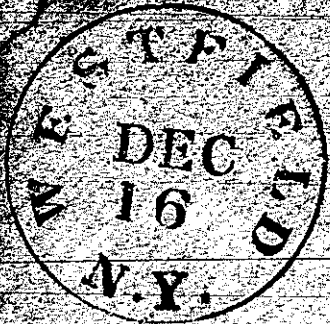
convalescent? I hope something can  
be effected there, even if it should not be  
under three months.

What do you hear from Miss M.? Does  
he say anything about our visit? I  
think if she does not write me soon,  
she will hear nothing concerning any en-  
gagement, impressions & cetera, it would  
be unknown from so deep a past it would,  
to say the least, be stale. I do wish you had  
not forgotten to show me the letter written  
to you here. I did not know, before, that it  
contained anything of special interest to  
me. From the borrowed letter accomplished  
its mission, I am anxious to know  
you said you would tell me something,  
which I want, I suppose, when a third  
person was not by. Did it come to you  
now? Does your time pass heavy upon your  
hands now, now a days after being so  
long engaged in school, or classroom and  
books & spiced with letter-writing completely  
about you, and dispel all mis-  
conceptions?

At my present rate I shall read little  
and practice less, this winter. Fantine  
I promise with some alacrity, but find my  
sight a little weak, so one seems to think  
it a book to be read immoderately.

Have you it, yet? I am much pleased  
with it on account of its novelty, thus  
far. Have hardly done enough with  
it yet to form an idea of its merits at length.  
I have subscribed for the Atlantic the  
coming year, and consider that I have  
treated myself to a great luxury. Are you  
to have it? How, we can compare, the  
occasionally. Wondering, we shall find a  
second Gleaner? It claims no affinity  
with our spirits, but I like to see what  
human brains can create. Are you anticipat-  
ing any special pleasure at the Holidays?  
I fear no liberal hand will bestow upon  
me as much gifts as I am bound and  
gratified with last year. Thursday and Friday  
of each week were to be released from  
I report, and I wish I could be with your  
er friends more, with and from and Christ-  
mas gifts might abound.

Please Maria, write me quick. I've had but  
one letter since I came from home, except from  
there, simply because I could not answer any.



Miss. Emma L. Kellogg

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