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Pa. Gold Belt Mine  
Stafford Co. Virginia

12<sup>th</sup> November 1866.

My dear Agnes:

I am in receipt of yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult, and read it gladly; immediately after reading one from your dear mamma, which I received at the Post Office, at the same time at which I received yours. I have a box at the Fredericksburg Post Office, numbered 121

I don't think I can go from here to Lawrence just to pull a little girl's tooth, even if she is my own little daughter. If mamma cannot pull it. Doct. Burleigh can. If he does. I hope you will act bravely, and not make a great fuss. The pain is but trifling and momentary, and if you <sup>are</sup> quiet, gentle and not excited, it will be out before you hardly know it.

Are you and Bam about to set up house keeping? You tell me about his purchasing a rolling-pin and board, and he is to have a flat-iron, grate and holder. If you present him with a

less. I think he will be a very noisy boy  
about the house, unless you take the clapper  
out of the bell. You two children must  
take care and not disturb your mother  
or your Aunt in your frolicsome gam-  
bols. By a little thought you can avoid  
making any great disturbance in the  
house: but if you should be more boisterous  
than is agreeable, you must quiet down directly  
on being informed that you make too much noise.  
Nothing becomes children more than prompt  
and ready obedience. I had much rather my  
little girl would mind every wish of her  
mother, than be dressed every day in new frocks  
of red and black plaid. She would be much  
happier and greatly beloved to us all.

When you all get out here with me, you  
will live in the country, and mamma will have  
a cow to milk and chickens to see to, and I  
think we shall have a dog, and I know ma-  
ma will have a cat. You and Bau will  
have a wheelbarrow and a cart, and I expect  
you will play out of doors so much, that you will be

as brown as any little white girl ought to be. I hardly think that you will be enabled to go to Church every Sunday, but perhaps we can arrange it so, that your little Sunday school paper can come to our box in the Fredericksburg Post Office. Of course, you will learn your catechism thoroughly before you leave Laurence.

I am much pleased with the general appearance of your letter. It is quite easy to read, and that is a very important point in writing. The next point in importance is, that it be well spelled. I am very happy to say that your words were correctly spelled. If you continue to write as plainly and correctly, while you improve in style and appearance, you will write as well as your Aunt Lucy, which is a little better than your mamma can write, and much better than your Aunt bad or Aunt Lydia can.

Kiss all for me and be sure that each one kisses you in return.

Your loving father  
George A. Gordon