

Oct 28th Mr Birman says there was one morning that he forgot to change
the date. I presume that was the morning. He was up after 12 o'clock making
a temporary copy for Jay. He is anxious that the telegrams sent to
reach you and Saturday. I am told a number of letters went to
Washington some time ago. I presume all that mail was not
distributed at the States. But even with our special mail to Washington
I hope you will get this Saturday. With lots of love and kisses
I am your devoted
Orestes

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Ever Dear Mama. I sit me down to write by the
office desk I had brought over from Dr S house yesterday
Mrs Starr did not like it much but I had arranged to
freeze on to it several days ago. Dr S told them to hang on
to it. I gave them to understand Dr S was not the boss.
Mr Starr said nothing. For a light - I have our parlor
lamp which I had cleaned & filled today with the
new oil, and it works as good as in days (or nights) across
the river. I much enjoyed your long long interesting
letters, finished last Monday. Rev Wilson wrote to Mr & Mrs
Quekey last Friday morning I judge, a very sympathizing
letter which they received Monday. Mr Birman put in
some fenders near the falls in the race. I stood there and
looked at them awhile today, and thought, had they been
in there long ago Jay's life might have been spared. He
could not say many words, in fact none that I considered
plainly spoken. I gave Mrs Jackson your message and
she thanked you and said to return you the kindest greeting

No; I don't know what she will charge me. I furnish the milk
and have some of the vegetables. I expect to pay her at least
\$2.00 per week for my food and \$1.00 more for the cooking of she
asks it. I didn't really expect to keep on boarding so long,
but she seemed not at all anxious to get rid of me, in fact had
said she paid better herself when she had to cook for some
one else. When she was done she nearly staved because it did
not seem worth while to cook a regular meal many times.
June says Mrs D wanted very much to see you. Said she
supposed you were nearly as old as I. June said as you
were considerably younger. She wanted to know if you were
neat. June said yes. Mrs D said things looked very well
under Mrs Burman but - it seemed to her as though they
had looked much better some time. which is really the
truth. Not many things escaped her notice. No fear of my
wanting to keep Mrs H. You just said that to get some "taffy"
Mrs H has not been very well for several days. Has had
several chills the past 10 days. As there was no school this
forenoon I told June she might help Mrs H if she was a
mind to, so she has looked after the girls most all day.
Mr Caselle got the flour contract or approval of his contract.
We commenced on his flour this week, this morning when
I went into the kitchen the two pans of dough were all
run over, and a good deal on the floor, and the bread is

very light and nice. Still every sack may not be as good,
and also last night was quite warm and the yeast newly
made yesterday. Sam and others were joking me yesterday
about Mrs D saying she thought I was a good honest man
but my way of teaching was rather "ancient". I suppose she
wants every thing to be like "Boston". Friday afternoon
was hardly a fair trial. I had been teaching only 4 days
afternoons, and a number of the scholars were just in.
I tried more to have them show what they knew than to
recite lessons as I commonly have them. That is going
much outside the text books. She is ancient herself.
Claims to be only 43. Her looks say 55 to 60. Was married at
32 has never had children. He has 5 by a former wife.
He looks older than Pa. They are both too old and easternified
to go around visiting Indian schools. The Commissioner
should be a man that has been a teacher or Agency employe
then an Agent. The Superintendent should have been
at least a teacher of several years experience. 13 years
experience in all the various positions on an Agency
is nothing compared to being from Boston, and
being carried around to some 100 schools in 18 months
staying long enough to see only the outer workings of
their management, every thing being wrong that is not
up to Eastern schools. Bah! It makes me tired.

I will go up tomorrow and see that carpet. of course it is not large enough for our room. If Lissa gives you 20 yards in length and yard wide that would be nearly if not fully enough. This room is 18 x 18 the closet takes out 3 x 7. or a little over 2 yds of carpet yard wide. Stairs finished miring today. Mrs Jewell move some of her things in to the N^o 5 house right off, so as to have it sure. Mrs Blair does not need it all. she does her cooking mostly on the "old range" in the old kitchen.

Mr Blair may come over to work after a while as we have been granted an appropriation of \$500.00 for Warm Springs budge. I think our boys took Dr D about several times. I was amused Friday. He was talking to them about putting sense in their heads. said there was plenty of room. here putting his hand on his temple. Then took a book a History and said you can put that all into your head. then reached for another book and "you can put that into your head." Several boys spoke up "thats just like the other one" He quietly put it down and took up a 4th Reader and went on, though seemed rather taken back. There were very few questions that they asked the children but what they got correct answers. if it was an "Ancient" way that they were taught. I wanted very much to have Dr D & wife see mothers picture & yours & others. I looked in your trunk. Never thought about the box. just found your Albums today in looking in the box for your music. or the words to way down the Swanee River for Gene. I am so sorry I did not find them sooner. Well again I'll say good night - and hope the good angels will guard you safely ^{thru the night} _{lovingly} C. H. W.