

a brush heap pretty close to me, I wish Gorman
and Lewis could have seen it. I spent an
hour or two on the hill myself looking about
But in the afternoon you would have enjoyed
it if you had been with us. We took a long
ramble through the woods and brought home
~~such~~ cargo's of butternuts, walnuts, beechnuts
buckeyes, and wild grapes. I shall save the
nuts to bring home with me. I think it will
take some time to cram them down your little
throats. You would not think it strange if you
could see the immense buckeyes, that this state
should be called the Buckeye state, We found
a dogwood tree covered with bright red berries
They would make such beautiful necklaces if
they could be strung but the seed is so hard. I
brought a branch of it and some wild flowers home
to ornament the mantelpiece. Point Pleasant
followed us wherever we went and enjoyed it
as much as we did only he was very much
frightened when ~~the~~ ^{uncle Edward} would shake the trees and
bring the nuts rattling about his ears. But my
papers will not hold out any longer so I must
bid my little nieces farewell hoping to see them
in three weeks. Your affectionate Aunt Lizzie.

Cliff Cottage Oct 23^d

My dear little nieces

You know that
aunt Liz is always taking queer notions into
her head, at least according to your dear
mama's opinions. But I love to gratify
my little pets sometimes, so I have con-
cluded to write you a letter in partnership,
with the promise that if you continue to
be good children and your aunt Liz a home-
less old maid, to write each of you, one
to keep; as I expect to be roaming about
'imposing on the good nature of your uncles
and parents. It is very pleasant to have close
kinfolks to visit, especially brothers and sis-
ters, for we can feel at home with them if
anywhere at all. Now I hope my little
nieces and nephews will always love each
other, be gentle and kind to each other.