

dress one of the prettiest things she had ever seen.
Phebe shows a decided talent for drawing but
has not accomplished as much as I supposed she
will have another book at Christmas. She began
at the very first of the Arithmetic, has learnt to
do all the sums by rule and is now in Proportions
expects to be through by Christmas and is half
through Algebra. The gentleman teaches this branch
and is very thorough. She also expects to be through
Chemistry and will take up another study in its
place. They have but few studies but long lessons
and frequent revisions; but she does not get
tired on all this. She was so delighted with
the apron that she does not want any body else
to have any like them, the selfish little Puss! but
Mrs Pickett is going to make Maggie some. It
was just as you suspected about the Peirce
property. Sister You and Mr B. are so disgusted
that they would not speak to him, unless compelled.
I would not sully this sheet by telling all the mean
things which have come to light. and are the gossip
of the community. together with various other little
transactions of similar import. — Mrs Charley
Pearce has a daughter three weeks old and is
very well, never had a better time. Mrs Mac has
not been heard from only a dispatch was read at church
that the Dr forbid Mr McE. returning home. He has
been gone 4 weeks Sunday night. — Mary Seaton is obliged
to give up teaching to take charge of her Mother. She is not
dangerous but requires constant watching. Helen has another child.

My reputation for little writing. Review the cloth.
and visit. Miss Richards if I don't find time to write
and I don't get back yet, but I have promised to do so.
Thursday night

Dear sister,

It is astonishing what a budget
of news one can collect after a long absence
and then sister You is more particular about
what she communicates through letters than
I am. I suppose Mr Collins has told
you about the little stranger at Mrs Blatter
manor. It was born 4 o'clock Monday morning.
It is a healthy fine looking child as far as
I can judge, and they will call it either Kate
or Sue they have not decided which. I slipped
in to the kitchen when I went over and found
it full of colored friends, and white, none more
pleased to see me than Walter. There was Lucy
Bunt Dolly. Aunt Nancy Payne. Jordan, Johnny.
and Eva Trapp an old School Scholar of mine and
quite a favorite, so Mrs Blatterman has plenty
of help. Jordan is to ^{be} dismissed at Christmas
in favor of our Charley. for whom they are to pay
\$125 besides \$10 for himself. Mrs C. is much pleased

John saw George this morning. He says Mother got out safe and in fine
of spirits.

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We have a dress to make and borrow to bring for her
Herbert is to be in tomorrow.