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ago in it she said that you  
 (followed) had been to the  
 part, on a visit, she also said  
 after you left there, she had  
 learned, that you made the  
 following remark to some of  
 your people; that you  
 wished you could get a chance  
 to visit some of your folks  
 for your daughter, Mary, to spend  
 a few years and go to school  
 and now I wish to say, that if  
 you, & the two other girls are both  
 willing, that I should  
 care and I'll go with us, and I do not  
 go to school, Edward, & I should  
 be very happy indeed to have  
 her come, and she would have  
 a good chance to go to school  
 with the girls now, we have  
 a grammar school, a high school  
 and Latin, & Greek, studies -

and we also have good things  
 and Sabbath schools, and  
 a Bible class, and the district  
 is short, with good sidewalks  
 all the way; and now if you  
 would like to have her  
 come, and she is willing to come  
 we should be very happy to  
 have her come with Muller  
 when she comes home - I do not  
 want her to come to work for  
 me, but I want her for some  
 family work - Edward, if gone,  
 I'd care a long, do care, that  
 I do not know what to do with  
 myself when he is gone, I  
 am very anxious to have her  
 come on my account - I think  
 we have a right to send one  
 to school, and Edward, says  
 his Board would be free  
 I thought I would make

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Sister Ruth

These statements, and you  
 can all think of Harri,  
 and then if you would  
 like for her to have such  
 a chance it only remains  
 for her to come, and she  
 will be sure of a hearty  
 welcome - I hope she will  
 come, and I shall anxiously  
 hope, & wait, until I hear  
 from you - My health  
 is not very good this  
 winter, but I hope it  
 may be better when  
 summer comes - We rec'd  
 a letter from Maria, this  
 morning, he was well, said  
 they had had a very  
 ready at a minute warning  
 march on for battle - they  
 expect a rather battle on the  
 Rapidan soon - But I must close  
 remain your affectionate sister Ruth

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Dear brother and sister

I feel that I  
 must ask your pardon for my neglect  
 in not writing to you long ago - I  
 feel that I will endeavor to  
 be more prompt in future -  
 I was very much disappointed when  
 I learned that you were not coming  
 to visit us this winter; but I  
 hope that you will be blessed with  
 the privilege of visiting us  
 some time, the coming season  
 for we are all very anxious to  
 see you again; and I wish that  
 you could make it convenient  
 to come home with Hannah  
 when she comes, but I enough  
 of writing, I will just say a little  
 from the, a love two months