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Letter from Caroline Rogers Whitney, Belmont, Massachusetts, to Anne Whitney, 1868 November 9

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Belmont, Nov. 9, 1868

The hope, dear Anne, that your troubles about studies are ended & that you are comfortably established in the one you so shrewdly discovered - It is very pleasant to look at the home & working place in the same picture - Will not Addie be with you, or near? How we wish you could both be with us at Thanksgiving - Father & mother seem quite well now & we hope will continue so through the winter - It is something worthy of record that father cast his 17th presidential vote last Tuesday - on the morning of that eventful day the weather was rather dubious - some rain & snow falling - & I feared that he would not be willing to go, but he said no weather would prevent him from casting his vote for Grant - I think he ought to have been cheered & carried in a chair of state - It was a glorious republican victory & our beautiful flag has been waving all the week in front of our house to express our joy - but yesterday Mr. Weiss threw a terrible dash of cold water upon our enthusiasm - his faith in Grant is not very strong - he thinks he lacks the moral force necessary to carry out the purest republican principles - but we shall see - he must be better than Johnson - he is firm & honest & that is good. Wendell Phillips crookes too & gives a lecture entitled "After Grant, what?" - peace, I hope, and liberty to all -

What do you think of our New-England Women's Club? Sarah has probably told you of our first social meeting last Friday, how we tried to induce Edward to become an associate member & failed - he very kindly escorted us in town, but left us at the door of the Club rooms & went to the Parker House & regaled himself with oysters & the N.Y. Tribune - while we listened to Mrs. Howe's effusions,

& by the time we reached home (10 1/2 P.M.) I must
say I was rather envious of his entertainment.

Do you know that sister Sarah B. has been
carried away from us bodily? An Uncle
who lives in Michigan - (the husband of my
mother's only surviving sister, a very dear aunt)
came to see us this fall & proposed that
she should return with him to make a
long visit & we fear we are bereft for an
indefinite season, as there are several cousins
as well as sisters in St. Louis who will claim
attention. At present her place is supplied by
Mrs. Rouse who is here with her dear littlest
boy & expects her husband to join her at Thanksgiving
& return soon after. He is a well
weakly child & has been quite ill with measles,
but is now improving daily under Dr. Handliff's
treatment.

Louise is now in very good health
& has accepted a situation to teach as assist-
ant in Belmont High School, anticipating
much pleasure, which I hope will be joined
with profit. She sends much love to you
& says the next time she meets you in Munich
she will have her eyes open.

I suppose Sarah has informed you of our
sea voyage to Phil^a & now Edw^d would the
better shilom & will now, I think have more
courage to cross the Atlantic, tho' I fear he
will want to leave me behind - but I
hope some day to see Rome with all its won-
ders - What a sad havoc the heavy rains in
Switzerland have caused! some of the little
mountain villages have been overwhelmed!
but that is not so terrible as the earthquakes
in S. A. & on our own western coast - those are
worse calamities, I think - Heaven bless & keep
you & the dear "little mother" in safety - accept love
from all the household & a very good night from
Carrie,