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My dear Chattie

I think Aunt Nellie's cards to some of the juvenile members of your club would lead you to expect an Ex. parcel this week, it is her parcel this time, with only small contributions therein from me a few figs for Easter, a lb. of tea which I meant to be extra and from Gen. Kerr but is only the ordinary article from Lawsons, a pair of booties for Nona which now that she has attained to shoes, and can put her feet on the earth she may not condescend to wear, if so, they can be sent on to the N. W. or Algome the 2 pinafores are for Alice the pink is material that Nellie got a while ago, I thought it too thin and not quite suitable for mid-winter but having cut it out and partly made it, I have finished it for her to wear a little later on and there will be an apron for Rose of the same print, that is not made yet; there is also a little lace collar each for R and A but those for Rachael and Amy are from Aunt Nellie the print waists and ties, are from Willie to the girls, should they not fit you could pass one or both on to Hattie.

I put in a few cards for the boys to help fill the scp. book the other sundries are from the indulgent Auntie. Enclosed you will find a V from G. Father to his Staplehurstions, \$1.00 each for the four eldest 50 cents for Trevor and 50 cents between A. and C. I think I have a paper quarter which I add to Trevor's 50 cents as an approval of his finding a clipper ship to convey Auntie to her mission field in China.

Jennette goes back this evening but is to return after the boys go back to school and will remain till they go to the Island in May. I do hope you will be able to give us a day while the dear Benjamin is here---just this moment had a note from his to say he will probably be here on Friday instead of Saturday. Have you had Georgies last letter? Hen-nie told me to send it which I did, rolling it up, instead of putting it in an envelope, gave it with another roll to Mary to putt stamps on and post--like her, she stamped one but not the other and I expect when you do get it it will be from the D. L. O. when you have paid all the extra postage and it will be very stale by that time. Does not this lovely spring weather cheer you after all the dull winter days. I feel like a bird (caged) but still quite enjoying the bright sky. Carrie you will be glad to hear is better, sitting up a little longer each day and appetite improving hoping to be down stairs on Easter Sunday. My love to All the family in which Father joins he was poorly last week for two or three days, and is less and less able to help himself. Aunt Lizzie writes rather despondingly of herself.

Mr. J. Geddes called last week and enquired affectionately for you begging to be most kindly remembered when I wrote. Mrs. G. is with her brother in Chicago--he is here at Walters.

Now dear good-bye

Your loving Mother
E. O.

Parcel most likely sent off tomorrow