

Charlottesville June 11. 1836.

My dear Mrs. Nicholas,

The seminary, which has had the honour of enrolling you among its Associate Principals, still lives and thrives - Providence has smiled upon the efforts of the friends of education in this place, and we have thus far received a large share of public patronage. During the five years this seminary has now been in operation the average number of pupils has exceeded 120. Many of these were young ladies of fine talents who now occupy important stations in our own or foreign lands. With many we still correspond, and all express strong attachment to this loved Institution.

It has long seemed desirable that by some means the union here formed might be perpetuated. That we might still have some common interest, some mutual tie between ourselves and those with whom we have once been so pleasantly associated. To effect this we have recently formed a society here with the two fold object of promoting the cause of Literature in this Seminary, and affording a pleasant bond of union between its past, its present and its future members. Members will be expected to ~~send~~ furnish once in six months a written Essay or other Production on such subjects as shall be assigned to them 3 months previous to their being sent in, or, if they prefer, on subjects of their own choice. The Society is to meet annually on the third Wednesday of in March for the choice of officers &c. at which time an Annual Report will be made, a copy of which will

be prepared for each meeting. A regular meeting will also be held once in two weeks at which communications will be presented, etc. Those who are here will pay 15 cents annually for

depaying the expenses of the society.
At the first meeting of the society for the promotion of its cause in the 6. 9. January the following Association was unanimously adopted. That all who have at any time been connected with this society either as Associate Ministers or Assistants, be respectfully and affectionately invited to become members of this society. It is my privilege to transmit this act to you, and express our warm desires that you will graciously accept it. We know that the benefit will be mostly ours, that we ask of you to contribute from the share of you in the best, for our gratification and improvement, which we presume no return due an Annual ^{Annual} ~~Annual~~ and perhaps a

careful letter. If however then be pleased to you in doing good of the cause of education be in your estimation worth a little sacrifice of time and labor, if to live in the remembrance and receive the gratitude of many who are about to shape the character of the next generation, an object worthy your effort, - or if from gratitude to him from whom heavily you have been so nobly endeared, you can find satisfaction in lending, hoping for no other return than the smiles of approving Heaven, we presume you a rich reward. Please send us word soon as convenient whether you will unite with us. The society is still in its infancy we have not yet matured any regular plan of proceedings, ^{suggesting} should be happy to receive any from you. Do send us some of the offerings of your mind something which will

instruct or benefit their dear youth. The choice of subjects for the year as also the frequency of sending them, but the day of will be gratefully received. I ought to have mentioned that the Board of Managers consists of a President, five Assistants and Secretaries. On the present year the society has elected Mrs. A. B. Allen, Am. Mrs. Dr. Chapin Secretary, Mrs. & Mr. Jacobus Sec. Miss A. E. Carter Treas. Offer not a copy of the constitution by me, but have told the main part of it. I almost long now to be some of your efforts - I have not forgotten that you have our letter from me still unanswered. You cannot know how much pleasure a letter from you gives me. I cannot promise any thing very valuable in return. I know you have other and far more valuable friends, but I am simply appealing to your benevolence today. When you have your pen in hand just scribble a few lines to Reginald my lovely Henry. Remember it is more blessed to give than to receive. I am not very lonely just now, but am much more dependent on friends than when you were last.

Mr. Jackson and family have returned into this new home and seem to enjoy it much. It is indeed a beautiful situation. Look you would come and see it. Shall you not visit us this season? We should be very glad to see you, and will meet you well as we are able. Days pass back what socks and such things would be no use for you now. Am not here but the best of all ways. Will you. How kind the year is a beautiful home about long enough. Think some of looking forward to day

Mr. Jackson came very near leaving us this spring but has at length concluded to remain. Mr. Badger is now quite active in school. Dr. Volentine too is a fine young man and most noble trustee. The state of religion with us is rather low. Some additions Eight were baptised a few sabbaths since several will probably be baptised tomorrow morning. Two of the candidates are interesting cases they are ^{have both been members of the Seminary for two years past or} ^{one case} ^{the parents of one are fashionable Unitarians} ^{her father an officer in the United States Army} ^{great Unitarian} ^{has published none however but will probably do so.}



My Anne Nicholas
Care of Rev W. A. Williams
New York.



By Miss Barker.

This writing is quite well done much love. Miss Barker is gardening and journeying. It would not be a miracle that you see her in New York with sincere affection as ever yours A. B. H.

Emily is their eldest daughter. A young lady of first rate intellect the pride of the family. She entertained a hope about 2 years since but could not let her parents know of the change in her sentiments till last fall. They felt deeply, but would not restrain her. She is now very decided and is anticipating the ^{service} ^{exercise} of the morning with feelings of almost transport. Her cousin has always attended Dr. Fay's church and expects still to unite there. Her attachments are very strong, but she must be baptised, something new for us to baptise for our congregational brethren.

Ms. A. 9.2.10.6