

Troy 10th June 1830

My dear Mrs. Nicholas

On my return from New York where I have been passing several weeks I found Matilda's letter containing your cards. I regret that they were not sent on time as I should have answered without delay. I wish sincerely that it were in my power to send you some pupils. my Brother Ebenezer's two daughters are placed at the Seminary here on account of my residing here, as they are motherless I have a peculiar care over them, were you not so far off I should certainly place them with you in preference. your location is a delightful one, and I trust there are many happy and prosperous days in store for you and your dear daughters. I have not been unmindful of you, but have frequently enquired and had the satisfaction to hear that your prospects were favorable. — I have thought of you much and sympathized deeply in the loss of your estimable Brother Mr Rhineclander. I had the happiness to pass a few days with him at Thompson last August, and renewed the friendship which several years separation had in a measure diminished. we conversed much concerning you, he expressed the strongest interest for yourself and children, and hoped much that your present situation would prove a good and permanent one, and much

more suited to your taste than a large city. — He was quite
cheerful and much pleased with his visit at the Lake, and
said he should go there this season and spend some
weeks. I found him the same delightful companion, the
same polished manner which constitutes the charm of
life and smooths the rugged path which we are doom-
ed to travel. — when we parted I felt that I had seen
him for the last time and a deeper shade of melan-
choly hung over me. — I wish I could place my nei-
ces with you, but I know their Father would object to
the distance. The steam boats bring Troy near New
York and the readiness of acceptance renders it desirable
to him. I promise to use my endeavours to procure you
pupils, but out of my own family I have little influence.

I hope in passing to New York you will make
Troy a stopping place we shall be much grati-
fied to see you, Matilda, and Emma. since your
visit to Johnstown I have felt bound to you by a feeling
almost of relationship, perhaps the recollection of
your visit associated with my beloved children who
enjoyed it with me, and were so charmed both with Mr.
Rhinelander and yourself, and your early intimacy
with my dear Brother Washington, all have tenored
to bind me to you. Mr Tavis Sarah and Irving
send love and good wishes to yourself Matilda and
Emma — I am my dear Mrs Nicholas
your sincerely affectionate

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