

Norway Oct. 16th. 1866.

My dear Henry and Nellie.

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I was thankful to hear of your welfare and continued happiness.

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Politically, the country moves, in the right direction, and the elections are a severe rebuke to Andrew Johnson. — I hope, he knows it, and feels it. — Would that he would repent and do works, meet for repentance. — Good may come from his evil course. — We will hope for the purification of the masses, which the rousing energies of the nation, will enlighten — and guide to better results. — Mr. Millett still retains his office. — His turn will come soon, I fear. —

I have not yet seen Mr. Luce take this to office

I am thankful for every new evidence of your happiness, which I trust will increase to a deep and abiding feeling, as the novelty and excitement pass away.

I am very happy in the knowledge that you are so, and earnestly desire that health and prosperity will be among your daily blessings.

I do not think of any news of interest to you. The first of November we are to settle Mr. Murry as our pastor. I am glad to know that you have good preaching, and hope Mr. Wright (is that the name?) will be your pastor and friend.

All friends send love and congratulations. I am looking earnestly for letters from you, and keep Luce posted as to the right time for the steamer, knowing Nellie's anxiety to hear from home.

Your affectionate mother,
Nellie's letter has E. A. Michels - just arrived.

Per Steamer.

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Mrs May H. R. Nichell.

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E A Mighels. --

Nellie's letter has just arrived --

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Per Steamer

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Mrs Maj H. R. Mighels
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