Thursday night

Dear Mary,

I thought it might be wise to write a line over night as there aren’t likely to be many spare minutes in the morning. Alice arrived in due season and was sorry to miss you. She seems glad to get here – I don’t think she liked Gerish’s Island so well as the Champernowne [13], but the corner pleased her as usual and she walked the garden with pleasure after a leisurely tea. She mentioned one interesting fact – that she was afterward to look at that boat which we didn’t take when we rowed over to Little Harbor and found it to be full of water. Aren’t you glad we didn’t set sail in her? — This afternoon I went after butter and Charles pleased me by parading the entire length of Front St. in Salmon Falls when I expected to turn up Yellow St. It seemed to be necessary to him for some reasons and I made no questions. When we came home by the Landing I made a call upon John until it was time to go after Alice. He was in a fine frame and talked about the horses with great spirit until I was obliged to delight the rest of the company with a brief account of the day I took Miss Grant to you with Susan. Carrie and Theodore went to drive tonight but one called before that and one afterward. It has been a most lovely day[,] cool and bright with such a nice wind that blew just hard enough. I miss you very much. The works of Mr. Clough [14] have gone on pretty steadily and he seems to have got a good deal done. I find he makes a great talk about how he had better do things and knows perfectly well all the time. He took much time from me and Annie and inclined us toward a decision and when I happened to look at it I found he had done it the other way! I shall know another time and save these precious moments for all three! It all seems simple enough. I don’t see how he can be many days, but perhaps he can! Give ever so much love to all won’t you and keep much for yourself from a sister

Ask Aunt Mary if the Indians are there.

[13] Gerish Island is in Maine; Champernowne is off the NH coast.
[14] George A. Clough was a well known Boston architect who had been hired to design the Fogg Memorial Library for Berwick Academy. He consulted with SOJ, AF, and Sarah Whitman on various aspects of the design. The building was erected in 1894.