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Dear Journal,

Today I went to the Longfellow's house. Zilpah opened the door so I decided to talk to her. We went into the fine parlor and sat down. We talked about how we each were doing.

Zilpah showed me her room and Henry's and Alexander's room. Hen was playing on his rocking horse and got up and ran down the stairs. Their home was very beautiful. They had pine needle strings, some pine cones up on the windowsill and of course some candles lit up. The weather was pretty cold. It was very snowy out, too. The snow covered up everything! It was very nice for kids to go outside and make snowmen and snow angels too.

I wanted to look nice for my good friends, so I put on a beautiful dress and some high heeled shoes and my best dress gloves. They were wearing their best guest clothes. Like suits on the men, and dresses with warm bonnets on the ladies. I accepted their invitation to stay for dinner. Ann served us warm bread, turkey and stuffing, and dried vegetables from her garden. For dessert we had a delicious pumpkin pie to go with our tea. It must be easier to entertain when you have live-in servants to help you.

We had a great time and much laughter. I truly enjoyed playing dominoes in the best parlor with Young Hen and Alexander. I had so much to eat that I think I shall go to bed early tonight. Until tomorrow, dear journal.

Merry Christmas!



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