

[TO: Elias Carr, Raleigh, D.C.]

children. When trials for the welfare or health of our children come to us, all other anxieties flee away like a vapor, and seem as nothing in comparison.

Thanking you again for your kindness in sending the stamps, the boys send their kindest regards, and mine also to Mrs. Carr.

Very sincerely your friend
Margaret Sumner Curtis.

Chance says, "ask the Governor if he should come across a Confederate stamp, please remember me."

Southport, March 16th
'96

My dear friends:

Your welcome letter enclosing so many stamps, was received a few days since.

It was extremely kind of you to take so much trouble for the boys, and they highly appreciate it. Both Clarence and Portland send their hearty thanks. Howard is not a collector, as yet. We keep the boys all home as yet.

A great portion of the winter they have been studying with,

and receding to their father;
have improved rapidly. We
now have a good school, so
they attend it every day.

We hope they may be able to
enter the Sophomore class at the
University. Thanks, so very
much for your most cordial
invitation to us all to visit your-
self and Mrs. Carr at the Mansion.
I can think of nothing, which
would give us more pleasure; but
we seem quite tied down to
our village, with small prospects
of leaving it for some time to
come, unless projected improve-
ments are realized. This
place is not an attractive one.

Longenial I come to us, and
when the time comes for our
boys to leave us, we shall feel
quite desolate. Doctor sends
his kindest regards to yourself
and Mrs. Carr, and says, "tell
the General, I hope he will win
his suit against Henslow, that
my sympathies are entirely
with him." I hope your dear
little daughters are quite well;
and Eleanor has entirely recovered
from the serious attack which
she suffered ^{while} in Washington.

We felt much sympathy for
Mrs. Carr and yourself, in the
anxiety you must have suffered
during the illness of your dear