

for we want her to speak it well, and while they are young is the best time to teach them that language.

I have had no news from you since dear Therese's letter of October 11th, in which she tells me that my good Cousin Grant was about to be confined. I hope with all my heart that she is happily delivered and that God has spared to her the child. I intend to write her by this opportunity. As for Aunt, she appears to be well settled at Grosse Pointe. You would be very lonely if Therese were not with you. I am glad that Miss Adhémar has taken charge of the children. It must be much better having some one near, who is not obliged to cross the river to come to them.

Do you know, Mother dear, my good husband says that I am so big and fat you would scarcely recognize me. However, I am not enceinte, thank God. Two are plenty, and it is a pleasure to do my duty toward them, and to dear M., and a satisfaction to myself. You would never imagine a kinder father than he is, so that we deserve to be called a happy couple. He is a loving husband, and I am an obedient wife, and there you have a true description of our little family.

As for news, I have none to write you. In our department we are all busy preparing everything to receive the French, who, they say, intend to pay us a visit. For all that, I'm not at all afraid of them. I am so brave, I think I could kill one myself, with a pistol, if he showed up. Don't suppose that I should have two loaded pistols in my room every night if I did not know how to fire them, and although the house where I live is not much exposed, nevertheless, when my dear M. is away, I am easier in mind with the thought of having something to defend myself in case of attack. They say that there are enough artillery officers in Flanders without any more, which is good news for me, for then my husband will not leave England. There are to be several camps this summer, and I think he will go to the same one as last year. I am indeed glad of this for it is a very comfortable place. I am thinking that you are all very peaceful in Detroit. My dear father will be reviewing his militia from time to