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Dear Miss Bonce

Your last letter I partially answered by Mr B. I was much hurried for time, & I was sorry to be obliged to give you such disagreeable intelligence respecting Anne, I hope she is determined to be more attentive, I feel very anxious for her improvement and it grieves me much that she does not equal my wishes and I fear will disappoint your expectations, I hope however if her improvement is slow it will be sure, I answered your enquiries respecting music, and still think you will be satisfied with Ellen but as it is an expensive accomplishment, I would be glad Anne would pay more attention — she wrote last week & upon the whole I thought it better, she mentioned my having the Sunday School cards. I shall forward them by the first opportunity. E Bond was to have written to you respecting them. she is much better in health. [illegible] begs to be affectly remembered to you

I know you will be sorry to hear my school is not increasing, I attribute it the situation and flatter myself with better success in a more central situation, there is however so much difficulty in procuring a House with every requisite at a rent I would venture to incur, Mrs Bond who is my Oracle thinks the removal advisable but fear of my inability to pay $900. 800 per annum keeps me wavering at present I find it quite hard enough to muster $400. The Blessing that my Family have enjoyed of good health reconciles me to my other trials, but indeed My Dear Miss Bonce I find myself desponding at times against my will, had I in Ireland determined to undertake what I have done here. I should have been able to support my Family handsomely, but I fear in this country my business is new alone as much as every thing else, excuse me being such an egotist. your enquiries lead me to it

Please present my best respects to your Father Mother & Sister. My Sister unites in love to you with Anne & Ellen. accept my Dear Miss Bonce my best wishes for your health and believe me to remain

Your affect. Friend

M. Grimshaw