Dear Father Son,

The children of Mr. Welke have written to their father to know what he wanted them to study. Mr. Welke does not intend his children to follow any of the learned professions, but wants for them a useful instruction, English language, its grammar, composition, & Arithmetic, Elements of Algebra and geometry, Modern Geography, and an extensive religious instruction. To all he expects from these. Next year he may allow them to take an instrument of music; but for the present he thinks they have enough to learn, and he thinks as they did in old times, Phœbus intended, minorit ad legula dulcis.

It will not be in my power to go for the benediction of your church; but you will see me before Christmas. Brother Benedict is at work, and Brother Emmanuel will begin next week.

We are all well here.

Yours truly,

[Signature]