

indeed I am growing
quite sensible would
you believe it keeping house
I told Father for him
this year for myself might
the only reply be designed
to give was very well he
takes the world easy.
Oh Ellen I have been
doing some high things
of late wont tell what
but come and see.
my next letter will be
to Lizzie. With love to all
from all Good Bye. Dont
dont think I scatched
this with the paws of
my cat

Washington March 22

I have waited as long dear
Ellen as I can because
I must hear from you
not that I care for Belmont
but for you write all about
yourself and Lizzie do you
recollect your promise if
you do not I do and keep
it you shall. Now let me
tell you my plans you
and Lizzie are to come
down in a few weeks
as it is holiday in Washington

and will be delighted
them although I don't go
out much myself I will
try to ~~make~~ be agreeable
at home cousin Kate

goes every where and knows
everyone she will be
most happy take charge
of you Father begs me
to go out more and I will
when you come all join
in requesting you Father
Mother, Kate, Wharton, Soph
Molly and all even the
cats and dogs inspired by
a spirit of imitation to add

their names to the list
can you excuse their
tender pleadings dear
Ellen you don't know
how I want to see you

or you would come
post haste. I paid Julia
a visit yesterday I thought
she looked well ~~she~~
and will return soon
I would write to beg your
Mother and Father did
I not fear often they saw
the letter would never
let their daughters go to
see so foolish a girl but

Princeton Dec. 23rd 1842

My Dear Miss Eleanor,

I received your last, in due time, after it was written, and just a day I believe after I had written to your Brother. I can fully appreciate the excuse you offer for not answering mine sooner, and am perfectly satisfied with it. If every one who delays answering the letters of their correspondents gave the excuse that they were engaged in going to school, in other words, that they were engaged in acquiring useful knowledge, few would complain of the neglect. If you are never situated so as that you must be forced to offer a word you will be well off indeed. I hope indeed that you are profiting greatly by what you learn at school. I should be very sorry if at any time you should neglect any known duty to accommodate me. On the contrary, I hope you will make it a matter of conscience to perform every duty upon your own self, your parents, and all around you before you think of me. And if you perform all the duties which are incumbent upon you, you will find your time fully occupied. Of these some are more important, and some less so, that is, some relate to higher objects, and more than to be desired than others, on account of their future relation to our happiness; but still the obligation to the performance of every duty is a perfect obligation. And though we performed all those appearing of higher moment, we would still be accountable for the neglect of the less. On you as one just entering on life there are some obligations that are very binding, and of great importance, and you will not take it amiss I know if I remind you of one, and urge you to discharge it, which I consider the greatest. I mean the study of your Bible. There is, whatever may be said to the contrary, but one end which we all ought to have in view, and there is also but one way of attaining that end. The end is the salvation of our souls, and the way to attain it, is by a diligent use of the means God has appointed. The beginning of the use of these means must be the reading of God's word, because instruction is first necessary. Knowledge is necessary before we can believe, for the faith which is not enlightened and wise, is the same as no faith at all. The whole business of the Ministry of the Gospel is to give instruction. To urge upon the people their duty, only after you have taught them what it is. And the source of all this knowledge is the Bible, and whosoever diligently and prayerfully reads that will acquire the knowledge necessary to save his soul, and moreover may rest assured that God will bless him, because he is using the means with which God has seen fit to connect the blessing. And if you think for one moment you will discover the importance of this; and you are peculiarly advantaged for securing your salvation. Just think for a moment what would be your condition if you were growing up in the same state with the multitudes of Hindostans, who cannot be saved by any possibility, because they know not Christ. And thus consider how you are blessed, by having the privilege to live in a Christian land, and having good books to read, and the Gospel preached to you every Sabbath; and you cannot help but see how you are bound to act. Read the Bible then every day, and every night pray to God to give you wisdom to understand it, and a heart to love its truths, and to love God, and you will secure your happiness without the possibility of doubt, if you are only sincere in what you do, and in what you ask. God has said, "If ye ask believing, ye shall receive."

I was glad to see by some remarks which you made in your letter that you did feel that it was the duty of every one to attend to the ~~for~~ affairs of religion. And I have taken that feeling as a ground upon which to urge upon yourself a more diligent attention to it than you have hitherto paid. Whoever does anything, even the smallest, which is calculated to turn the attention of the young away from this subject is culpable in a high degree in the sight of God, because the young are more likely to be led astray than others, since example teaches them more strongly than precept. The very opposite course ought to be the one pursued by every man. If we would do our duty we would teach every child as soon as it is capable of knowing anything that it has a wicked heart by nature, and that it can only expect to be saved by the mercy of Christ; and at the same time we should urge it to go to him for help, and blessing. I have said a great deal more on this subject than I intended when I began, and I ask you to look upon ^{me} with leniency for filling so much of my sheet with one thing, though an important one. The excuse is for myself, not for the subject, for that needs no excuse from man for appearing any place. I was much pleased to hear of your little brother, as I had heard nothing of him for a long time. I would love my mind to see him, as I have never had that pleasure. And you offer me a pretty strong inducement for coming when you tell me that he is able to express a wish for it; but still I fear it cannot be. You know I am very fond of little children, much more so than most others. We have two or three here, and I am the only one of the ~~family~~ ~~to~~ ~~attend~~ ~~to~~ ~~them~~ ~~about~~ ~~going~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~country~~ ~~at~~ ~~present~~ ~~and~~ ~~would~~ ~~like~~ ~~to~~ ~~see~~ ~~how~~ ~~much~~ ~~she~~ ~~has~~ ~~grown~~ ~~and~~ ~~how~~ ~~she~~ ~~can~~ ~~talk~~ ~~since~~ ~~I~~ ~~have~~ ~~left~~. I hope you will be very kind to your little brother, and bring him up with a love for every thing that is good, for a great deal depends on you, as he will always have your example before him, and you know children always imitate those about them, and if the example is not very good, they will grow up with bad habits. I had heard by Charles of the marriage of Mr. Smith. This is nearly the only marriage I have heard of as taking place in your neighbourhood since I left. People there must have given up marriage. Why the winter I was with you we had no less than three in Smithfield, leaving Billy's out of the list altogether. Say the way what has become of Billy? You appear to think it strange that Mr. Smith should have been so attentive to his new wife as to have forgotten you. Now I don't think it strange at all. If I had as pretty a young wife as he has, I think I would forget every body else; and thus you ought to consider that he has been so long in the world without having the privilege before, that there is some excuse for him. You know the maxim, "Old fools are the worst of fools," and especially old bachelors. It is no more than is to be expected that they will not know how to behave themselves.

I am kept very busy here at present, and have no time to spend by way of amusement. I did hope that our Professors would give us a walk at Christmas, but it appears they have not the power, as that belongs to the Trustees of the Institution. Now months is a very long session, and I fear I will get very tired before it is up. They do however grant permission of absence to ~~alms~~ ~~as~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~desires~~ ~~to~~ ~~go~~ ~~and~~ ~~see~~ ~~their~~ ~~friends~~, but unfortunately I am so far from home as not to be able to go. And moreover as the exercises are not suspended I would lose some that I ought not to lose. I might indeed go to Philadelphia and spend a week very pleasantly, as I have some very pleasant friends there, and I have an invitation from one of my fellow students to go with him, but I prefer to stay. I suppose I need never expect to have much more time to spend in doing nothing, or in visiting friends, unless I can do it in the way of my profession. I have no mind of any importance to write to you, and I fear you will find this a very dry epistle, but you must not let this hinder you from writing me one full of all the news. Your complaint of the ~~of~~ ~~your~~ ~~ink~~ ~~last~~ ~~time~~ ~~was~~ ~~a~~ ~~very~~ ~~just~~ ~~one~~, for I could hardly see your words at all. If you do not take better ink next time I will have to put on my "spectacles" to read your letter. I suppose I ought to make you an apology for filling so much of your sheet in writing to another, but I think you can hardly complain, seeing I have taken such a large one. And even now I have written you a very long letter. Give my love to all at home, and accept my best wishes for yourself.

Your true friend &c
Rice

Ms. A. 9. 2. 10. 11
Rice

Tell Mrs Elizabeth that the next opportunity I have shall try and send her a book.
Please tell your Brother that his letter, which was to come in a few days after
I last heard from Va, has never arrived. I shall be willing to receive him however
if he is willing to postpone himself for coming on here in the spring. Remember
that I will be here until the 15th of next month. Give my love to all —

Wm. W. Woodbridge

April 5th 1860

Princeton N. J., April 5th 1860.

My dear Miss Brewster,

Circumstances not under my control have forced me to take
advantage of your permission to defer answering your letter somewhat longer
than I intended. You however I shall proceed to write "hard words" inasmuch
as it will be altogether as convenient to send you a few lines when I send
you the book at Princeton. I was pleased to hear from you often, and to hear
that you were making commendable advances in your studies; I trust you
will continue to do so, at the time is coming to you, if God is pleased to spare
your life, when all you have acquired in your youth will be found neces-
sary to enable you to act well your part in life. And even this, how much more
it may be, will be found not to be any too much, if enough, upon the supposition
that you acquire, ^{in a measure} at any possessed of the same advantages. I saw Mr. Water a
few days ago, and he kindly promised to carry to you, on his return to Va, the book
I promised to send to you. This college session ended, I believe on the 8th, so that
he will be at home in the beginning of the following week. And in embracing this
opportunity of writing to you I may as well give you some idea of the book before
you read it. It is altogether of a religious character, nor does it contain any
narrative, but is didactic altogether. I have thought since I first mentioned it to
you that it was perhaps not the best book I could have sent you now, from the
fact that to understand it thoroughly requires more knowledge of the subjects of
which it treats than one of your age can be expected to possess. It was written
by request for the benefit of a certain class of persons, as you will see by the preface,
but a careful reading however you cannot fail to derive a great deal of the most nec-
essary knowledge, for it is perhaps the most complete work, and the best calcu-
lated to answer the end, that was ever written. It will benefit you especially when
you have grown older, should you, as I trust you will, give it a second reading there.

Miss Brewster to Wm. W. Woodbridge

Princeton N. J.

April 5th

1860

I hope too that some of the rest will read it, as well as yourself, as it is simply a presentation and proof of the particular doctrine which the author thinks, and which perhaps all other men think, necessary to be believed, in order that a man may be saved at all, as its title, "The way of life," imports - that is, the way which leads to eternal life. On this subject no one should be ignorant, and no one should find the time necessary to acquire such a knowledge; and above all no one should be willing to delay such an inquiry for an hour, when the means of acquiring it are in his hand, when he knows not how short may be his life, while he certainly knows that without believing no man shall be the Lord's, i.e. enter heaven. Remember all you live that the slender thread which binds man to life may be snuffed in a moment, even in the midst of his most holy days, and he be cast straight into the presence of his God, and judge; and without this knowledge he will not be able to stand in judgment, but will inevitably be cast out as a rebel from the presence of his God forever. I trust then that some of the rest will not think that I am asking too much of them, if I ask them to read it, seeing that upon a right understanding of such truths depend their future happiness, the duration of which future existence is greater in comparison with the present, which absorbs us so much, than the ocean to a single particle of vapour; in fact there is no proportion between them, for time can bear no proportion to eternity. There is another book, which I do not recollect ever to have heard you mention, which you would find interesting in the very highest degree. I mean 'Bunyan's Pilgrim's progress'. This book though some look upon it as very silly, is certainly one of the most wonderful ever written, and perhaps no man in the world could write another of the same character equal to it. Mr. Macaulay, in his miscellaneous works, now publishing in this country, one of the best English writers, says that that age produced but two truly great minds, John Milton and John Bunyan. The story is what is called an allegory, something figurative, in which that which is the literal sense of the words, is not the real meaning of the writer. In truth which is intended is the eternal life, represented as a journey through this world, and is full of wonderful adventures.

This book you can get from Mr. Baskin, who has a number of them in the store, and he will no doubt suffer you to read one of them. He writes another interesting book, "The Holy War," or the conflict between Christ and the Devil for the souls of the sinners, in the same style. Though I have not heard from Abel for a long time, I trust he has not given up the idea of coming on here in the spring. The College sessions will commence, I believe, the very week that our session will end, so that if he comes I will not have much time to see him until the next ordinary session. I hope however he will come on a few days, before the session ends. I had long been with what intention to look forward to my vacation. Perhaps I may be permitted to spend some of it at home, and to renew again my acquaintance with old friends with whom I have been very little for several years. I should like, and one for whom I had a great regard, however, I will not meet, as she has gone to her final resting place a few weeks ago. She has entered the unseen world, and knows all the realities of the future state. I trust that to her the exchange was pleasant. On the other hand I may be forced immediately to go elsewhere, to engage in some employment, either a teaching, or preaching. We have no need of any importance. The only particular topic of conversation for some time, is the comet which is now blazing in the heavens. A few nights ago we had a very interesting lecture from one of the College professors on the subject of comets, in general, in which we learned perhaps as much about them as is definitely known. I wish I had space here to give you some idea of these wonderful bodies. From no other part of the universe, perhaps, can we gain such a clear idea of the wonderful power of God as from this. There are no doubt thousands of them scattered with our system, as it has been calculated that on an average two have appeared every age since the Christian era. Many of these perhaps go away never to return, indeed from the course they take round the sun it is certain. Some it is thought do not return for thousands of years. Perhaps they go away nearly or altogether as far as the fixed stars, and of such a distance we can form no idea; for if the diameter of the earth was represented by two hairbreadth the distance to the nearest fixed star would be represented by one hundred and sixty miles. Supposing 100 hairbreadth to form an inch, what is the distance of the first fixed star?

Mr. Mercer is very ill he is
going to some watering place
this summer I don't know
where perhaps Mr. Mercer
will go with him.
Mr. Mercer returned yesterday
and is going to take us
to the Atlantic on the
great river to the creek.
We are going to have "us
and you" for dinner Ellen
will give you glass honey.
The talk has moved over
to our room and I
and Ellen are sitting up in
the middle of your bed
writing your letters have you

any objection I would not
let Ellen if you just
finish it. Has Lizzie any
notion of returning yet, she
has been going to write
to her soon. Yesterday
evening we all went
into the garden to get
mulberry's salsa etc too
many and the consequence
was that she was quite
sick last night about
three o'clock with the
usual accompaniment and throw
ing up. I suppose that
you heard that Callie
Tyler got on her record for
general conduct sweet and

Top Belmont Va
July 6

Miss E. G. Colley
Care Dr. O. Colley
Middleway
Jefferson County
Virginia

was too ardently true
to change - But there is
telling that even can do!
This contempt this ill
treatment never met with before
I solely ascribe to a certain
Sam Morse


Who engages your thoughts
your whole time and attention
Your heart - but for blunders
sakes that I'll not mention
And leaves you no moments
to think of a friend
Who'd never forget you no
Heaven defend

But O then good bye! I'll not
teaze you again
With letters that give less of pleasure
Than pain



Stamton Jan^r 22. 1849.

Well! Miss Seaboy I see
from your silence so long,
that you're plainly offended
and what has gone wrong?
I insist upon knowing
will take no excuse
So don't try to tick me for
while be of us and
I'm determined to know
if indeed, word, or thought
I have injured you Miss
~~or~~ in any way sought
to offend one who knows
that I love her too well
Purposely to displease her

and thank the sweet spirit 
The last word I heard from
any of you

was some time before
Christmas a sentence or two
from that most original
mischievous girl,

or in short from a person
you call "Sister Lizzie"

I had written to you two or
three weeks before

and met with a neglect
which is plain said "you love"
I am quite sick and tired
of letters from you

and so I politely will bid
you adieu.

So if you had told me
in so many lines
"Miss Scollay all intercourse
further declines."

Now Ellen I am sure it is
needless to say

that not for the whole world
would I homage pay
to one who'd mistake my
attentions and find

would send me where they
could never see me again.

But you my dear Ellen I
fondly believed

I could love without fear
of ever being deceived

That your friendship like mine



And in saying Farewell
but two persons I'll ask
They are that you won't
Think it too great a task
To read this poor scrawl
and though true, may be

Believe me forever your friend

Wm. B.
" "

Shepherdstown Nov 15 1849.

My Darling Ellen

I was surprised enough you
may imagine at the sudden appearance
of Barn just as we were sitting down
to tea, not knowing what could be
the matter, but I was soon relieved
and no less delighted at the receipt
of your sweet little note - together
with the little remembrance you
sent me I thank you many times.
If I had not have just dispatched
a long letter to my yesterday morning
by mail which I hope you have
received in this, I would write
now now, but I feel so very badly
to day suffering pain all night,
that I feel perfectly disheartened at
its lasting so long. About the carriage
when it is mended I want you

Miss Ellen Sealey
Middlebury
Jefferson Co Va

By train.

comes to see me, it seems a great
pity that the carriage should go
from here empty does it not
I can't bear the idea of it, and
if you should send for it on
this Saturday and it should be
finished I mean, I will go
in it to see you, with your
permission - I am very anxious
to do so - Saturday week I am
engaged up to Mrs Meales to stay
till Monday with directly and
say when I may expect to see
you - In the greatest haste
Your own ever devoted

Hester.

Best love to all.

I determined when I came to school
this year to engage Mathematics and
I have done it too and you congratulate
me. I get on very well indeed and being
I was now doing a full sized book
of 48 pages and began it is not quite
done but has been very much admired
already my teacher thinks it much
handsome than the model if I should
send you a piece Ellen would you
prize it? I hope I am improving in
music too. Sam Caryl taught us very
much pleased his says with ^{my} progress.
and would you believe it Mr Phillips
is going to give me a Diploma if I stay
till July. I believe I have mentioned
Lucie White my particular friend
here she says she loves you for my
sake and is going to write you a note
she is one of the loveliest things I
ever saw both in appearance and
character she looks like an angel
and is like me. Give my best love
to dear Liza your sister Thomas Anne
your father Mother and every one
I see my other expenses this month and
I am it as soon as you send that is
if you can send it which I fear is doubtful
Yours devoted
C. G. B.

Wednesday March 21, 1849
Study hour

Yells Ellen I suppose
you think I mean intend to write to you
but because I am not going to make a
single apology for I have thought you so
much that you have not several times
and with less expense too, but let by gone
the by gone and send Ellen to something
more interesting. I received Liza's last card
weeks ago and was of course delighted to
hear from you also. But here is Miss Leto
come to ask me to write another french
exercise for her & for the present and
send to our nice letter that.

Thursday morning Yells dear Ellen I have a few
minutes leisure before school and I had
determined to scribble them in adding
a little to my letter, for a word has
been in clear day and you said how very
thing like the weather for the last
six weeks it has been nothing but rain
rain rain continually I have was as

things we have been shut up here like
caged birds until we all look like a
company of witches our complexions of every
color of the rainbow the girls are all in
gaiters as usual this evening at the appearance
of the man and Mary Peas (whom I believe
I have mentioned before) is amusing as
she very much with antics she is one
of the greatest comers I ever saw she
has been pretending she hid the pail
and shaking a bunch of keys in one
ear until some of the girls have flatter
pronounced her "the biggest fool they ever
saw". There was a serious part a letter and
then three months before the end
of the session and though I am very
happy here I shall not be sorry I am
nearly ready to go home home has not come
yet I am expecting a letter from her to
say if she does not come I think I shall
go home home next month I have no time
to write more now you see what work
I have to get out a letter. Now
I have a little more time now so I'll
make the best use of it and try to conclude
this most interesting letter indeed I am
glad to be able to send it but you will
excuse me about your writing? I have
written a good many practical compositions

This winter and should have sent them
to you if I had had time to copy them
but never mind when we meet you shall
have them all if you will. You do not
know my dear Ellen how much I think
you all and sometimes feel as if I should
go away if I did not see you. please send
let dear little Molly and don't forget and
and talk to your father and mother
my love and thank of me just that they
say much. There is such a ^{delightful}
-and person in the land of the living
Mrs. or Miss Ellen you have sent some
money to California all from fellow I
am sorry you treated him so badly but
really I was always a little jealous of him
and wishing all success in his gold
digging expedition I am glad he is good
of course you understand me Ellen and
and be angry at what I have said on this
subject. Has ever George Washington come
in Ellen if I see in your place I would
find with that fellow to his heart's content
I take him very much but I should not
have the least pity for him on such
an occasion as a "flirt". But should you
like to know how my studies come on
the Lord I have finished Geometry and
am at Algebra again and I really like it

make this one attempt to
gain a small share of
of that heart. For I hope
you have heard there
was in existence a being
bearing the name you
will find to this, if not
let me introduce to you
a being a very humble
human being, about
five feet three, with
hair neither red, black
or blue, for his eyes they
are about the color
of his hair. But the

above-mentioned color
to yellow and you will
love the precise color
of his hair and eyes.
As to the other features
she would not be willing
to appear to the full
view of a stranger. Still
I call you a stranger? I
trust you will not
long be such, the ties
of friendship now so
slender, will soon be
strengthened by the assurance
from your own heart

"To Ellen."

Local paper letter - 23 Feb 1850

Miss Scollay
By the kindness of our
Cousin Parks, ^{your} late kind message
has been received and allowed
me to assure you that it and all
of its predecessors have been
placed in the treasury of memory
to be cherished & remembered
as proof of kindness of feeling
existing between persons, who
tho' they had never met "in propria
persona" still know each other by
reputation, and why should not
not know each other? for I really
believe that half of my friends
both male and female have
the pleasure of claiming you as
a friend also. - And upon this
I may on some degree depend for
a portion in your good graces.
Among all our mutual friends
(and there are scores of them) no one
I venture to say occupies a more
exalted position in true affection
and esteem than our Cousin Parks.
I may perhaps be judging these
feelings by my own - but still I

imagines myself correct —
Parker says you bid me not
believe half they say whose
veracity is here brought into
question — nor has Miss Scully
to tell the truth Miss Scully my
impression is that you will be under
the necessity of arraigning "Madame
Rumor" for the advances & sending
charges against you and the only
way to prove them false is to
bring suit against her for slander.
if you need learned legal
advice, allow me to direct
your attention to Mr. Samuel
Storow of Charlestown as
a gentleman who will doubtless
engage in your cause with
heart and hand. The fee
too could probably be adjusted
in a satisfactory manner to both
parties. Of course my humble
services shall always be at
your disposal — but the gentleman
above indicated being nearer
could carry on the suit with
more vigor

"production" Would that this
the inspection of my fair

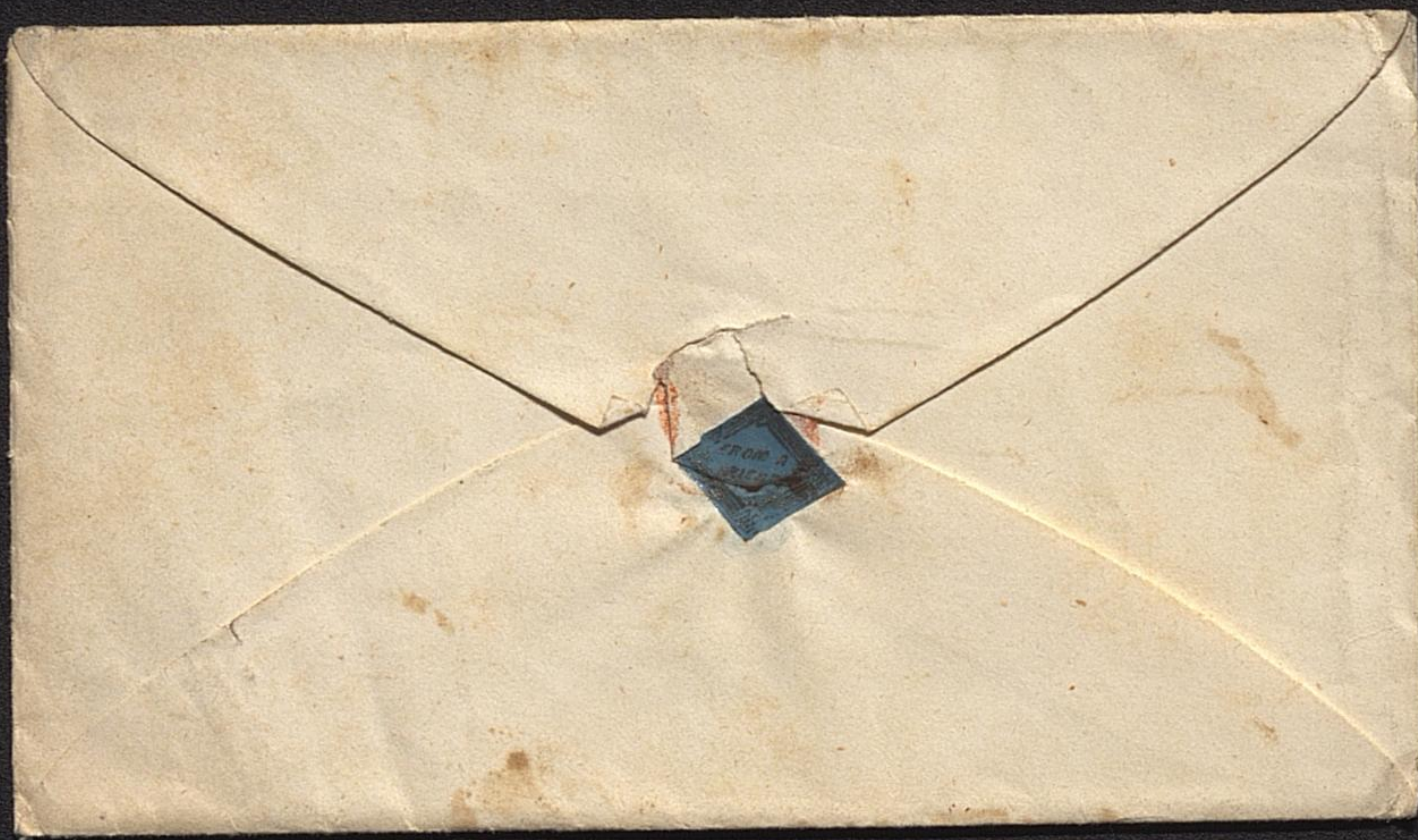
Cousin — for I could say
much which tho' perfectly true,
to her might sound like flattery
you know her well enough however
to place upon her intrinsic
merit as high a valuation as
I do — I must pray your
forgiveness Miss Scully for so
lengthy a trespass on your
patience — and sincerely
hope that you may be satisfied
that what has been said is
prompted by feelings of the
highest respect and as a
friend of Parker's in whom
we both feel so deep and
interest — With true respect & Esteem
your "Cousin"

S. Appleton Storow,

Miss Ellen's Scollay

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Miss Wellford 3



admirer of Miss Salra's and never entertained too high an opinion of her Ladyship so you have my solution, whether it be correct or not. I have seen Becky Smith but once since you left, she inquired very particularly after you, and said she should certainly expect you up to stay some with her - You had a number of persons to call on you after you left, the Jones's regretted exceedingly that the weather prevented their calling sooner, we are sometimes reminded of you girls by Dick and Ned singing Mr Jones, Dick trying to look like Sigger and sing like you, I detested your message at which he blushed and ran off he had just received one from Lillian M^{rs} Lusty, of the same nature, he is a susceptible youth and falls in love with every pretty face he sees. Father desires his kindest regards to you, and says he begs to be excused from playing the agreeable with any but the young and beautiful. Mamma sends her best love to you and Sigger, she says she is much obliged to you for your pattern, and will find use for it if not a name. I heard from Lillian M^{rs} Lusty the other day, she was quite well, and she had her visit to Sepperson in contemplation, I believe I have given you all the news I can think of at present, and as my paper is giving out I must draw my letter to a close, Remember me affect to Sigger and believe me to be as ever your attached friend, Lillian

The night you left us, which was Sunday night, we went to Church, and was attended we see standing at the door going into our pew, but I suppose the M^{rs} Jones, I suppose she was in hopes of getting a glimpse of the beautiful Miss M^{rs} Lusty, I send her love to Sigger and yourself
Yours truly
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Washington
June 18th 1850

I return you many thanks Dear Ellen for your sweet letter, it was a treat to us all, which so far from needing an apology, would have been selfish in you to have denied us, and most cheerfully do I consent to your proposition, that from henceforth this correspondence shall be continued, nothing could possibly afford me more pleasure than to have such a correspondent as yourself, you are unaware my dear Ellen of the deep impression both Sigger and yourself made upon the whole concern during your short stay in Washington, Randolph was almost inconsolable when you left, so far from his cheering us up, we had to exert ourselves to entertain him, and had not Miss Ellen been the entire theme, we should certainly have failed in our efforts, for our own amusement we would occasionally introduce one of our Washington belles, but it would not answer, we took him round the next day to see many of our Sixth street girls, some of

whom were quite interesting but "Cupid's arrow had pierced his marrow" dearest Ellen and they had to hang their harps upon the willow, they professed great admiration for the young gentleman, and had their charms equalled Miss Scollay's, I think the youth would soon have supplied himself with a wife. We have to day a Surgeon in the Navy dining with us, to whom, Father & Mama has recommended you highly he has made many inquiries about you as to where you live, whether you are pretty yet he says he is in pursuit of a wife and must have one before he makes his next cruise to sea, I believe he is now under orders, he appears to be quite in earnest so you may not be surprised if you see a stranger in your parts soon. My health has not been the best since I saw you, Mama & Father appear to be quite uneasy about me, we are making preparation for some watering-place, Father talks of taking us to Bedford and from there to the Warrenton Springs, but since I received your polite invitation to accompany Fannie & Cary up to Jefferson we are on tip-toe to change our route and make you a short visit and from your house to the Warrenton Springs, the idea of being with you girls is more delightful and would I've no doubt be more beneficial to me than all the watering places in the world, this visit I would

make upon condition that you and Lizzie would as soon as we returned or as soon as convenient & agreeable to yourselves make us a special visit, where we would do all in our power to make your visit agreeable to you. I liked to have forgotten to tell you that we met the delightful Mr Linton a few evenings since, he inquired particularly for the "charming little Miss Scollay", Old Capt Hardy the "cocked-eyed-gentleman" you met with here, drove up the other day in a splendid carriage and horses (which he had recently purchased) to see either you or myself, I don't know which I suppose we will make quite a contention about the carriage if not about the Captain. I am sorry you did not get to see us from Georgetown, had I known you were there, we would certainly have gone over to see you. You spoke of meeting the exquisite Miss Graham at the Capitol, her cordiality, and the gracious reception she gave you, when accompanied by a fine-looking beau, showing at the same time that you are so amiable and unsuspecting that you do not for a moment suspect her of any improper motion and call on me for an explanation, I am sorry dear Ellen I am not so charitable as yourself, I should say unhesitatingly that it was a selfish motive, and that the beau prompted her to such civility, you are aware that I never was an

I hope your Mother has had a pleasant visit to Batt - Mama and Father send their kindest regards to them and say that nothing would afford them more pleasure than a visit from them - Gus joins me in love to Cousin Fanny, Lizzie, and all the family - Kiss Molly and Harriet for me, and believe me to be your truly attached friend,

Fannie Tyler

Washington Sept 14th 1850

Dear Ellen

After a pleasant little jaunt of six hours we arrived safe at our happy home, found Mama, Father, and all the children, well and hearty and anxiously awaiting our arrival - although my dear Ellen I never passed my time more pleasantly in my life, than when with you all - yes, I am free to acknowledge it to be the most delightful visit I ever made, still I must confess I was charmed to get back to my friends in Washington - the joyous countenances that met us, together with the affectionate, and welcome reception we met with from all hands acquaintances as well as friends - was really delightful, we found the Col. and Mrs M^{rs} Cady at our house, when we arrived, they had been spending some days with Mama and Father, and remained with us until this morning - it was quite an unexpected pleasure to Fannie to meet her parents in Washington - I should have written

you a line dear Ellen the day after I got down
but this house has been so completely thronged with
company ever since - morning, noon, and night that I
have not had a moment to call my own - morning
visitors until three o'clock and every night quite a
Levee - Oh how I wish you and Lizzy were with us,
there's nothing wanting to complete our enjoyment
but your presence - Father and Mama often call upon
us to know if we are not anxious to see Ellen and
Lizzy - I believe they really entertained serious fears
that we would not be contented at home after so
pleasant a time in Jefferson - I must not forget
to tell you how near I was losing my trunk, Father
happened to miss the nine o'clock train of cars and
consequently did not meet us at the Relay house -
it was raining very hard when we arrived there,
and we being unaccustomed to travelling did not
pay proper attention to our baggage - my trunk with
the two carpet-bags was left. I knew nothing of it
until I arrived at the depot in Washington and was
not a little concerned I assure you, when I discovered
it; the Conductor however, assured me I should
not lose it, so the next morning at eleven he
sent it up - somebody had attempted to pick the lock
but fortunately did not succeed. We had an

invitation this morning to join a party to
Mount Vernon - but declined it, we have concluded
to put off our visit to Mount Vernon until you and
Lizzy come down - you must not keep us waiting too
long, Mama and Father are promising themselves a
great deal of pleasure from your visit - We took Mrs
M^{rs} Carty and Faller last night - to hear the Ethiopian
I was sorry they proved to be an indifferent company -
A gentleman from New-York called to see us the
other evening, he informed us that since Jenny Lind's
arrival there, they had raised the board to four
dollars a day, so I am afraid we will have to defer
our visit, until they reduce the prices at any rate - She
gave her first concert last Wednesday night, I am
told they took in twenty-four thousand dollars, ten
of which they gave to Jenny Lind, and she applied
every dollar of it to charitable purposes, isn't she
a lovely character? don't you wish she would give
us the benefit of one night's singing? I met Mary
Fendall on the Avenue yesterday evening - she hailed
me and wanted to know if I had not fallen in
love with your brother - saying - if you have not - I have
he is the dearest fellow I ever saw - Give my best
love to your dear Father and Mother and tell them
I shall ever remember them with the greatest affection

Washington
November 10th 1850

"What My dear Ellen is the cause of your silence, I sincerely hope it does not proceed from indisposition, though I must confess I feel uneasy, I have thought of every one of you separately, and knowing your sister's situation, I have imagined that perhaps she might not be well; I feel so anxious to hear from you all that I can wait no longer for a letter from you or an answer to Augusta's letter to Lizzie, we are all well at home, and are getting quite impatient for the time to arrive, when we shall have you with us, which time, My dear girls you must fix upon yourselves, as any time will suit us, we are more than anxious to see you, and were it left to us, we would say "come directly" but we will not be so selfish as to consult our

own pleasure altogether, we must look out
for yours, and as it will be much gaye^r later
in the season, perhaps it will be more pleasant
to you then, we will have more inducements to
offer you than at present, the city will be
crowded with strangers, and if we have as many
curiosities in the way of odd-looking people
among them this winter as we had last, that,
if nothing else will afford you no little amuse-
ment, besides Lenny Lind will be here, you must
try and be here at any rate before Christmas,
as we are preparing for the greatest fair that
has ever been in Washington, which will come
off about that time, Mama says you must be
certain to eat your Christmas dinner with her
and try a glass of her egg-nogg as she has
the reputation of making it very fine. I met
Old Capt Hardy the other day, he inquired very
particularly after you, and seemed, if possible
to be, more anxious for your arrival than Gus
or myself, saying he was determined to be
your constant attendant, he has promised to
give us a large party, which promise I hope
he will fulfil. We were invited to a large
bridal party a few days ago, given to the

Livingstones from New York, it was quite
a grand affair, they left immediately after
the party, I saw Kate Williams yesterday which
I believe is the second time since I left Belmont
she appeared to be delighted to see me I told her
I was expecting you and Lizzie down shortly
she sends her best love and says she will cer-
tainly do herself the pleasure of coming to see
you, answer this immediately and let me know
when you are coming down, Gus joins me in
love to you, and all the family, and believe
me to be as ever, your sincere friend
Lottie Tyler

Washington Dec 5th 1850

"Well done, dear Ellen, you really deserve credit for acting your part so admirably, or rather keeping your secret so well, I am free to acknowledge myself completely quipped, though I entertained suspicions about you, all the time "My young Namsel" still I had no idea your nuptials, were to be celebrated so soon, you deceived me as to the time, Guss and myself were anxiously expecting a letter from you girls containing the agreeable tidings, that we should have you with us, in a few days, when we anticipated no letter please, I assure you, in your pleasant society" then imagine our surprise, and disappointment, when we received the invitation to your wedding, Father and Mama were considerably amused at your shrewdness, in deceiving us all, saying "Housah for Ellen" she

knows what she is about, and making many remarks upon our long faces, declared they did not believe we were so much disappointed, at your not coming, and that we were mad, because it was not one of us, that was going to be married. Well, now the only way in which you can atone, for such conduct, is to make us a bridal visit; such an acquisition as Mrs. Moore's company, would be a sufficient compensation, and tell Lizzie I doubt not, that we shall have a more pleasant time when matrimonized by Mrs. Moore, than if we had gone out alone; to say the least of it, it will be most prudent, so I reckon after all, as Father says, you know how to manage best. We all regret exceedingly we cannot see you married. Father and Mama, send their love to you, and wishing you, added the happiness, this life can afford, desire me to say to Mrs. Moore, and yourself, that they shall be most happy to see you both, after your marriage. Do you contemplate a visit to the North? if so, had you not better come through Washington, as we shall have Jerry Lind here about that time, and if you postpone your visit to us, until your return from the North, you will miss her altogether, and as she is the great attraction now, I suppose you, like the rest of us, have some

curiosity to hear her sing, the Washingtonians are all on tiptoe, now for her arrival, of course Lizzie, will accompany you, we all send our love to her, and all the family, What will Fannie Mr. Lutz say, she assured us you were not engaged to Mr. Moore, professing to know all about it. Good bye "My Bonnie Lassie" I really don't know how to write to you, the bare idea, of your being married embarrasses me,
Fannie Tyler

I am really sorry not to accept her invitation, Papa advises my stay for prudential reasons. Cousin Eliza is kept at home because her father goes to-morrow on a visit to his friends in Albemarle & she cannot be away this last night. All join me in love to you Siryze & all our Clap relations. I will now conclude this lengthy apology with remembrances to Mr Moore and warmest wishes for you both

Your aff- friend
Julia N Pendleton

Dec 17th 1850

I hope dear Eleanor that you will be as sorry as I am to send it; to receive a note as a substitute for my own desirable person, but my reasons conspire to deprive me of the pleasure of meeting your party to night, not the least of which is that I have received rather a sudden summons to Frederick & must go by Saturday next. Uncle William is coming up on Thursday to return Saturday and Sue writes entreating me to return with him; I have been promising her a visit about Christmas; all the fall, & this seems so

good an opportunity of getting
there that she will take no denial.

I am sorry for one very particu-
lar reason to leave home just
now & that is that we hoped to
get out of you & Mr Moore together,
what we have not been able to ob-
tain separately for a long time.

A visit; but Cousin Eliza who
always spends her Christmas at
Poosmy says she don't want you
all to come while she is away &
of course I don't want you to
come while I am away. However
I shall return in a few weeks
we may have some bright wea-
ther & then should I see you

here once more (in an unimpedi-
tated form I declare) and have
again the pleasure that your so-
ciety always affords us? I hope so
dear Ellen & shall look forward
to that future time. We reached
home in safety the other day.

Papa said that only the lateness
of the hour when his work was
done prevented his going down
Thursday night. Robert has asked
many questions & wished often that
he could have been there. We return-
ed with the most pleasant recol-
lections & I anticipate at some
future time seeing two more friends
in Charlestown where I formerly saw
but one. My love to Miss Jennie

Mrs. S. J. C. Moore.
Charlestown.

Charleston, Kansas

March 6th 1857

My dear Miss Ellenor:

I cannot think of you as Madam until I pronounce at least a part of the nuptial benediction over your head. How unkind it was to wait until we were fairly out of Jefferson and then to get married by a resident who could not tie the ribbon knot half as tight as your tried and trusty parson.

I have thought a great deal of you for some time past and would have written long ago but my feelings are so saddened whenever I take the pen to write to any of my former flock that I have despaired. You do me great injustice if you think that I am disposed to be forgetful of my Smithfield friends.

In Anna and yourself I have ever felt a peculiar interest, and if my prayers in your behalf can be admitted on high, blessings will ever descend from heaven to shield and comfort you until the days of your pilgrimage are over.

I feel grateful to God that I was permitted to receive you into Christ's Church on earth, may you continue in it in faithful fellowship until we shall meet in the Church of the first born in heaven. You will have reason every day that you live to bless God for inclining your heart to choose the good part the part of great price. In every duty, in every conflict,

in every sorrow your Christian hope will prove its worth by severe trial, and while it bears you above the world it will fit you for every duty in the world. You will permit me to express my sincere anxiety on your account, for I long to present you in the great day of triumph pure and faultless unto the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

I congratulate you upon your happy union with the man of your choice; I congratulate Mr. Moore upon his late possession of the jewel of his heart. I knew your worth long before he did, and have formed a high opinion of his purity and judgment in making the discovery. Blessings abundant be upon your heads; may love with angel wings overshadow you; may providence enter into a league with you for joy and success; may time bear you gently along and in a good old age gather you peacefully to your fathers.

Memory with her smiling and tearful face is very busy with me while I write; old scenes and old friends are all around me, and I almost talk aloud under the pleasing illusion that I am with you all again. I sometimes think how pleasant it would be to be able to gather all my old parishioners into one parish and serve them as pastor for the rest of my days. May God keep us all while we live in a sinful world, and then bring us in peace to our inheritance.

How would you like to come to Rhenatha? You can say to Mr. Moore that Mr. Summers's partner is about leaving him for a valuable office in the Salt Company; if he would consent to it I would gladly use any best efforts to secure the place for him; it is a most desirable situation and would place him at once in the very front of a lucrative practice; the practice of the firm I am told is about \$5000 per an.

Mr. Summers is now in Richmond, and if Mr. Moore desired the situation, it would be well to see him as he wishes to secure a partner as soon as possible.

Col. Hunter of Martinsburg is acquainted with him, and would be glad to give Mr. M. a letter of introduction.

Mrs. Brown and Peggy would write with me in case if they were with me. They are all well. Peggy is a great belle.

Remember me affectionately to Mr. M. and all my old friends, particularly to your father and family, and Anna and George.

Let me ask you to go to see my dear old parents frequently; they will be glad to see you.

I hope you will write me a long letter soon, and give me all the news.

Very truly and affectionately
Your young and old friend
Richard O. Brown

My best wishes to Miss Peggy.

and laughed and talked with you of Belmont
scenes & I can scarcely indeed believe it was all
reality. I have been living over passed days ever
since I was with you, or indeed, not exactly
all the time either for now or then when I
think particularly of how happy you & Mr Moore
looked, I catch myself looking forward a little
with bright anticipation, but then what I see
in soon flashes across my mind & I am done
very philosophical you perceive. Cupid I doubt
has never yet picked one from the right
house - just correct this clause, as Miss C. used to
correct the French exercises) but if they ever do,
I shall be strongly tempted, from what I have
seen in you two people, to slip over into another
State. What say you to it? Should it not turn
out right, I shall certainly hold you responsible
to some extent. Ellen, who do you know that
would be likely to make me as happy as you
look to be? Tell him to come on if you know
where he is, but there's the difficulty I fear.

I dined with Mrs Sampson the day I
left you & she very kindly invited me to re-
main with her during the meeting, I declined
however & returned that evening with my sister,
brother to Mrs S. On Sunday evening I took tea
with Mrs Green, I was more pleased than ever
with her and quite delighted with Mr Green, she is
a funny sort of a woman & enjoyed some of the

Presbyterian services very much - The early prayer
meetings particularly, I felt sorry when I had
to come home, but I was very glad to see them
all when I got home, as they were as well pleased
at seeing me. Sam remained in Charleston as
long as the rest of us tho' he had fully intended
returning home on Saturday, but for that he
would have gone up to Summit Point with us on
Friday evening. He was quite provoked with them
help for not going & I was very sorry too.

Anna Phillips & I had a great deal to laugh
and talk about, she is a grand curiosity indeed &
she told me some of the funniest things I ever
heard of in all my life.

I wish to thank dear Ellen, that you
and Mr Moore could make us a visit this sum-
mer & bring Lizzie with you & I should be
you had to come during our vacation, but that
I fear we shall be so situated at that time
that we could not render your visit very agree-
able. I shall not give up the hope of a visit
from you at some other time. I should be so
delighted to see you in our own home & I
know the rest of the family would be too. Sam
was quite charmed with Mr Moore, but he
could not take a fancy to Miss Phillips, he thought
she was a very peculiar - she is certainly quite
an original. I hope the healthy air of Charleston
will restore her to her former good health.

The oldest pattern is the last style

Charlestown March 2^d 1854.

Your letter came day before yesterday
Dear Sister Ellen. I would have answered it before. but as Betty
intended going up today I concluded to send the pattern by her
~~and~~ I would not care if it pained rain all the time. if the
drops could always be as sweet as your notes are. Ellen had
gone when you wrote. Mrs Mc Cleary was sick and wrote for
Lyde. They left last Saturday. I do not remember the exact depth
of her bark. but I think it was about a finger length and
a half after it was hemmed. I will be up before very long and
as you have left it to me to choose what we shall read I say. History
Oh "won't" it be delightful. I must stop now. Mary Chapman is down
Dear Love to Mother and Scollay. Your fondly attached Jennie

The saw prevented Betty
going today. I am glad.

Mrs. Ellen S. Moore
Summit Point

my Father's house, as a Wife (a change in
my life which I imagined you were
aware of) and have since been living in
Middlebury, London Co. The name of the
gentleman whom I married is quite
familiar to you, and perhaps you
recollect seeing him in Alexandria at
the Convention. Mr. Regent. --

He is the most devoted of husbands, and I
sometimes wonder why I should be so wor-
shipped. He is too indulgent, for I fear I
shall become selfish, and exacting, if I
am not steady &c. My own health is
quite bad, and has been for some time
I suffer very much at times, but endeavor
not to bear it uncomplainingly. As I live
now quite near you, you need not be sur-
prised if I make you a little visit this Spring
or Summer. I think it would do me good
to see you, and talk with you, for there
are few on Earth I love as I do you --

July March 23rd 1854

My power of description fail me dear
Ellen when I attempt to give you
a just conception of the pleasure your
letter gave me. At any time tidings
if you would have been hailed with
interest, but when the brand of Afflic-
tion pressed heavily upon my ^{heart} them in-
deed did your letter speak to the
wounded heart. Years of change &
sorrow have rolled their course along
since any letters have passed between
us, but now when my heart is surcharg-
ed with grief I esteem it a privilege to
commune with you. Do you recollect
many years ago Ellen, that I was (or perhaps
thought I was) unhappy, and you only knew

of it? There were hours of bliss, compared
to the agony I now endure - I know full
well that you commiserate me deeply, but
dear Ellen you ^{can} never estimate any
feelings for you have not yet known what
it is to be alone in this dreary world
The word alone itself is full of horror,
Alone! what does it not imply? A
desolated heart, an injured spirit!
Alone, with thoughts that gnaw the heart -
strings - replete with the throbbing mem-
ories of the past, the over-hanging gloom
of the future. Although I have an idol-
ized Father and devoted Mother still
left me, there is nothing like a "Mother's Love"
so pure so self-sacrificing, so constant -
Age or prosperity, cannot dim its intensity
from infancy to the grave it knows no
diminution - For two years my Angel

Mother had been a victim of that dread
disease - Consumption but so insidious
was its form that until her death I knew
not what malady was preying upon
her - nor did I dream that she was
to be taken from me. I felt assured
she would recover - But - alas! for me
in an ill-fated hour the Destroyer came
to claim his prey, and before I could
reach her she had died - But amidst
my anguish it is a sweet reflection to know
how peacefully she met the approach of
Death - Almost the last words she uttered
were - "Can this be Death, so calm, so gentle?"
Yet - Ellen I cannot bow submissively, my
heart seems turned to stone, I cannot
pray, and only take pleasure in read-
ing the Bible because it was the gift of
my precious Mother. Will you not pray for
me? I am sure your prayers would avail
on high - About five months ago I left

I shall certainly demand a visit of Mr. Moore and your self when I get - I's House keeping which I hope will be before a very long while. I think I had some thing to occupy me constantly I should be more composed - I have been here with Pa for some time but expect to leave in a few days now. I will again very soon, and direct to your letter to

Mrs. J. D. Rogert -

Middleburg
London Co

To

In compassion for my desolate situation you should write to me, at least when you can find time to do so - I have seen Sallie McCarty frequently this winter. She is boarding in Alexandria her mother in a very low state of health. I fear she cannot long survive. She has always been very affectionate to me, and we have often talked of your together. At home at

Mr. McCarty recovers sufficiently they will leave
Alexandria, though I don't know where they will
go. Give my love to Lizzie when you see her.

With kind regards for Mr. Inwood believe me
now as ever your fond Parker.

which need it; I assure you
I don't like to complain
because I know it distresses
M^r Pa, and M^r Roger, but
I suffer a great deal at
times... Please remember me
very kindly to M^r Moore. I
am very anxious to become
acquainted with him.
My love for Lizzie if she is
with you & a kiss for
Sedley. Will you not write
soon to me? Please do.

Truwill believe me your
fond friend —
Parker Farley Roger

Middlebury June 12th
1834

I think dearest Ellen that
you must give me credit
for a little patience, long suf-
fering, and forbearance,
for my possession of these
desirable qualities had
been fully tested by your
long & unaccountable si-
lence. I did not feel un-
kindly towards you in the
slightest degree, and
attributed it to an entire
forgetfulness of me; but
your explanation is entirely
satisfactory, under the cir-
cumstances you were

perfectly excusable - I thank
you very much for again
repeating your kind invitation
to visit ^{you} and shall if life &
and circumstances permit
most assuredly accept
it, but at the present time
I cannot say when I shall
be able to do so. I should
prefer to come this month
if I could, and it would
greatly enhance my pleasure
to meet dear Lizzie at your
house. I will write to you
again telling you at what
time to expect me.
I hope little Scollay and

yourself are both restored
to your usual health. I
do have been quite
indisposed with Disordered
which always leaves me
very much prostrated -
Ellen you saw & surely
imagine how changed
I am in my appearance
since you saw me. I had
before last. I had the Scall
fever, and have never
been perfectly well, or strong
since, and am literally a
"bag of bones". But I hope
seeing you will invigorate
my mind, and body, both of

New Market - August 15th / 54 -

Dear Ellen,

My letters to you have been so frequently disregarded, that I have now ceased to consider it an insult not to receive a reply to them, and am therefore not deterred from writing. I am now in Clarke visiting my relations "the Randolphs" and will go from here to Winchester, and whither I wish to run down and spend a day with you if you will be at home. I had hoped to have made you a visit ere this but circumstances which I could not alter have disappointed me. Write to me by the next mail, and tell me where you are, and what you intend doing. I shall write again from Winchester to tell you what day I will be with you. How would you like to take a trip to the Springs with me? I shall not leave here for Winchester until Saturday. Remember me kindly to your

Trust & Lizzie if she is with you

Direct your letter Care of Dr. Robert-C. Randolph

Millwood P. O.

Clarke County

I would believe me fondly your friend

Parker

1855.
Charleston August 15th.

I was delighted my
dear Sister to get Brother's note
telling me of the arrival of your
little daughter. I felt so anxious
after I heard you were sick,
until she news arrived. I was
watching for the buggy all
morning. Oh Sister Ellen I am
so thankful that you and Cousin
Abraham and myself have gotten
through so well with our troubles.
I was so glad when Cousin Abraham
was through, then I knew I was to be
the next. I dreaded it so much, but I
trusted in Providence and I had
strength given me to bear the trial. I
had so many friends around me too

who did all they could for me.

Oh: I have so much to be Thankful
for. After that I began to think about you.

Tell Miss Anne that my little

Ellen is much obliged to her
for the love she sent her,
and as she has expressed a desire
to make her acquaintance, she will
go up to see her as soon as she
possibly can. Tell Aunt Nancy

The baby cried all day yesterday.
ask her if she does not think she
was quivering for her loss. I miss
her so much. I had a roll left from
supper yesterday, and I felt like
trying myself, because Aunt

Nancy was not here for me to put
it away for. Tell her she will
be glad to hear that Ellen
took the other breast this morning,
& drank, until she could not
take any more. She slept well

last night. I think she will be
a good girl now. I sent word to
Kate Happington that she could
nurse Mrs. Brown. Annie expects
to come in next Saturday, Kate
will tell her then. Please get
Brother or Lizzy to write to me
I feel anxious to know how you
are now, and how you got along
the other night, for I know Aunt
Nancy had not time to get there
before. Tell Uncle. What do you
intend to call the baby? What does
Uncle think of his sister? Let
me hear very soon from you

Your affectionate
Lennie.

so you must excuse
the crooked writing;
so much out of the
habit too, of writing
at all. give much love
to Finney and Mr
Moore. your Brother
has gone to Chal down
to night, he spend
it with Mr A Kennedy
he dined with Charles
one day this week, and
run Mr Ting pretty
hard at the dinner table,
I could very easily perceive
why: good night My
dear Eleanor I hope to
see you Sunday if not
before. your aff Mother
S. Collins

I intended sending
the Music Books My
Dear Eleanor by Daniel
but I knew not a
word of his going to
the Depot until after
he had gone. I have
been trying to get
out to see you. but
the weather has been
so damp I was almost
afraid to turn out
on horseback and
your Father says the
road is impassable
for a carriage

Harriet and Molly
are crazy to go, one
before and the other
behind Daniel, their
Father would not agree
tho, I am truly glad to
hear you have the
piano, and hope to get
the books to you shortly
Betsey spent the day
here yesterday, the
first time since last
winter when Adelaide
was here. Today we
were invited to spend
the day with Mrs
Wiggington. Mr Beckwith
is better but not well

by any means. I suppose
you are not fixed yet.
but I hear you have a
good deal of company.
how do you like your
new residence? better
I hope than you antici-
-pated. Betsey received
a letter from Mrs
Brown yesterday, she
complains of having her
hands full; and I should
think she has, with
6 little children. Mr
Brown is teaching school
she says he has 24 schol-
-ars beside 4 of his own.
I am writing by candle
light without lines,

as emblematical
of the regard & esteem
for Miss Serlany, I
know of no offering
so appropriate as
the enclosed,

A Philopœna from
Mr W^m H^{enry} L^{ewis} -

Miss Estlin
Miss Amey
Belmont
London to
Pa

For my dear Ellen,

You say, it that I no sorrow feel,
That I am ever gay,
And that no shadow ever darkens
Across my joyous way.
That all my path are strewn with flowers
In which no thorn appears.
That on the tide of light I am borne
Without a thought of care.

You say, it that I could not lie on
Contented, as I seem,
If ever grief across my soul
Had flung its darkling beam,
That I could not assume the bliss
Of which seems on me to wait,
If I had ever felt the whip,
The scorpion-whip of fate.

You wonder not what the heart ^{does}
Inured to sorrow long,
Which gathers strength from every care
That makes it doubly strong,
The ^{strong} mighty breast will never break
Its pang to others known,
But its own privacy will seek
To mourn the bliss that's flown.

The sun will shine, and flowers
May bloom
On the volcano's brow
And might be there to tell the frown
By the abies below.
And though no tear may dim ^{the}
A smile be on the cheek,

And from the breast escape
no sigh,
The heart itself may break

Many thanks to Lizzie for
the interest she takes in
George town. I am so sorry
you cannot come. I will
write soon. P.

Dear Miss Elean

Your lovely, disputation
& agreeable manners have won for
you the love of all. You may
think this is intended for flattery
but really it comes from the
bottom of my heart. I could
write pages of compliments but
fear it will offend, those lovely
eyes & beautiful smile with
such intelligence of mind & beauty
of character all have wounded
me very deeply but its
no use of knocking at the
door. (No more its no
use of knocking at the
door.

From an admirer

67.

Miss Eleanor Sedley
Smithfield
Jefferson Co.
Virginia

My Dear Ellen

I regret, very much indeed, that it will not be in my power to visit you to day, Becky, having taken it into her head, to be very complaining, just at this time. She was quite unwell all night, and I sent a request to Dr Cordell to remain in town to day, so you may know how it is. Sister Keasley came to see me last evening, and we had made every arrangement to go, but so it is. Becky sends her love and says I must tell you, she had not time to think about accepting your kind invitation, as she has to prepare, rather unexpectedly for a visit. Best love to dear Sam. All here send much to both of you.

Believe me, my dearest Ellen,
Yours sincerely attached G. Mother E.M.C

Miss Ellen Kelley
Smithfield



HASTE
THEE.

Shenstone
Feb 5. 1841

Mrs. Moor
Swanwick Point

Dear Ellen - Saturday eve when
your nice little basket of good
things and notes were handed me
I was so busy playing the part
of the waiter for an hour (the
girls having left me) that I
did not do myself the pleasure of
replying to thank you for your
kind remembrance of me & con-
gratulations &c. &c. - Really I had
begun to think I had entirely
peeped out of your memory as I
had been such a long time since
I had either seen or heard from
you. But words and thanks
are bad company on the same
paper, so will pass over the scribbles
on both sides, and talk
of more agreeable things - The
little boy & girl - If I could
give you such flattering
accounts of her beauty as of

her goodness - indeed she would
be a little piece of perfection.
I have great accounts of your
little boy - his sprightliness hardly
yet - but I'm coming to see you
just as soon as I can turn
out with safety - do try and
push out a visit to us before
long. I should be so glad to have
you spend the day sociably
with me, when your call
is better. As I'm very much
at a loss for size patterns, &
I like to fit my little
Charlotte Elizabeth off for
deepest shirto. if you have
any thing new - or old that
you think will give me an
idea, please loan them
for a little while, and
I'll be much obliged -
I send you a pretty saucer
pattern, & a basket of apples -

Hoping to see you very soon
I'm yours with

much affe.

M. E. C.

M^{rs} Eleanor G Moore
Summit point

Miss Eleanor Scollay.

My dear Eleanor

If you do not intend carrying back the volume of Scott's works belonging to Shannon, will you loan ~~them~~ ^{it} to me during your absence I will be particular with the books but if you have the slightest objection to lending the books do not hesitate a moment to do so. Yours ever with respect and affection
Ellen,
Marion D. Brown.

To wit and common sense alone
This Album should be brother;
Ye fools, who are without the one,
Why sit about the other!

I send you about \$3.00
worth of vegetables. This
is all that the basket
will hold.

Suppose you see if you
can get me any candles.
Take good care of
this basket. - ~~Henry~~

wants to go & make a
visit & suggests the
Onions -

Give the man 50
cents for taking
the basket -

I cannot think of sending
a formal regret without a few lines
to my dear Ellen. I had not heard
you were so soon to be married, until
informed of it yesterday, by Mrs
Pendleton; I assure you it is with
deep regret I have to decline being
present at the Ceremony; and since
the pleasure of witnessing your happi-
ness and ^{of your} congratulating at that
time, will be denied me; permit me
now to congratulate you; for if all
I have heard of Mr Moore is true,
I may do it with perfect propriety.

and I beg Lizzy; will present to
Mr Moore, my best wishes, and
congratulations; for though I do not
know him, I can but feel a deep
interest in one who is so soon
to be bound by the strongest of ties;
to my friends. I wish very much
after you are quietly settled down,
you would write to me, for it would
give me a great deal of pleasure, to
hear from both Lizzy and Yourself.
Give much love to Lizzy. Remember
dear Est^r to burn this note as soon
as you read it; it is for your
eye alone. May God bless you,
guiding you in all things prays

Your attached friend

Elija Taylor.

Springstern December 9th 1850.

Miss Ellen G. Scollay.
Smithfield.

Monday

My Dear Ellen

Many thanks to you for your kindness in attending so promptly to the request I made of you. but I have one more favor to ask of you and that is if you should see Fanny will you tell her to let me know if she should be moving away from home, about the time I want her so that I may know where to send for her. You know she might be engaged somewhere up to the time I want her I expect you will think me very troublesome dear Ellen Now you have no Heart to keep you at home so come down and stay some with me - I can scarcely hope to pay you the promised visit this summer but hope the time will come when I can do so. It will do you and Dudley good to make some change. You must come and help me to drink this ale. I just heard that some ale had arrived and presume it is what Mr More said he would have sent down Mr Both is out in the office at present and I must thank Mr More for him and myself too for having it sent tell him I hope we will not become too fond of our cups - I am busy trying to have the house cleaned you know what it is to have carpets taken up and to be in the dust.

Do come and believe me your attached friend
Bettie Both