

This letter to be read by no one
but the members of Up & down homes,
& Mary, as it contains gossip, which
might go back to

Trouton Pa. -

March 27th 1879. -

My dear Carrie. -

I suppose Aunt El-
len has told you all the news
to the time she left us; - and
no doubt she has described to you
all, - our house & surroundings, &
many little things of interest. -

So, lest I repeat what you already
know, I will commence at Friday
afternoon, - when dear Aunt Ellen
said goodbye, - to the great regret
of her niece & nephew. - We com-
pared our feelings to those of one
drifting away on an unknown
ocean, with no one older & wiser
to help us steer our boat. -

^{Sun. Morn.} We had 14 calls on Friday.
Mostly new people to me. I am
very much pleased with our con-
gregation thus far. -

Dear to each of the
dear ones -
Ever from Aff. Sister

We heard that Mrs. Boies was quite offended at our not accepting her invitation for last Saturday (tell Aunt Ellen) as she had sent for several delicacies from N. Y. & could not put off her party. I was very sorry too, not to go, & we would have changed our minds & gone, even at a sacrifice, but it snowed & rained all afternoon, & the walking was dreadful. - I went up this morning to call & explain etc. but found Mrs. Boies out. -

Mr & Mrs. Nelles called on Friday evening & invited us to take tea with them this week, on Thursday.

On Sunday morning I went to church with my pastor, & found Cousin Ellen waiting to take me to her pew. After service, Miss Gaston came up, & said she wanted to ask me a great favor. She belongs to a Missionary Society

of young ladies, who have become almost discouraged at their poor success, & wanted some help; - as she expressed it; a head. - She asked me if I would meet them after S.S. which I readily consented to do.

I went down with Mr. who goes at the close of S.S. to give a Catechism Lecture, - The girls - about two dozen I think, collected around me, & we talked over the matter, & I invited them to come to our house on Wednesday afternoon, to organize etc. - I hope & pray that I may be a help to them, & they to me. -

Cousin Lizzie sent us some pickles yesterday. By the way, - if there is an opportunity, Oxford pickles would be very acceptable. Green tomatoes sliced are as much liked by Willie as by me. - How I do wish we lived nearer to you! - So that you could see us in as you do at Marys. -

Mary is ironing today, + has nearly finished. Willie has gone to the Bank, + will stop at the P.O. on his way. I think you are all splendid about writing. -

As you see, this letter was begun yesterday, but I am such a poor correspondent that I did not get it off by this morning's mail.

Tell Aunt Ellen that Mrs. Kirk says Mrs. Bannard made trouble about our not wanting things sent in. It is quite funny how she used the little knowledge she obtained;

I hope you + all the dear ones will not cease to pray that we may have wisdom to know how to act in this field. -

Will you send this letter - poor as it is, - to Aunt Ellen, + ask her please to consider this an answer to hers also, - until I write? -

William regretted that he did not make Aunt Ellen stay till Saturday.

I hope you will write soon again, for your letters are a great pleasure.

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