

flowers
are most beautiful Easter lilies
Hyacinths and many many more
plants in bloom, They are bringing
some of the plants in parlor now
the pots covered with Red, white &
blue paper - that is made for that
purpose I imagine, one flag in
window & their large one on
porch. Edmunds cousin Jennie
Cook is here and will spend
some weeks.

Gertrude is playing piano &
Evangeline decorating the rooms
from K. - Has the carriage to take
me up home & take Mary & her
daughters up to see Jake Eden
who is not expected to live many
more days - Well I would
like to write more to my dearest
sister I do love you & all Ellie
Mary Ellen Eveldina Willie & C. S.
write soon again -

I saw Jo pass her at 7 o'clock
this A.M.
your sister Ellen

Oxford Feb 28th 1897
Saturday evening

My very dear sister

It is after nine
o'clock and nearly my bed time
but I just begin a letter to
you & our dear Ellie, I think of
you every day, and am thank-
ful that you and all the dear
children are well and comfor-
table and happy,

Many thanks for your good
letters and please give my thanks
to Mary & Ellen for their letters
I was so glad to hear about how
to use the gold paint &c it is
a help to me, I wish I could
paint as well as they do, Did
they go to Rochester yesterday

or today! I suppose they make
their home at Dr. Goacey's. They
wrote about getting china for
painting in R. I asked Mary
when she went to N.Y. to get
me three cups + saucers + a
plate or two or three. Lolara also
sent for half dozen tea cups to
put to saucers that I had and
I gave them to her to paint
for herself. Well Mary got
lots more than we sent for
three matches, soap + cracker,
coffee pot + several salad dishes
and a number of fancy plates
see Lolara has taken two of
the plates + a little dish. I also
have taken comb + brush
tray to paint for Evangeline
I think we best send the rest
to Mary + Ellen,
When I began to write Joseph

was singing the baby to sleep
now it is all quiet and I im-
agine all have gone to sleep
for it is nearly ten o'clock

I send you the Apollo of
this week it came to day +
that will give you all the
news. Mary, Lolara + I att-
ended Mr Perry's, Mrs John Thomas
father's funeral.

I will ^{give} you contribution \$2.
at our missionary meeting.
The clock has just struck ten
and I must retire, a very
very good night to you.

Monday morning, I am at Mary's
came here from church yesterday
morning, the girls came home
on Saturday in half past three
train they are very well and hap-
-py they are cooking me to stay
down to day, it is lovely here, their