

Woollett Cottage.

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My own dear Ellie,

Oh, how I long to see you, and as this may not be I wish I would scratch off a line to you this morning. I look into your kitchen, and find you very busy preparing for dinner for your big family. Not many idle moments for you and yet if you have the strength and endurance it is really preferable to want to do things and not feel able. I can speak from experience, for I have gotten to that stage in life. Truly after three score and Ten, life is a wearisome journey

Life don't seem worth living. How little we know of ourselves only as we learn by experience. I am with Mary. I think about two thirds of the time, she is away from home often and then I go to Josephs, always Saturdays. as I know my presence would not add any to the happiness of my son in Law, I am really "at sea" what to do. M. will probably be in N.Y. soon & it is cold at Jris. I have a trouble some disease that comes on at night & that makes it inconvenient I may be obliged to go to S. J. which I would rather not do this winter.

I had such a sweet text this morning from my daily reading, from Isa. XLII. 10. Fear thou not & the base. Lord be thou merciful cheer my lonely ~~heart~~ way; With thy sweet peace my aching bosom fill; Scatter my cares and fears; my griefs allay, and be it mine each day, To love and please thee still. Uncle Reuben spent the day with us last week he seems very well, but he has so many fears, & regrets and doubts about his acceptance at last and that at he may not get there, it has done how depressed me and

instead of making me mine cup of
and sum of the victory at last
which I do entirely rest upon it
fills me with sorrow for him whose
life has been so pure and really helpful
to others. Jesus blood can surely wash
away all my sins and the mistakes
of my long and susceptible life.
I think one thing brought Uncle B.
him was to make some arrangement
about the grave & he wanted to do
his part or what was necessary to
to put up suitable stones. I told him
that there was \$200.00 still in F. W.
that Aunt Ellen had left & that I
thought that that ought to or might be
used as far as it would go towards
the object, he agreed with me &
it was arranged to have ^{Mary & me} us ₂ go & see

to N.Y. tomorrow, She was at Boston
yesterday - also Clara to do some
shopping, I stayed with the chil-
dren, Clara has such a good girl
so fond and careful of them.

The ground is quite white with
snow - looks cold and wintry.

We tried to stay awake to see the
display of ^{last night} quarters, but I guess there
was none to see. It was cloudy
I have not seen the paper today
so don't know if there was any.

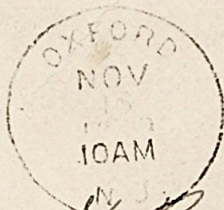
The Biglows have moved to their
house in Newtown. Under the
new management of the Store his
services are not required, East
changes him. The new Merchant

now occupies the house next to Aunt
Emma's. His name Davies. Oxford is
undergoing great changes, very poor prospect
for our church - quite an influx of Methodists
Joni house is progressing slowly. He is
doing a good deal of the work himself
is so interrupted all the time. They were
much interested in the plans of your
house & what I could tell them.
Perhaps they have returned there as they
intended to. I have been racking my
brain to get the name of your builder of
course it is of particular consequence, and
I - asked me and for the life of me I could
not remember. It is so annoying - such a
trifle too. Ben Jones & his wife (you remember
the one who adopted that dear little boy
here been on an awful spree. It seems
so hard for the little fellow - when he was
so happy and they seemed so fond of him
Well, I could go on telling you Oxford news
but it is of no consequence and you must
already be tired. Ellen Fowler send me
meals down when I am here, and very
nice ones they are. My Jim is atrocious
So good bye, dear Aunt Ellen, love to all the dear children.

all pretty well. I am pretty well. I want to know how you are.

The Marble man for his estimates
as if he would have the thing
attended to immediately, as he said
we the only ones left were growing
old &c &c. He readily told Aunt
Esther & I however she did not
approve for he has since written that
the \$200 had better be spent for Uncle
Hans. & Aunt E - opinion & for me not
to say or write any thing about it to
him but that he would soon be out
& we could arrange matters then &
later. Mary is still busy about your
things, and wants to put a note in
this. I suppose you know the Stensons
are occupying a part of this house &
seem to be very nice people to have
here. Mary, I believe intends going

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