

Kingsley, Iowa.

My dear Ellie,

I feel sure you and all the family will be disappointed, for I know you wouldn't have urged me to come unless you had really desired it very much when I write you I have decided not to go by Clifton this time. Jo writes me he can't go - too hard up-aid I'm so anxious that we should go together when we make the visit

Again, Annie has gone home, sick,  
which leaves Aunt Ellen without help  
and alone in the house all day along:  
so for that reason if no other I feel I  
ought go directly home. It takes almost  
as long to go from Chicago to Clifton as it  
does from C. - to Oxford and a very  
little difference in the fare. As so little  
would be gained either in time or money  
by making the visit now without Jo,  
I think best, in as much as I'm clearly  
needed at home, to postpone it until  
a time when Jo can accompany me.

It has been really very hard for  
me to come to this decision, for I do so  
long to visit you, see Clifton & the much-  
talked-of Sanitarium, take some baths  
and oh! what not? But I shall still  
live in hopes that we will have that  
pleasure some time in the future.

Katherine and I start for home (D. C.)  
next Tuesday evening and reach  
Oxford the following Thursday evening.

Give my love to Mother, the  
girls & boys and tell the  
former I'm still watching  
& waiting for the letters  
they have been going to  
write for so long.

Thank you all for your  
cordial invitations and  
with many regrets & much  
love I am

Affectionately your sister  
Carri.

Monday, May the seventeenth.