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Dearest Ellie

We have been waiting
patiently - or rather impatiently
to hear that you have decided
to come this summer to
Oxford. There seem to be
so many difficulties in
the way as you say that
we fear you will give it
up, so I have thought of
going with Carrie when
she goes to Shrewsbury
next week on to Clifton
Springs - taking Evelyn
How are you situated
for extra boarders, I thought

Grandmother is here
and today we are
or expect to go to Edwin's
dinner. Tomorrow to
hear Mr Stearns, that
will be her last lecture
for the summer. He
his wife expect to go
to Europe July 1 -

We are all pretty well
excepting Aunt Ellen
who has a bad cold
We have been trying to
get boarder but this

far cannot find
either look or boarder
I think of you all daily
and would like to be
at the Miss meetings. I
trust you will not be
all worn out. It seems
to me that you & your
also have too much work
to do, altho' you enjoy
it it is a great loss
upon your fine talents
We are so glad to hear
that you, Aunt Ellen
are feeling better. God,
no doubt was there for
fearing you for extra work

How great that we can
certainly know that our
Father is caring for us
and that he knows all
things - buy steadfastly
with his love & so
much love to all
from off him.

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Oxford, July, 27th '94

My dear ones,

We are so thankful for your letters, and to know that our darling Polly is no worse. While, Typhoid fever is very tedious, I think it is not a suffering disease more trying to the nurse, I have heard, than to the patient, as they need such constant care & close watching. I hope and pray that you will all have the necessary strength granted and our heavenly Father has promised that

I wish I was stronger, I would go to
you in this time of need, but I have
really been feeling miserable for a few
days, to day Clara has taken house hold
matters in her own hands, while I have
been lounging. Gertrude is getting along
nicely. This morning she had a sponge
bath and enjoyed it. Mrs Humphrey
has written that they will ^{Mr + Mrs} make us a
little visit on their return from S. Is.,
but I most sincerely hope they will
defer it until May + Aunt Ellen's
return from Asbury Park. They left,
also Evangeline, yesterday morning and
expect to be gone about ten days.

This is trying weather to be sick and
I hope you will be able to get good
assistance. I will try to send you a
little of the needed very soon.

Do not think Ellen ^{the young} ought to have much
care, and she ought not to up at night
if she gets worse, she will be very apt to
take the fever. Love to the dear Tom +

also to all. We miss you
so much especially Helen
but I know what a very
useful little body she is
and I am glad she is
with you. Ellis letter was
sent to Carrie - at least I
requested Mary to do so
after reading it

With a heartfull of love
and prayers for God con-
tinual blessing on each
one in your various
needs - Mother,

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