

Oxford, Oct. 22<sup>d</sup> 1850.

My dearest Elsie,

We have been very glad to receive the several letters you sent lately, and to hear that the children are all well, that Mamma's recovery is a comfort to you &c. — but it seems to me unless your salary, (Mrs. H., will not admit of it) that you ought to have a servant in the kitchen with all your other duties to attend to I believe you cannot long go on in this way. beside you know Mrs. H. wants you to read and cultivate your mind and it is utterly impossible to do so if you are cooking and washing dishes all day. perhaps I ought not to say as much for I want this to be confidential & I fear

unless it is, I had better not  
meddle with your affairs.  
About the dresses for the Tunis  
I do not think I could get  
them made here very well.  
There don't seem to be any body  
that makes childrens cloths,  
& I could not even ask. Many  
for you know her children  
have always worn white &  
the couple of woller dresses  
they have have been bought  
ready. Miss Poole has gone home  
some days - The comfortable  
is such a small job that I  
dont think it will pay to send  
the material here. I am very  
sorry that I can't help you, I  
would love to do it. - Jennie  
left her on Monday morning  
and she started on their  
journey at 6 o'clock <sup>AM</sup> from  
N. York. We have heard twice  
that are having a splendid

time - a state room in cars with  
every convenience, altogether they  
had a splendid send off,  
and many good wishes, I  
think they are now probably  
near or in Forth Hook! It  
seems like a dream. Uncle M<sup>r</sup>  
expected to meet them there &  
they will probably stay <sup>over</sup>  
the first night. The Coopers  
have treated Jenny like a  
daughter and seem to think  
it of such a favor for her to go  
well. I am glad she could go  
under such pleasant circum-  
stances, & yet we will miss  
her sadly. but I can see Gods  
loving hand in it all, may  
we trust him more fully &  
love him with our whole  
hearts. Carrie & Joe went to N. Y  
with Jennie - in C's - turn  
Tuesday eve. she met Rev. Cade  
of Boston who gave her many  
particulars about - The Am. <sup>board</sup>

She went to N. Y. again to do some shopping & will stay over to night at Boston, & also she will go to Ithaca. Then we will clean & do some pickling. (Jenny did the canning) and sew - I have trying also to make a rag carpet. Tell Mary & Emie I wish they were here. Whelp me sew the <sup>rag</sup> sheet. Why don't they write us some little letters. Were you disappointed very much not to go to Boston I am so glad you went for according to Mr. C. account it must have been happy time such only as a Christian can enjoy. -

Nov 21. - I have been too busy to finish this letter & even now I ought to be attending to household affairs & want to go to Uncle Selden's. Mother & Mrs. May you know. Mrs. Parks's sister are