

Pleasant Grove,
Oct. 7. 1845.

My dear Ellen,

Your kind
letter is received and gave
me a great deal of pleasure.

To know that you and your
dear husband love me and
think of me sometimes is
indeed gratifying. I am sorry
that I cannot accept your
invitation but it is impossible.
Your Uncle and I cannot
both leave home at once
on account of Aunt Chiza.
I have no one to stay with
her, and she is very very difficult
to get along with any way.

I should have answered your
letter immediately, but was
staying with Minnie when
it came, nursing her children
who were a little sick.

~~I hope your dear little~~
children are all well,
give them much love
from Aunt Mary, and
some kisses for her which
they will understand
better. Love to Willie,
and with much to your-
self, I remain,
your ever affectionate
Aunt,
Mary C. Magier

Burtis is afraid he will not get
down, as this year each member ^{of Synod} pays
his own expenses at hotel as well as
on cars - & his finances are low & may
utterly fail by the time he reaches
Atlantic City - but will keep up hopes
till pocket gives out.