

Oxford March 22^d 1879
Saturday P. M. 5 O'clk

My very dear Ellie,

I suppose you have heard of my safe arrival home ere this, notwithstanding Williams great fears concerning that afternoon railroad train, I must confess I had trouble on the way down but it was with this unforgiving heart of mine, when after reading uncle S. letter, I looked up & who should I see in the seat just before me, but our enemy, or 'should I call him our neighbour!') J. Shipman, I did try to pray for him, but I found it

hard work even to love his
soul as I am taught to do
in Christ- sermon, I think
I can pity him -

Well now to business, Junie
and I went to see Sarah Weber
this morning about her sister
Becky, Mrs W. told us that
B. was living with a very
nice family in Mt Bethel
that she liked her place -
and the lady expected to
be sick in June, she was
getting one dollar & twenty five
cts per week -

Rover is barking, and I
see Mary is coming in the
rain to see me & hear more
about you & William I im-
-agine, I called a minute
this morning leaving Jeunees

in the carriage (as she was the
driver) and when I came out
of the house she said I had
stood twenty five minutes by
her watch -

Monday morning, and
I have so many things to
say to our dear ones at the
Parsonage but it is mail
time & I am anxious you
should know about Becky
and now you best get as
good a girl as you can &
just as soon as you can
and let Mary go home,
I do wish I could run in
& talk this matter over
with you & help you
find some one -

Let us hear from you

both very soon. Your
Father Mother & Sisters
were all up yesterday
in haste

With a heart full
of love to you both
Your affectionate
Aunt Ellen



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