

30 June 1900

My dear Mrs Belden,

We reached

home yesterday after a comfortable journey. The first part of the way we had a strong breeze from the lake which kept us from feeling the heat, and we had a good night to sleep. We spent two hours at Niagara and used our train well. We walked up to the Horseshoe falls on the Canadian side and then returned to take a drive

around Goat Island.

We find Worcester looking nicely. Maunna is about the same - pretty weak. She seems very glad to have us all at home again.

The luncheon which you gave me was delicious. We enjoyed it very much.

I was so sorry not to have a real goodbye with you. I ought not to have been so worried over the possibility of missing the train. I hope that Willy will

forgive my rudeness. He was very kind about helping with the baggage.

It seems my delightful to be at home, and I have my happy remembrance of my college course and of my year in your home. Please don't think I am trying to be polite. I say it because I do realize how lonely you were to us and how little you thought of yourself in planning for us. It has

meant a great deal to me  
to be in your home for a  
year. I learned a great deal  
this year, and nothing that  
I am not thankful for.

Please give my love to  
your mother and to the  
children, especially to Selden,  
for I did not see him to say  
goodby. I hope Mary and  
Ellen are getting nicely  
started.

Very lovingly yours,

4 North Avenue

Worcester, Massachusetts.  
Emily Sinclair

Miss Vail —

Rec<sup>d</sup> Fri. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Dated 21<sup>st</sup>?

Aus. 25<sup>th</sup>

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Mr. Wm. C. Alden  
Oxford,  
New Jersey.



Scranton,

Feb. 21, 1852.

My dear Ellice;

It is not  
too late, I trust to welcome  
you home! At any rate,  
the welcome is some the less  
sincere for being tardy.

By way of explanation - for  
your return to America has  
not been a matter of indifference  
to me - let me tell you  
I've been at home only a little  
over two weeks myself.

The temptation to stop at I hope your good husband  
Oxford on any way to Hamilton understood the science -  
was very great, but just then that it springs from want of  
I had so pressed for time that time is a degree which extends  
I could not have done more even to the pen, & yet from  
than wait for from the morning any fault of the heart, which  
until the evening train, which facts true & loyal to him.  
would have brought me to Hamil-  
ton about eleven o'clock at night. Now I do want to see you  
all - Give my love, please

But, now that we are so near  
each other once more, I trust  
we shall meet before very long.

I nearly every day since I  
reached home - Mr. Linn  
has spoken of writing to Mr. Pal-  
den, & I know he means to  
accomplish it very soon.

to Carrie, whose promise  
reached me from Turkey & I  
began to fear we should never  
see her in America again.

With kindest regards to  
Mr. Palden & the other  
members of your family, in

Which Mrs. Linn joins,  
I am very affectionately yours  
Lucy Vail.