

Sunday afternoon
(Postmarked June 18 1866[?]),

My Dear Mary,
It is nearly tea time and I
intend spending the short time in chatting with
thee. We had a very good sermon from a Mr
Wheeler a Presbyterian minister in Town.
It is still raining quite hard, I sincerely hope
that next Sunday will be much pleasanter
than to-day. Mary, who will go down with thee
in Cars. I am glad to hear thee is going to look
so nicely. I do not think I have seen any Hats
the Dew drop, style, the Sailor Hat and Turban
is worn most here, quite a number wear these
enormous Sundowns(?). Many of the girls are leav-
ing this early some Stave been here since last
September. The Tea bell is ringing come and
take Tea with me, I will give you the best
I can I remain yours lovingly
Gaily.

(Abigail L. Slade)

I hope you will have ever so nice a time at Newport give much love to Cousins
Richards & Alice, and all others that want It. Be a good girl and go to Meeting all
the time report the sermons to me. I suppose we are not to expect a letter that
week.

To Mary Slade, Fall River, Mass