

March 28th, 1866

My Dear Parents,

I have so much I want to tell you this evening & so little time in which to tell it that I shall have to write very last and you must excuse looks. In the first place I received Fathers letter yesterday noon and was of course delighted hut Judge oI my extreme pleasure on receiving another & so nice &

long, this morning, from Mother. I am very much obliged, it was so delightful to receive a long one from Kate at the same time. But now I

must tell you that Mr. Johnson has been here this after-noon. We had such a nice time. He came about three o'clock. Emily & I saw the omnibus coming coming so we stood at the window watching & saw him get out. I suppose he will give you a better account of his visit than I can so I will not try. He left a little before six & is to go down to New York again to-night. It did seem so good to see some one from Ithaca. I don't like to own it much but I have been unusually homesick for a few days past, I suppose It has been In consequence of my cold which has been quite severe and has made me feel rather miserable. However that Is better now and I am In hopes by my visit to Albany I shall get rested and feel more like study when I come back. We are to leave here tomorrow at a quarter of six In the after noon - with Miss Sayles. I have been getting some of my things out this evening so as to be sure not to be hurried to-morrow. My last recitation Is from 25 ml. of four until half past which you you obliges me to be all ready early. Julia and I have borrowed a little valise of one of the girls and are each going to take one dress. I shall wear my brown and take my black silk. There are a great many girls going home and some to stay over a week. I have heard that there are over fifty to go tomorrow I do not know how true that is but there must be nearly that number at least. It makes me wish so much that I could have gone home too. There is a report that the Faculty are going to give a few days next week for vacation but I hardly think it is so. If they do it will be very provoking for I shall feel as though I might have come home. Mr Johnson spoke this afternoon of the improvements that were being made to the house and said it was going to look very pleasant he should judge. I should think so from your letters and 2 am Oh so anxious to see it. I forgot to say anything about the samples you seat. I like the blue very much but I think it would fade and the black and white as you say is rather common.

They wore it here a great deal last Fall. Perhaps the other merchants will bring something else, at least I can wait. I must go and take a bath now before the last bell. rings so must close. Please excuse this for I have scratched it in such a hurry. I will try and find time to write you while in Albany. I suppose I shall receive a letter from you there, if you see Kate tell her I will write as soon as possible. Love to all friends

Ever your loving daughter

Ellen

Prof. Tenney has requested those of the Zoology class who wish to make collections to let him know & he will send for the pins which are necessary & also order the board net etc. that we will need, he says they will be but a slight expense and ha is very anxious we should all make collections as he says that is the best way to become acquainted with the Butterfly etc. I am very anxious too if you have no objections Please write soon.

Ella