

I feel tonight from comparing it through giving day - I shall have much to be thankful for  
 though far from being - when I think of the dangers through which I have passed  
 and all without the slightest accident - and with perfect health. I am ready to explain. Truly  
 God is kind to the undeserving. The rivers are very long and narrow  
 so land-fall of sand-bars and snags. We have been  
 in the vicinity of the Chertown several times  
 when over a general on the Ohio several boats  
 were seen as on which the terrible disease was  
 raging - but there was but a single case on  
 board - but I have felt the danger more  
 since we left the boats & were crossing over  
 these terrible roads - but we are safe, and  
 as I have mentioned yesterday the trial & de-  
 parture of your journey will soon be fully attained - I do  
 not yet know how soon the wheel will open  
 the building is not quite completed and  
 probably will not be finished for some weeks - I shall  
 have to rest and be-  
 come acquainted with the people  
 of this region. I shall write you soon. I must close for now.

bid the loved ones at home farewell and started on my long  
 long journey, and that journey is accomplished, and I can  
 now I reiterate it, but do not, can not realise it.

I wrote you hastily at Memphis fortnight ago last Sabbath  
 I hope you have received it before now - but I think it very  
 doubtful, as the rivers are so low the mails are very irregu-  
 lar. The thought of this, will make me here sick if anything  
 will - but that I do not intend shall be. I will strive  
 against it and be happy if I can. Our journey has been  
 very long and tedious. From Memphis we went to Napoleon  
 at the mouth of the Arkansas with very good speed -  
 reached there. I was soon after I wrote you - but there we  
 were detained till Friday noon, and Oh! such a place - I  
 think Mr. Bond told me he had been there and if so he  
 can give you a better description of it than I. While we were  
 there Mr. Ross came in one day & told me I was going to  
 have a call. A young lady was coming down to the boat to  
 see a "real live Yankee." As it proved however, the  
 lady was from Mass. herself, & longed to see some one from  
 New England. Mr. R. had given his own version of the story for  
 the sake of a little amusement. We had a pleasant call  
 from the lady, and returned it the next morning - she took a

I have been to London & have been very much interested in the  
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Now we are exhibiting affection & receiving a call from the great chief of the Cherokee Nation - the removal  
of the Indians. We shall be invited to move to a new place. I am having little to do now to spend the day  
and night with such a pleasure. I shall go to London for some time. I shall go to London for some time.  
I, rather tremblingly, responded "homeward" too, for I must  
make it a call it home. We travelled all night, and till two. Thus  
afternoon - and then the dismal tidings greeted us again - that we  
must wait another two days - Arkansas is a mean state to travel  
- there is no hurry for love or money. We had since comfortable  
quarters at Novisstown, a little village of half a dozen log <sup>cabins</sup> (watched)  
the children are discussing the subject of watches, here is the reason  
which will account for the above mistake.) Saturday afternoon  
three o'clock - there came along a richety old wagon - which  
they called a stage, in that we packed ourselves away as well  
as we could. but dreaded the night's work very much. the road  
was very bad indeed - and at each jolt, it seemed as though our  
wagon would twist all to pieces. Mr. Ross was very anxious I  
know. I and I said nothing, but I assure you we were not quite  
easy. It gratified Mr. R. to have us so calm - "drive," said he, "the  
only blame upon you have in the stage are a couple of ladies."  
We changed stages at three in the morning, and were more comfortable.  
again we travelled through the Sabbath, and reached Van Buren  
in the evening - there we spent the night, and started at half  
past seven in the noon - now we had left all our travelling companions  
behind - and our little company of three comprised all the passengers.  
we came thirty miles that day to Evansville where we spent the  
night. Mr. R. & I were happy indeed at thought of being so near  
home - and my heart beat joyfully for them. Yesterday morning  
we started at sunrise - it was a bright & cheerful morning  
and our hearts were light & free. thirty five miles of rough  
road lay between us & home - but we were away - I was  
happy in watching the cheerful faces of my companions. When about

...the approach of the winter - in some part of the day of my ...  
three miles from Park Hill we met Mr. & Mrs. Worcester, they had  
heard that we were coming & came to meet their long absent  
daughter - she sprang out of the carriage and ran to meet them  
I turned my head away I could not see the meeting -  
presently we came in sight of Mr. & Mrs. father's, we had heard  
that his wife & little boy were there waiting for home - they started  
to come down the hill - the carriage stopped and there was another  
scene, too sacred for a stranger to witness - the tears would come  
in spite of myself. I never saw such happiness in all my  
life. Mr. R. had been from home ever since January - and for the  
last three months they have expected him daily - see how tender  
to me so much of his "Molly & little Will" that it felt as if I knew  
them before I saw them - she is very beautiful indeed and highly  
educated. They live in Talquah and when they are settled  
at home again I shall go there for a while at least.  
When we reached Sarah's home there was another joyful  
meeting, with her brother & sisters - but in all the happiness  
the stranger has not been forgotten - she was cordially welcomed  
to her Cherokee home - and at the family altar last evening was  
tenderly remembered. The little room where I am writing & which  
they call mine, is unfinished, has another point or postering  
but it has a nice comfortable bed - a nice rocking chair - and a  
bright blazing fire in the corner, and its occupant is very cheer-  
ful & happy. notwithstanding her bitter disappointment in finding no  
letters. Sarah found one, but there was none for me - I can not  
disposed to murmur - for I know you have written - and when  
the next mail comes I have no doubt it will bring me a  
heap of letters, as they say here - three thousand riches! O it is  
well that I do not realize it - I hope I shall not be home, such  
shall think of you all - only two often - I know you will think of  
me, and dear Ellen do not fail to pray for me that I may  
do much good among the people with whom I dwell. Two of my  
pupils are here now, they are studying in preparation to enter the Seminary  
I can see the building from the piazza of this house - with your <sup>my</sup> eye glass  
I can see it very well - it is a beautiful brick building with pillars  
on three sides of it - presents a fine appearance from here. I shall go as  
soon as I can to see it. I look at it with a great deal of interest  
the future is hidden from me - whether happiness or sorrow is in  
store for me in that school I cannot tell. If I can only see plainly  
that I am in the path of duty, 'tis all that I would ask -

and encircled very much - (they say) - that evening near a pleasant call on an interesting Cherokee family -  
I am delighted with the prospect of your return - I am glad to see you - I am glad to see you - I am glad to see you -  
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