



My dear Friends.

May I bring before you a question, that is sorely perplexing me? I fear you will think as indeed I begin to do myself, that I am always in some dilemma. Today I have seen (at the request of the teachers) two gentlemen from the Cherokee nation. They are in search of teachers for a new Seminary to be established there. The school is to number but 25. the first year it is free, supported by government - the girls are to be selected from the common schools, and pass an examination before entering. The course of

study is to be four years. Twenty five
are to be added each year - so the estab-
lished number - will be one hundred.
They wish at present - only a principal
and an associate - Sarah Worcester, daughter
of the missionary among the Cherokees -
is recommended as principal, and
myself as her associate. - The salary for
the principal is \$800. for the associate
\$600. per year, ^{besides board} This is the plain state-
ment of the case. It is by no means
certain that they will wish us to go - they
are looking around - and will select
from those recommended - They returned
to Washington today - and will write
to Miss. Chapin in a few days and
inform her of their decision. in the
mean time they wished me to think
of it - and consult my friends and
be prepared to decide as soon as I
hear from them.

I long to fly to my home
to consult my parents and you

but this I may not do - At first
I resolved not to think of it - but
on second thought it seemed not
right to decide too hastily. I have
just finished a letter to my parents -
Warren is not here - I cannot write
and receive answer for five months.
It is at such a time as this, I feel
most keenly - our wide separation -
Will Warren's parents, brother, & sister
advise me? Please tell me just what
you think of it - if you think I had better
make it a ^{subject} ~~subject~~ of serious thought
or not think of it all - I wish
to know your candid opinion - will
you advise me as you would Mary
under the same circumstances?

I have this week written to Father that
I would teach in our own district next
winter - Do not think that I am anx-
ious to go - for it is not so - I only wish
to know what I ought to do.

The decision I know must rest with me - but if I know the views & feelings of my friends, it will assist me much -

Will you write me soon? Should they wish to have me go - I must decide as soon as I hear from them - The gentleman return to the nation in Aug. if I decide to go - I shall come home immediately - -

I must not write more tonight - I was sorry to trouble you with such a note -

Affectionately Ellen