

Watford Curw. 23. 1852

My very dear cousin Richard

Little did I think, when thy nice letter was handed me, that so long a time would pass by without my answering it and telling thee how very glad I was to hear from thee. I think of thee, dear Richard, very often - far away as thou art from the dear ones at home, so much loved by thee. I wish thou couldst be nearer to us - but thou must console thyself by thinking it is part of the discipline of life - that thou wilt find, as thou grows older, steps in and, very much against our inclination perhaps, teaches us fortitude, courage and patience. Life, thou knowest, is like a journey - we cannot always travel through pleasant places - sometimes we must go over stones and along rough roads - After years will, I trust, show the good result of the instruction thou art now

receiving, and bring thee ample compensation
= time for thy separation from home, in stores
of knowledge gathered - in good thoughts and
good deeds -

I did not expect when I sat down
to write, to give thee quite so much of a
sermon. I hope thou mayest not think it tiresome.
= some - Molly, I presume has, before this,
given thee a description of our journey home,
a very pleasant trip it was, notwithstanding
it rained part of the time. The crossing on
the Hudson was delightful, a thunder
cloud came up from behind the mountains -
its blackness brightened at intervals by
the quick and flashing lightning - After
that passed over, or rather we had passed
beyond the region of storms, the moon came
quietly up from behind the hills and threw
her soft beauty over snow and mountains.
There is nothing I enjoy so much as the
ride up the Hudson - A glorious ride it
is - I doubt if there is another so beautiful
in the world -

Thou asks me if we got home
in time to attend the wedding? As an

Irishman would say, we were at home
just in time to miss it - We came
on fifth day - Emmeline was married
on third day - From all we have heard
they had a pleasant party and the bride
and groom played their part very prettily.
Em - is nicely fixed at housekeeping - She
appears to enjoy herself in the country & bids
fair to make quite a wife for a farmer -

Thou says, thou thinks your teacher is
rather too strict - Dost thou not know, dear
Richard, that where a number of boys are
together it is very necessary to be "strict"?
I guess if you try to obey the rules of the school
you will not find him at all harsh - They
seem to enjoy swimming very much - I am
glad there is learning - Every one - both boys
and girls should learn - but they must be
careful not to go in alone or into very deep
water - sometimes the best swimmers lose
their lives from the cramp - So be careful, my
dear little cousin -

Thou asks if the Watutuo peo-
ple succeeded in diminishing the speed
of the cars - Indeed they did not - They go

we when this anxious it & I will, try to find more
time for you in a
through the village like the wind - It
is dangerous - Yesterday a poor deaf man
was killed at Seneca Falls by one of the
Express trains - Terrible is it not? One of the
trains and the only that goes through here at
half past four in the afternoon leaves New
York - only think of it - at six o'clock the
train reaches Buffalo in the evening
at eight - they may think how they fly
through the village -
All are well at home now, I
believe. Little George, the new comer, has
been sick for a few days past. Mother was
up to night & made us a short call. How
do you hear after from Philadelphia? Aunt
Catherine is not here & I fear we will not
have the pleasure of seeing her here this sum-
mer - Mary & Anna speak doubtfully
of coming about I hope they may not disappoint
us -
What don't they think of Gen. Scott for our
next President? He doesn't care about
such matters?
I have written you a long letter, my dear
Richard - If you cannot make it all out - tell

Richard Hunt

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