

like to have of these country
 commissions There is my ring
 at Falkners I do wonder when I
 shall get it - - - - We have
 been to the Cars and back we
 have seen Em she seems very
 well and very happy she wants
 spending money, but Miss O.F.
 does not wish them to have
 it to spend they would be
 wishing to go out - I gave Em
 6 pence to buy ink and I sup-
 pose she ought to have Church
 money - - I how much I
 would like to hear an account
 of your visit to Mrs Skadens
 how sad to think that the
 young and lovely must die
 and be laid in the cold damp
 grave but blessed hope beyond
 our faith should lead us beyond
 the darkness unto the world of even
 lasting life.

Sunday Eve
 I am much obli-
 ged to you for
 sending Conin
 John's letter May
 girl I think you
 might send my
 love when you
 answer he thinks
 so much of all
 he hears about
 may be he will
 send some word
 to me Em was
 at Church
 Good night
 Maggie write
 at every oppor-
 tunity
 Conin Live

Dear Maggie
 The country is truly beauti-
 ful, you have heard of blossom
 time well this is the season you
 know we speak of springtime even
 in the city and perhaps they
 do have such a season ^{there} but surely
 they know not in reality the spring
 time of birds songs and blossoms of such
 light as bright as the rays that
 old Sal is this minute shedding
 around and about us; and the
 pure, fresh, balmy air that is
 now seemingly at rest and anon
 in gentle motion. Maggie the
 new bright coat of living green
 that the earth has put on
 all sides of us, is bespangled with

dandelions round and yellow
that spread a brightness that is
pleasing to the eye while the wild
columbine is decking its accustomed
haunts with beauty such as
nature only or rather nature's God
can paint - - - Maggie twice
I have been up before the sun
and over to the Rail Road before
any one was stirring an excellent
appetite was the consequence.

On Thursday Lucy & Kate & Helen took
tea with us also Mr Frank Gale &
P.L. Dick we have worked some
in the garden and some on a
shirt for Charles I have made
my new undersleeves and put in
a few more stitches for myself
Last evening Belle and I went
down to Aunt Phoebe's Mary Jane
had some friends ^{that} from Brooklyn
this afternoon we are going over
to the cars for Charles Belle

would not be surprised to see
you with him, purposing to
call on Delia and at Miss O'Connell's
on our way over, I have not seen
Emma yet, but hope to this after-
noon Maggie kiss Frank for me
and tell him to love Grunkle
99 Dollars. Benny wishes I had brought
Frank with me he ~~is~~ ^{and I are} great friends
he told me yesterday that a little
bird which was hopping near the
window was glad cousin Lizzie
was here - - How is Aunt Sarah
I think much better give her
my love and tell her we talk
of her and some others also
Maggie will you take my parcel
when you do Emma's we want them
badly and please send my
handkerchiefs out of the draw
where my hats are and the
straw hat that is rolled up
in a paper I would very much

filled to overflowing and
now another must be given
up but - ¹¹⁹He that knoweth
best what is for our good
and even in loving kindness
sendeth affliction has from
this cup removed the bitter
portion of uncertainty and in-
stead gives the sweet consolation
of another meeting which shall
show no end - - Indeed we
ought to give this family a
place in our prayers that
the living may "be made wise
unto salvation" - - - And O
may we also be ready when
we are called away and
be reunited in a holier
happier home - - - This af-
ternoon Mary Jane & Miss Gale
called preventing our going
to Church although I thought
we were not to go

This evening C.
H. have gone
down to Aunt
Phebe's. Belle
is asleep on
the sofa and
I in spirit and
with gain -
Mrs David D.
is up and may
take tea with
us to-morrow
Wednesday being
I. is to hold in
the vestry room
Mrs Hall is
apparently in
good health
she knows nothing
of the matter

We have had another
delightful day In going to Church
this morning we met Alfred
very near the house and as
the service was longer than usual I presume he found the
morning very long it was past
one o'clock when we reached
home I enjoyed Church better
even than I anticipated Mr
Harris sermon however I believe was
extempore as I saw no notes
He paused in the exhortation
in the communion service to
call the attention of those present
to the requisiments necessary
to coming to the blessed sacrament

adding that without these
requirements no one was fit
to die. I received
your note for which I thank
you much. For the contents
I was somewhat prepared. Do
you know Maggie that I
think Mrs Shaden needs our
sympathy and our prayers
even more than Lizzie for
I am well assured by the
very doubts and conflicts
that Lizzie is called upon to
endure that God will receive
her soul and that he is now
trying her as "silver is tried"
and what a precious hope
that after all the ills of
time are safely passed that
a happy eternity awaits us
and Lizzie will be permitted
to enjoy this hope. This will

also be a very great comfort to
her Mother and yet Maggie
if it be a very very sad thing
to die even with the Christians
hope to rest upon. Is it not also
a sad very sad thing to stand
beside those we have truly
deeply loved and feel that
they are gone from us never
never to return. Mrs L. has
been and is now deeply afflicted
but "He that tempests the wind
to the shorn lamb" "He doeth
all things well" In these afflict-
tions I think that I can see the
wisdom and Mercy of God in
the first how aggravated the
care seemed suddenly to be
bereft of one so dear with-
out the comfort of feeling
sure that it was but ^{for} a season
truly the cup of sorrow was