

Lexington Va

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My dear sister

You must excuse
this short letter and also my
not having written to you at all
for my eyes have become so bad as to make me
unable ^{any} ^{day} ^{with} ^{them} ^{to} ^{write} ^{to} ^{you}
either day. You wrote to me
that should your health not
prevent your coming to see
me that I might have expected
your arrival several days
since. I went to the Hotel to
see whether you had attempted
such a journey. Though I would
like to see you, and appreciate
your very sisterly affection, yet
I would not like for you to attempt
coming over such a road, with
all its harassments, so do not
attempt it. When my next va-

-cation will enable me to leave (which
I can not do now without neglecting
my duties) I trust that God will gain
permit me to see your face. My
Dear Ellie thought to pass over
the stage route from here to Beverly
was a hard undertaking for her
after she had returned home, she
was pleased with her visit. She
has now gone on a glorious visit though
through a gloomy postal. Her compan-
ion are of the glorified Host. I look for-
ward with delight to the day when I
shall join her. Religion is all that
I desire it to be. I am reconciled to my
loss and have joy in hope of a future
reunion when the wicked cease from
troubling and the weary are at rest
I am much obliged to you for your kind
desire to come and stay with Ellie
Yours affectionate brother
Thomas