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Westport Thursday
May 16

Dear Margaret

Received with much pleasure
at Ferrisburgh on Wednesday, June 8,
May 8, you must ere this time be
relieved of all anxiety about my
crossing your Westport. I am now
10 miles on my return journey, and
hope to go to Saratoga with the mail
that carries this.

I hope you will save for me
a small piece of the rock in Mr. Van
Kearns cellar; and call father of them
be a good spring, and they cannot lead
it across to lead it to the street, and let
the Commissioners to put a public pump
in it, for water is too precious to be lost.

I suppose you are right about
the oil-cloth. I hope however you will
not be poor when I return, as I shall
be poor enough myself. My present way
of travelling costs me I think just about
as much as that of last summer.

At the meeting in Ferrisburgh we
had a warm discussion about a paper
must and a will paper in its future.

Next day we had an institute at-
tended by 20 teachers. It passed off
pretty well, and arrangements were
made for forming an association.
Yesterday I went 18 miles back into
the country, and lectured in the evening.
The forenoon was wet, but the afternoon
fine. Today I came to this place
where I held a public meeting two
morn. Saw strawberry blights yesterday
also torpedone, our nearest relative
of the beaths, of which I send a spec-
imen. In the house where I lodged
last night, I saw a young woman
whose husband is in California, and
whom I last heard from was several.
I pitied her, and thought of you, con-
soling myself however with the thought
that our case is not in appearance at
least so bad. After all however he
may return with a fortune while I
do not expect to return ~~rich~~ richer.
She has one child about 2 years old.
It is rather startling to hear of
George's being nearly struck in his tub.
It shows how near accidents may some-
times be, even when no danger appears.
Dr Parish and his wife were

on this occasion as former very kind.
She desired me to say that she would very
much like to make you a guarantee and
to see you in Zarnouth. If I could have
come here with me but was prevented
by the death of an aunt. I had his
horse which I send back by a boy. I
sent him a fresh salmon from the
Furber river. They are scarce in Zar-
nouth.

The weather today is fine and
things looking quite spring like. The birds
beginning to sing. I saw in Zarnouth
a very nice kind of stone made at
St John N.B. I wish we had
one of them instead of ours.
I visited the interior of the Indian
pendent church. It is very beautiful,
a fine painted roof &c. The wood
is made of ~~bottom~~ ^{better} ~~not~~ wood, an American
can use the oak, but better. I
have a piece I show you. The exterior
is not so fine as it looked when first
finished, but still the finest in the province.
I have a hint to give you, make
a light colash or band of Calico or
something of the kind, and have it
in the telly, so that you can put

It is quickly and runs over to
the garden be with George. Now
that the weather is getting fine you should
try to get as much fresh air as possible.

Dearest Margaret Now that my head
is turned homeward I more and more
long to see you and the dear children.
If I could just give you all one kiss
it would be such a pleasure. When the
work of this summer is done I trust that
with God's blessing we may be enabled to
enjoy the pleasures of union; and that
all the more for our present separation.
Yours ever loving
William

S. Friday - meeting to day - in afternoon
go on to lecture near Palmer, and leave
there to-morrow for Barrington - I am quite
well and everyone says I look better than
last summer
William