



Annapolis Apr 29

Dearest Margaret

Arrived here today, after
some pleasant drives through Granville.
Having a few minutes to spare, I sit
down to write the commencement
of a letter which I expect to post in
Dixby, tomorrow afternoon. On Sabbath
I saw crocuses & Anemones in bloom
at Bridgetown - very fine clumps of
yellow and blue crocuses. Yesterday
and today have seen several ladies
with green leaves, and auriculas &
Mercuries. Saw also a flower called
Starch hyacinth of which I shall enclose
a dried piece if I can. The weather
in the few past days has been de-
lightful, and quite Spring-like. Some of

the people here have very neat garden
plots about their houses, and in
a month hence when the fruit
trees are in flower, many parts
of the country through which I have
travelled must be quite splendid.
I saw Mrs Forbes & day, her husband
has gone on a voyage to the West Indies,
she desired me to tell her parents that
I saw her well; please if you are going
past Mrs Mudies call in & tell her so.
Yesterday afternoon having a few
hours to spare at Caledonia, I departed
this place, I hired a boy to go with
me to the "natural ice house" in these
hills, of which I think we were
speaking some time ago. It was
a tough walk of 22 hours to & back, through
the woods. The place is a ravine in the

trap hills; one side has been a precipice
which has fallen, forming a huge pile
of large fragments of rock, burying up
a little brook which runs out of sight
under the rubbish. The snow & ice which
in winter fills up the spaces between
the large stones, remains all summer.
Of course, at this season it is not strange
I find snow or ice in any ravine, but
I thought it worth while to see the
nature of the place.

Daily Apr 30. Arrived here this
afternoon. Lectured at Annapolis
last evening. Meeting here to-morrow.
The weather fine, and signs of
west wind this evening. If the
weather be good, I shall go
to Westport on Friday, and remain

Then over Saturday & Sabbath.
Do not be alarmed about
crossing St Mary's Bay. I shall
do in that part as prudence dic-
tates. If the weather be good,
it will be quite safe.

I received two chronicles
here to day, but no letter. I sup-
pose you have sent one and
it has miscarried.

I hope you are all well. May
God in all things bless you dearest
Margaret, and grant me a happy
meeting with you all. Let nothing
prevent you from taking exercise
and in every way guarding your own
health. I am quite well
Your own
William