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41 Elmwood Place
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My very dear Aunt,

I must humbly
ask forgiveness for my great
neglect, in not writing to
thank you, for the beautiful
present you so kindly sent
me, the style is so pretty and
so uncommon, and being
dear cousin Anna's gift,
shall be doubly treasured
by me; (not if excuse would
I say this,) but I must tell
you, that I cannot find

time to write to others
eiglder, my time is so fully
filled up, and as dear Mama
says, we must give our
whole attention to our
studies, while we are at
School, that all after enjoy-
ment will come in time.
Ellen and I go to a French-
Class every day, for Drawing
and Participle, three times
a week, and Music twice
a week, for an hour, our
French lessons are rather
hard, we have three exercises
every day to write, so the
Saturdays are our only days,
which we find we can also
fill up. Truly procrastination

is the chief of time, but I
hope my letter will not be
any the less thought of, for
having been long looked for.
But dear Aunt, I have some-
thing to tell you, which I am
sure you will rejoice with
me in. I have become a
Member of the Church to which
Jessie goes, (Bristol Place.)
It is some time now, since
I was brought to see the need
I had of a Saviour, and
since I have taken Him to
reign over me, Oh! I have
never but felt that his rule
was loving kindness, and
feeling I was not ashamed
to own his name, I have
obeyed the Lord's Command,
(He that believeth, and is

baptized, & shall be saved.)
and joined myself to his
people. I was baptized
on the 24th of May, and since
then, with God's help, have
been enabled to hold on my
way rejoicing. It is a great
privilege, having dear Jesse
to help, and counsel me,
dear Aunt Sam to give you
Christina's love, and thanks
for the Cartes of the Children,
which you sent, she thinks
Muck's is perfect, but
none of us like yours.

All unite with me in sending
best love to Uncle, and all
our cousins, Aunt dear if
you possibly can spare time
to write me a short letter,
I should prize it so much.
Your loving niece
Margaret Anne S. Bell.