

East Templeton

Sep. 10th 1878

Dearest Love,

I am thinking
of you this evening as very
busy with preparations for
your departure on the
morrow & wishing so much
that I were with you to help
tie up all the various bundles.
As, however, you have been
getting ready, I trust it is to
be hoped there will not be
a great rush at the last,
& that you will get home
comfortably. Under the circum-
stances such a delay as
we experienced at St Oelans.

work & came home drenched.
The weather was lovely all
day, but about dusk
as we were coming down
the lake in a canoe it
suddenly began to rain
very heavily & we got
an awful ducking. When
I got to Miller's shanty
I had to change everything
& make a fire to dry my
wet garments. I ought not
to complain as it was the
first rain since I came
to Lemington. I only hope
that it will not continue
long, as I do not want
to be kept shut up in the
house here. Certainly I
should sleep to-night, for
I paddled a canoe 14 miles
to-day & walked 5 or 6 miles
with an enormous load of specimens

Last year ² would indeed be
wretched.

Last evening I got three
letters from your darling, &
had quite a joyful time
reading them, notwithstanding
the news about that fickle &
false Jane, who, to say the
least deserves a year in the
penitentiary. As for Joanna
I did not for a moment suppose
she would return. If you
have enjoyed that Mary front
I hope she will prove a
success, but do not think
it very likely. There is too
much deceit in her face.
Perhaps it is only skin-deep &
her heart free from it; but
if so I am greatly mistaken.
I have had a hard day

I am so longing to see you
& Eric once more, dear,
but very much dislike the
idea of having you come
home & find no husband
to welcome you there.

But if all goes as I hope &
pray it may, we shall
very soon be together again.
I have had no letter to-night
but hope to get one to-morrow.
With ever ever so much
love
Your fond B.

