



Cambridge 9. 10. 82.

My dear wife,

Your card duly received,
was glad to hear of your safe
arrival and pleasant surprise.

Aunt Ellen and Aunt
Mira went the following Monday
to see the carpet and concluded
it to be in good taste so have
ordered it as it suits me better
than any I have seen.

Since you left have
ordered three vic-a-brac mantels
in black-walnut, one for Lizzie,
one for the sitting-room and one
for our room. Also a book case
for the sitting-room. The house
progresses slowly, as usual and

it seems as if we never would get rid of the carpenter.

Mrs. John Perkins is not a person you can tell much of our family affairs to, as she repeats them which is not pleasant.

I hope by another week we will begin to see the end of all this remodeling and repairing as it has been so long now since it was commenced it is becoming very tiresome.

We have just purchased our annual supply of paper for note books etc, some 5,000 lbs, $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons.

As soon as the house is completed I shall go to see you and then we will have a long talk of what we are going to do about having a wedding and what you all

think about it, how we are
to arrange for the final day
etc.

You tell sister Minnie
that if we only had a place
to put her she should come
on here and get rested.

Instead of papering the
halls in the ell we are to have
them painted and the dining-
room as well.

To-morrow a grand
consultation on carpets for the
sitting-room, front hall and one
of the chambers.

Have selected gas-fixtures
of brass, plain, but very good
style.

We are all very well
and long for the time when
we can once more live.

With love to all, my

brother and sister etc and my
dear wife "Esther" I am

Your forever
Will.