

Lovassak May 4th 1856

I am once more at my Sunday morning
avocation dearest Aunt after the interval
of several weeks and my first letter shall
be to you, to thank you for your last
sweet favors, & then to tell you how happi-
ly our holidays were passed. My dear
husband & children, were all in the
enjoyment of health, and all even little
darling Maimy were with me in our pretty
Temple, where Mr. Roscafeld, after the
prayers for the day gave us appropriate
& beautiful Discourses, drawing fine moral
illustrations from the Portion of each day's
scriptural reading. I wish for you very
very often my dearest Aunt when listening
to him for I know you could not fail
to be interested in his sermons & his Prayers
are peculiarly fine, if I can procure the one
he gave yesterday I will copy it for you
for it struck me as really sublime. - Then I

must tell you too of our Sunday school
Examination, which was very successful.
The Parents of the children were so much
pleased with their progress that they
immediately passed a resolution to give
the Teachers & Pupils a comphimentary Pic-
nick, which took place last Wednesday.
We rode out early in the day to a beautiful
shady retreat, about a mile from the city.
There was Music, & the children danced
& gathered wild flowers, & sang, & exercise
gave them fine appetites to due justice
to a well spread table under the shade of
some fine old Oaks hung in festoons with
the heavy drops which forms a peculiar feature
of our woods. & to vary the amusements, there
was some speaking. I wish you could have
heard Nell recite her piece of German
Poetry, & hear sing in German song.
There were as many nay more Germans who
joined in the festivity than ~~of~~ our own people

all its gladness to continue, & every bird upon its wing.
I turn from all its brightness to these, it could not bring."
Dear Ellen & Rosa, my thoughts often turn to them,
so loving, so beloved, & I scarce can reconcile that they
are not of earth, & will gladden us no more with
their ~~their~~ warm affection & bright smiles.
I hope dear Sara Burdett is by this time glad-
dened by her husband's presence. I have counted
the days since I heard of his having intended to sail,
& hope that he has safely arrived. I was very sorry
to see the announcement of the death of Agnes Hoffman
poor dear Julia. I know how sadly her good heart will
mourn his loss. What a terrible one it will be to his
family. When you last wrote she had not recovered
from Katy's death, & this is one of the saddest trials
that could have befallen her! My husband
unites with me in love to you. Uncles
& Abrace, Elizabeth, Bell & Fanny send much
love & many kisses to you. When you
go to see dear Aunt Fanny always carry our
most affectionate greetings to her & to Sara.
I was glad to hear that Miriam Elting had gone
to Baltimore. I hope the change may benefit
her. Farewell dearest Aunt May the season
bring with it health to you & all around you is the
constant prayer of your own devoted Miriam Gledhill



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