

Wednesday Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> - 1860

I hope My Dear Anna you have been made happy this day by the safe return of our beloved Ben, whose companionship has been such a delight to my heart - and whose presence was so dear to our minds. I know he was gratified by his visit to them. The only regret we felt was that you and the dear girls were not with us. Human life would be too precious to us, if we could always be surrounded by those we love. Lavinia's children are very lovely and good. Little Henry is particularly interesting, and seems to make up for the fact his mother was clouded, by the vivacity of mind and feeling he possesses. When we were seated at breakfast yesterday he looked at a vacant place - and said, No Uncle Ben, to day! The weather was so fine on Monday that

I hope his journey was pleasant.  
It has been cool enough here, to be  
compared to our October weather,  
excepting at mid-day when the sun  
shines hotly. but I have kept within  
doors as a cure for my troublesome  
cold. I have found it effectual.

Julia partook of a friendly hospita-  
-lity yesterday & accompanied her  
to the Theatre in the evening. The  
Canadians are very busy preparing  
for their Prince's arrival. whose  
doings at Halifax are daily reported.

I did not ask my Mother to let  
us know how & when he got home  
but trust you my dear Ann, will  
think of doing so. Your constant  
kindness always acting with  
promptness. I was sorry the enclosed  
came a few lines too late, but  
send it on the mission of love.