



Litchfield June 26th 1862.

Dear Annie,

I have been so very busy since your last two letters came that I could not write. You will see by the date of this that I am afloat, on a visit to my Osgood relatives.

We had heaps of company the fortnight before I left home, and when Nat came for me, I sent him home alone, because there were friends with us that I wished to see more of. Jennie and Nathan took me up to Bridgeton last Friday, and remained there till F Sunday. Tuesday Nat and I came here, where we have been very quiet thro' the storm. I have been sewing, reading and dreaming. On my way here, I bought a book to present to Father Osgood. "Thoughts on Jesus of Nazareth" by W.H. Furness, and have been so fascinated by it that I could scarcely lay it down till I had read to the last cover.

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