

three - uncle Elias & myself
went fifteen miles to one
last Wednesday - strange
idea!

Mamma Allen, bless her
heart, I do love her - she
will hold up for Carolina
& aunt Frest; I like her better
because there are certain ones
about here that do not.

I am just as timid as
ever, I do suffer from it
so much - you would be
sorry for me if you could
see me sometimes - you know
what or help you always
were to me.

I heard through aunt
Frest that Bishop Deane
was dead; what a great
loss, who will supply his place?

I suppose you will come
home next Fall - Aunt Frest

promised to have your
ambrotype taken for me
I wish I had it this minute -
I want to see you so much

Uncle Elias is courting
in good earnest - Cousin
William Pitts daughter - I
expect she will have him
too.

Is cousin Lucy Whitaker
in Burlington or is she
through school? and aunt
Betsey is going back to Lown
to stay.

I reckon you think you
might have a longer letter
as it is so long since I
wrote but excuse this line and
look for better in the future.

I don't wonder you thought
I had forgotten where you
were. Do please write soon to
your cousin Bessie.

You have two letters
lying in my drawer unan-
swered: shame, shame on
me, but you are not the
only one neglected - If you
were you might think your-
self forgotten - I have been
in bad health this Spring -
only temporary though.

Cousin Joe Taylor has
been with us about two
months - will return to Car-
olina in a few weeks, will
carry cousin Triscilla with
her. The pic nics have com-
menced, I have attended