

books are a great comfort to you. I have very little time to read, during the summer.

The place here is looking nicely. the lawns have been mowed, and everything looks fresh and green. Strawberries are not as plenty as usual, and not nearly as good. We do not have the variety in the markets here, that there is in Boston.

Do you know, it was several weeks after I came back, before I felt well at all. I think it was change of climate, and I was really miserable, but I seem to be "coming to" somewhat now, and I suppose, am getting acclimated. I was afraid of it, and wanted to stay until June, but Mrs M^cIntire deemed so anxious for me to come first of May, I felt obliged to do so. We are some ways from the stores, so that it seems very quiet and country like. I think I told you I did not come to live in the city but preferred being a little way out.

I trust this will find you feeling pretty well, and please do not wait as I have done, before answering, and I will endeavor to do better another time.

Truly your friend

Hattie A. Pearson

Ocean Cottage,

Sachem St.,

Lynn, June 6th 80.

Dear Miss Cope,

I have been meaning to write to you for some time, but have been very busy since my return, and consequently have put it off, thinking I should have more leisure soon. I have heard once from Sam, said he was very busy indeed. Uncle sent me word he (Sam) would probably come about the first of July. We shall be only too glad to see him. I visited my sister in Boston, before coming here, was there a fortnight. I was up to B. last Friday, she told me her baby was to be christened to-day, am sorry, it is not pleasant. It has been raining some this morning, and is still cloudy.

My sister's family attend Bromfield St. M.
E. church. I wish you could hear the pastor
preach. he is very independent, and rather a
sensational preacher. such pastors are not
always popular. You might like him once,
at least. out of curiosity you would want
to hear him. but I do not think, I could get
up much interest to go many times.

I do about like yourself. when I am at
Leyden. that is. I stay away from the churches.
There are none of my kind very near. so I
take the day to rest in.

I thought of my Southern friends. and won-
dered, during that hot spell, if it could be
any hotter at the South. It has certainly
been cool enough this past week. I was not
feeling very well when I went to the city
last Friday. so I came back with a bad
headache. but it lasted only a short time.

I trust you are feeling much better. and
that the warm weather will make you well.

Have you had that promised visit from
Miss Patty? I expect I am is too busy at the

present time. to go up the country.

I do not hear of the wedding yet.
June has come. and the last I heard. Mr
Dunn was going to close his house and board
at Mrs Leutis's. that does not seem like
getting married. Well. I suppose. Miss Olivia
thought it too much of an undertaking to be
another to do many. How about Mr Kiddick
has he made a change and gone to boarding?
and your monkey minister what has become
of him?

I had a letter from Cousin Lizzie a few
weeks ago. She does not say when she is coming
North. She tells me. there is a colored family
in the large house. vacated by Mr Kiddick.
so that she is pretty well surrounded by them
now. not a very inviting prospect. for one
who likes quiet. but as we can not have
things as we want them always. it is best
to be grateful for a few privileges. I do
think you are very courageous to live as you
do. when you have so much opposition to
contend with. No doubt. your papers and