

Washington Ill,  
Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 1889  
3 pm

My Darling: I have just arrived here. I have been turning over in my mind all the morning the question whether I should not telegraph you to come to Chicago tomorrow.

I want to do it ever so bad but am half-afraid you would think it cost too much. Indeed the expense would be pretty heavy. Your fare would be about \$16<sup>00</sup> each way: 3 days at hotel \$12.00: with other expenses, all told, \$50. I am afraid we can't afford it. If I find a pretty fair hotel at Jacksonville, I may stay there or if not go on to Kansas City where there is a good one which will be near to Beth: any. I will telegraph you tomorrow night what I have decided upon. I can probably stay in Jacksonville at about \$2.50 a day which is some thing to be considered, whether I

can reach Bethany from there <sup>con-</sup>  
veniently or not - I do not know.

If you do not go to Phila. you will  
want to go somewhere else about  
that time. Perhaps you would bet-  
ter go to Buffalo about Sat. the 20  
and come home with me, - or  
come over and go down with me.  
I think I can reach Brocton a-  
bout Sat. morning. Or you might  
come to Cleveland the day before  
and take Friday pm and Sat. Am.  
for shopping.

If not, you must write me  
what to get and I will stop Friday in  
Chicago and get them. By taking the  
limited I can get 8 hours there and  
lose no time on the trip.

I have been very well and

thus far have suffered little  
from my old enemy depression.  
How soon he may get the better  
of me I cannot tell, but thus far  
he has left me pretty well alone.  
I dread the four days after tomor-  
row. I shall try and get down to  
work and hope I may succeed.  
If so I will send you a lot of matter  
which you can copy and have ready  
to work over as soon as I get home.  
I shall modify the scene with Lily  
and Miroslav, but I am bound to  
make it pretty warm. I will  
have that all right before the 21-  
so you need have no fear. Love  
to all.

Yours

Albion