

boncle - I am almost
My darling
you much more true
you, when I am try-
to be so loving - & in-
ing love to Bernice & Kit.
concerns his - but I must
write about this tonight.
I am surprised if you are
not quite so pretty but I'll
have to come home & leave you
you ^{with} ~~to~~ so expensive -
I can't take in just the
is ^{so} ~~so~~ at home - & you'll
be ^{to} do with me instead
will you get HOME - per-
mission is joyful & good too -
Bernice & I are almost there
May. God comfort those who mourn
& bless those who rejoice -

Last night my heart was awake
glad by the very best letter I've had for
a long time. Just because it brought me
the best news I ever received by letter,
and you too "poor thing" seemed so glad
to - that I almost quake with the fear at
times that on thissful anticipations that
sum is near - may yet be snatched
from us - It seems so good to think
of ^{you coming} - I fear I've kept this holy day in
a sad manner - the very welcome things
under that is - no matter when I was
or how I had engaged - I find myself
reading away verse after verse in a
mechanical way - my ^{mind} wandering a

I haven't been making a practice
of writing letters Sabbath, so but you asked
so pathetically for me to be awaiting your ar-
rival in Columbus that I was persuaded
to do so this one time, but how shall I ad-
dress it - shall I ever dare write Lt Col
again - well well I am slightly sorry -
but rather think I am fully compensated
in other attending circumstances -

Isn't it seem strange for our tongues to
take the place of our pens? is this my
last letter? - to my Soldier husband?

Oh let us praise God - who for Jesus sake
is so good to us - I pity the priests of the
16th they feel so disappointed -

If I get your telegram Tuesday eve-
ning - I shall if nothing occurs to prevent
come Wednesday - or Thursday - Wednesday if
possible as you will be expecting me - if any
thing should prevent you may expect an
explanation by mail - I hardly expect
you will reach there quite so soon though.
I will come as soon after I hear from you

to keep the doctor - to those who are
want in her general the & them
as I can - as to Company I don't
want any - I would not object to Col
Lofland going up in the same car - I see
some of them often & I shall see how he
feels about going first - then I'll tell him
your wishes - I think he'll go - & I think
Sara would ^{have} gone too - if they had not en-
gaged to take two members of the Court
& their ladies to board - as to the Dress
Dr I don't fancy her company enough to
seek it - but if thrown together I shall be
good to her - I say so for to Charley & Nat. going
if they should go on the same train - you
know I cannot help it - but I should ex-
pect to be annoyed with them myself -
Moms are bounding Col Warren & family - no
danger of missing the Court Martial - if
you get home within six weeks - I guess -
About the Jewish dress my love - I can-
not promise - I don't think there is any here
& Mother thinks I don't need it - I guess
she is right - you know we must be econ-
omical my darling - I will bring you
some money from the bank - but you
mustn't scold when I tell you - I owe
100 there already that I drew by letters
since last fall - but didn't disburse the