

Strong June 6th

You will perceive by the date of this letter that your Cousin
Ann rejoins yet in Strong. If I had consulted my own feelings
I should have been at home long before this time, but I happened
to be there soon. I think the aspect of everything has changed very
much since I left. Perhaps I notice it more because I am away,
but it really seems to me that there has not been such a thorough
change before within my remembrance. At first thought I can hardly
realize it, but our own experience and that of past ages, forcibly
teaches us that every thing earthly is liable to change, therefore
we have no reason to be surprised at whatever takes place however
unexpected. You probably heard of Mr Adams' illness. I am rejoiced
to hear that he is so far recovered, and cannot but think his
intended journey will be beneficial to him. I don't see as he can
be spared from B. If he remains there I suppose he will not be
our Theophrastus any longer, but that will not prohibit him from being
useful. I hear that Nathan Cole is at H., and I presume it is a source
of much happiness to you. The presence of one friend will do much
towards smoothing the roughness of our path when we are in a land
of strangers. I have had practical illustration of this, the winter and
spring past. While Mary was with us I was as happy as you can
think and after she was gone I was almost as much the reverse.
I anticipated it and would have had you with her but mother
would not consent to have me go till May. May has gone and when
I shall be at home I do not know. Mother says in three or four weeks.
If you go there before I do please give me an account of what is
going on. When I get home I expect to get a great many lectures for not
writing any often, but I think I am quite excusable, just as every one
does I suppose when they have done wrong. We live a great way from
the Post office and but rarely have an opportunity to send particularly at this