

Barthlett O, Apr. 22 '95.
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Dear Joe:—Although
I am tardy, according to
the old maxim, I am
"better late than never."
I believe I told you of
our prospect of getting an
organ? Mrs. Lovel and I
were appointed to help
in soliciting for money and
also act as a committee
in selecting one. On last
Fri. evening we went to
Chester Hill to look at some
organs, and while there
I stayed and played some

some of my farewell visits
so I did not get to write
when I usually do.

On arriving at school
last Thur. morning I
found what I supposed
to be the singing book
I had spoken of but
thought it must be quite
a large edition. After taking
off paper after paper wondering
if it were an "April Fool".
I found a handsome book
beautiful not only to look
on but in thought and
sentiment. As I read its
wonderful pages it strikes
a thousand heartstrings
and the songs of Mother
Home and Lord One are
made sound anew in
my heart.

Yes I accept it, not so
much for the book as it
might be valued by some,
but for the giver and the
sentiment it brings to me.
Please accept my thanks
in this cold formal way
for the same. I hope to
thank you in a better way
some time.

That little note the book
contained had almost
as much in it as
the book itself.

As for the way it came
to the school house I can
not say, but presume
Leonard brought it there
before I got to school
and put it in at the
window. I did not get
to speak to him while at home.

I rec'd a letter from Hannah
a few days ago and seems
quite anxious for me to
come to her home. They
live in Liberia, Maryland.
My school will close
May 18 if nothing prevents
and I want to go home
May 20. As to your visiting
me, it would be more
pleasant for me, and
I presume more convenient
for you to come to Kisterville
unless you want to visit
your home, if so, it will
make no difference to
me. I have been thinking
if you could spare the time

then it would be very
enjoyable for you if you
could come during Commemora-
ment, but the time will
not make any difference
to me. Arrange matters
to suit yourself and I
think it will suit me.
I surely must be twenty-
one for they let me cast
my ballot at election! I was
the only woman at the polls.
Charles Hanson who was
so dangerously sick is
some better and the Drs.
think he may recover
for the time. It is past my
bed-time so Good-night with
a kiss. Lovingly Yours. Bertha.

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