

of intended writing to you this morn^g
had I not gotten your letter, please
don't think the cause of my long absence
was because you had not written for I am
not at all circumvented with you - but I have
not felt like letter writing was the cause of
absence

in that way, I expect not, for its
woman, to conceal and bear her
own troubles - unaided, and submit
to any but herself.

Death has truly done its work
in your City since you last
wrote to me. How sad for
one to be cut off so early, like
Miss Stockitt. And it tells
us so plainly, to watch and
not cast away the golden hours
allotted us, yet I for one am
sure do not heed the warning
as I should do. Jim was
up to see me last week, and
promised to come again soon
I am going to pay him a visit
next Sunday afternoon - if noth-
ing happens and I can find
him, I don't think there is much
doubt of that.