"no rest neither" as Carlyle words says. a tremendous
fog - seems to be settling down on the world where
every thing, including is vague & shadowy & unreal I see
no bright hope but in the thought that our dear
Lord himself may come - & disperse the clouds
with the brightness of his presence
I indeed do not the signs of the times seem to indicate
it. I see that the Earl of Shaftsbury - is president of a
Society formed by prominent men & women in England
to colonize Syria - & there is a very interesting
article on the subject in one of the late reviews
& has wonderfully the Telephone & Telegraph are
bringing the ends of the earth together I think too a
universal feeling of brotherhood is growing under
all - & I have heart but I cannot but look back with
regret at the peaceful childlike faith of the past though I

believe there are also this very distinct advantage to greater
my dearest cousin
Holiday Rectory
Feb 27 1881
I had such a delicious letter
from you - that we had a grand
chuckling over it - & I
thought it would be a great
pleasure to share it with
Mr Murray & he
returning it has
forwarded it to dear
Elt who was pleased to read
it & sends you a hearty
thank for it. I got up to
Abingdon on Friday & had
a very delightful
day with the girls
I have a great
deal to tell you when I get to Rockfield
but I must stop now they
are waiting for my letter - thank God
my dear Sally - thank God
the light of a Christ of your
day & of our own and