

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>

~~Just~~ saying I always ran away from him, had not been with  
him ten minutes at a time; I don't know what to make of  
Al. while with me on the sofa, he said he thought me one who  
would be a friend, ~~and~~ and that I am without deceit; and  
then said that though he might say out of things to  
hurt me, yet if ever I need a friend to call upon him,  
he spoke with so much earnestness that I believe him  
though he has given me just cause not to do so. He is  
rather fond of brandy - and oh! that I could wear him  
from it - the other day <sup>Saturday</sup> after having drunk rather freely  
he asked me to comb his hair. I did so, and while at it  
remarked that he looked as if he had been drinking  
he then and there promised me never to touch  
it again but on Monday I noticed ~~he~~ had been  
at it again, I fear nothing I or anyone else can say  
will do him any good; to night he came home  
I know from the look of his eyes he has been drinking  
he said he and John had been to miss Rose's and  
~~part~~ of pretended they were drunk, and Molly  
R, who has been spending the day there, was much offe-  
ded as something he said, I fear there was something