

Ellington July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 1851.

Ever remembered friend

In accordance with your wishes I very happily embrace this my first opportunity since I have been gone to express it. Well I shall I am attending school now, and you know by experience how ones time is nearly all engaged in school duties; but your school days are over now, and you have generously ~~entrusted~~ <sup>entrusted</sup> your future happiness in anothers keeping, and I presume you are happy. I hope that your future may be as bright and joyous, as the sunny days of our childhood, when together we have roamed in fields and woods, with happy hearts that never knew nor thought of sorrow. These were our best days, as you used to say. And together we have ~~traced~~ the flowery path of science, and drank from the pure fount of knowledge.