

San Jose Aug²^d 1874

Dear Sister

Your favor and
Craig's was received a few
days since but I have failed
to respond for I have been
so busy that I found no
time. How I would like
to have been at home with
you but alas how frail are
our wishes and unrealized our
expectations years will doubt-
less elapse before I again
visit - the old home and
then it will be so changed
that it will be but little
consolation and then all
the aspirations of youth are
gone and old age is creeping