

Washington City  
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Mary,

My Kansas Speech is not only delivered but is printed & I send you a copy. I do not require you to read it, but you may see its length and labor. I was unwell after it but am now quite as well as usual.

The spring is very backward. The grass in the public ground just begins to look green but no appearance of leaves on the trees. Last evening it was hot, sultry. This morning about 8 o'clock a shower. Today it is cool but pleasant.

Two weeks since Mrs. Hall had a small evening party & the family plate was left in the