

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on the top page of the manuscript. Some words like "I have been" and "I shall" are visible.]

These to tell them so.
 In reading over E's letter
 again I observe also says
 "I suppose our work will be
 made to advance the sum
 of \$600 for the work for the
 ensuing year - I shall inform
 Allen early of their conclusion."
 Then said better wait till
 she writes that... I will
 direct her to our ass above.
 Glad to hear that Martha
 is well again - & better. I
 fear the heart with affliction.
 I hope she will rest.
 I have been deeply interested
 in thy letter - and much have
 thought of how much I have
 lost by of as the paper said.
 I am I am in the same way
 I said. Will tell them that
 I am in a hurry. I have been
 engaged to my young brother
 & his brother Allen.
 Love to you all - Maria
 Francis

Pella Apr 21

Dear Allen
 I am in receipt of
 thy letter & one from E.
 H. Barnard -
 the proposed floor in Cast.
 I am with them here we
 will undertake a campaign
 in East Town - Friendsville
 for one year - house & fuel
 winter & free - they to pay
 us \$600 - at the end of
 that time, we will decide
 as to the future.
 So then can go ahead - &
 I trust we can show them
 results - we must put
 the new teachers, the child
 & our & their parents all
 upon their very best efforts
 to raise the reputation
 of East Town - & I want