

Before marriage? X

1875 or 76

My dear Love,

I am in a
penitent frame of mind
this morning, I can know
when anything troubles me
I like to dispose of it at once.
The fact is, I am afraid
it was not quite good of
me to persuade you to stay
away from that meeting
I feel quite sure that
when you went home
you were vexed that
you did not go, I just a
little cross with me -
So I am sorry dear

& hope, I want do so any
more.

You know it was
such a long while since
I had seen you, & it
seemed so dismal to have
you go off & leave me
before you had said
half the things I had
wanted to hear about.
but even so, I feel now,
that it was a little
selfish. & I don't want
to be selfish about any-
thing. And you must
forgive me, & be patient
with me, & love me ever
so much, & perhaps I
shall grow to be better
& not persuade you to
what you don't think
best, for you are much

more likely to be right - than I am.
I write much love

Your ever
Anna

Wednesday

Your mother wrote me
such a lovely little letter, which I shall
show you when you come to see me next.
I am sure I shall be very fond of her.