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## Questions:

1. From the letter, what time in her life is Dr. Mary Walker reflecting upon?
2. What is the mood of this writing?
3. What evidence do you have to support your answer to #2 above?
4. Why do you think there has been a change in how the public perceives her?
5. What would you say to Dr. Mary Walker in response?



Oil painting of Dr. Mary Walker; Oswego County Historical Society.