

Windsor Centre Nov 9th 1843

My dear Friends I expect you
have been long looking for us at your place
we left home last week Monday we came
to Fort Haven stayed there until Wednesday
then we came on our journey to this
place I got badly hurt in one of my feet
the horse took fright at the carriers and
I sprung from the carriage to catch him
by the head and my feet slipped off from
the shaft and I fell between the shaft
and horse and in the struggle he stepped
on one of my feet and it is hurt pretty
bad this all took place near the Cat
kill ferry on Friday I immediately
went to a surgeon had my foot taken care
of & had a piece of a bone taken out of my

two about one inch long but Saturday I got
into my carriage and rode home to my children
and am here well and strong but I am helpless
enough I suffer a great deal of pain but am in
hopes to be better soon the doctor thinks I must
necessarily have a very sore foot and a long time
getting well your aunt did not get injured at
all she fell out of the carriage but did not
receive any injury & wears only fringed
badly so you see my dear friends that I can do
without the way, but the Lord direct his steps
whether we shall be able to go any further or
return home your sister thinks that if she
had a little more courage she would go on alone
but I hardly think it would be best if there
should be any prospect of our going I will
write you again but I think it very

doubtful our friends were all well when we
left home when I look back upon what took
^{place} I think I can see the preserving hand of God in
it. It is a wonder of wonders that my life was
preserved that we both escaped as well off as
we did so if we are obliged to return without
visiting you, you must take the will for
the deed but we shall be very much disap-
pointed if must close for the main will part
any more you see that this is not with
a resolute triumphing hand we remain your
affectionate Uncle and Aunt

Wm & Catharine Doty

Mr Wm Kelley



Wm Kellogg Esq
Acida Lake
Vt

23rd/₄ of Jan. 1869

Dear Aunt Polly;

Our 2nd/₄ Festival for the Church has just passed, the night before Father came home. I wish you could all have enjoyed it. The fancy table was good, & the supper, & the gentleman's scarf sold by tickets, & the ring cake, & the voting for the handsomest lady in the Hall. Money was taken over \$200.00 & clear about \$75. Oyster supper & fixings of cake, pickles &c, for 5⁰ apiece. The ladies here got up a good time, I think, when they attempted it. The ring out of the cake was

taken by Abbie Dutton a girl about
12 years old. She was pleased enough
I suppose. Mr. William Baxter took
the scarf. He bought four tickets.

Father is safe at home if we are happy
I hope thankful too. If you should
see our church & hear the instru-
ment in it, you would certainly think
there was need of some effort to
make a change. I don't know whether
the monies raised at the Festivals
will go for church or organ. Mother is
writing to Aunt Sylvia. Father is
shoveling snow against the house.
The weather is pretty cold here today.



Hamilton May 10th 1869
" " " "

Dear Friend

I was quite surprised when I received your very welcome letter for I had thought perhaps my letter had never reached Weybridge, for it had been so long since I had written, and had got no answer; I was not surprised to hear that Aunt Sylvia was not living, for I thought it was doubtful, but I thought I would like to know and if I wrote, perhaps some one would answer it; and I am sure I am very glad you took it upon yourself to do so, I was glad to hear from you, your letter contained things that I was glad to know about, and would never have known had it not been for it; there has certainly been a very great change there since I was there I was surprised to hear that all of your

Uncle

Haywards family were gone, and all of
Mr Brewsters; Your Father is living at
a good old age, and you are staying
to take ^{care} of him, what a fine thing it is
that he has a Daughter that can stay
with him in the decline of life and
administer to his wants, and none can
do so well as those who have no family.
Who lives in the house that Aunt
Charity and Aunt Sylvia lived in;
and did Aunt Sylvia live there after
Aunt Charity died; it would interest me
to hear all about the people in Whymby,
or (at least) those that were there when
I was there; I suppose that you had a
good many of your young men killed
in time of the war; you may think it
strange that we stayed here through the
war, but we have a home here, and if
we had gone and left, every thing would
have been destroyed, so Mr Taverner said
he would stay here unless they drove
him away; we had no fighting near

as but once, there was a skirmish and
there was some fourteen ~~or~~ fifteen killed
but there was soldiers constantly passing
and often a whole Core, it was awful
you have no idea what a time we
had ~~for~~ four years; you read about
it, but did not ^{see} it, and the effects of
that awful war, so many of the young
men killed, so many families mowing
the loss of their sons and women
their husbands; but I had no one in
the war I have but one son, he was in
a short time, and he deserted and
went over the river; he is now married
he is twenty five years old, and I have
but one daughter, she is seventeen, so
my family is quite small; my Mother
died in time of the war; and Sister
Mary died since; and there is none
left of her family but Emma Davis
she has a little girl eleven year old
her husband is dead so she is alone
and Carrie is in San Francisco.

I hope you can read this it is badly written and a good

many mistakes

Our family is all scattered about what there is left, us, and we dont see each other often I was on at Northampton the year before the war, then Mother and Sister Mary was living and Carrie was there on a visit and I thought then we would not all of us meet again in this world: Now dear friend I have written you a long letter of every thing that I thought would interest you but I dont think it is very interesting and when you get this, I want you to reply to it, and tell me all about the people that were living when I was there; some of them I cant think of I cant think of the Deacons only your Father; tell me all of the changes: My health is quite poor, I have been sick for several weeks, but am better there is something the matter of my heart and I dont ever expect to be well any more; give my love to all that are living that I used to know, to your sisters, and Brothers, how I would like to see you all. but I must stop by once more asking you to write very soon: good bye from your sincere and

affection friend Elizabeth J. Jenner

Boston, December 28th 1880.

We have sent you several numbers of The Congregationalist recently for examination, hoping that it might so commend itself that you would desire its continuance. We enclose herewith a leaflet which sets forth the general characteristics of the paper, with some new and attractive features for the year 1881.

It had not been our policy to publish Serials, but having been so fortunate as to secure from the pen of a very popular and gifted author, one which we are confident will prove of great interest and value, we have, at large expense, procured it for our columns. We shall begin its publication with Feb. 1881, and it will run not less than nine months. This with the other valuable matter which we publish, will make The Congregationalist more attractive and valuable than ever.

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Yours very truly,

W. L. Greene & Co.

P.S. We shall stop the paper in every case at the close of the Serial, unless we receive an order for its continuance.

Milton VT Sept 20 1868

Cousin Annis

Your letter of June
21st & also of Sept-18 was duly read
your first came in a very busy
time but I designed to answer it
immediately but time slipped
away rapidly & I was lately thinking
whether I had written you. When your
last was received conveying the sad
tidings of Aunts death - but she
as well as my mother & Uncle Bill
have lived longer probably than
any of her children will -
Sister Ellen Holbrook & husband
called to see Aunt at the time
of the Middlebury commencement
they found her in very good health.

but with faculties somewhat impaired, though nothing more than what would be expected at her age - Uncle W. will probably not long survive & Mother's health is very poor the whole family having enjoyed good health & a longer life than generally falls to the lot of the human family -

It has been a busy season with us. Our cheese factory has done finely. We had an excellent cheese maker. ~~at~~ Man & Wife who boarded with us, & closed up the business yesterday. The summer being very dry the cows were giving but very little milk. So it was thought best not to continue longer -

We should be pleased to receive another visit from you. We would endeavor to make it more pleasant than the last one - Another year we shall not have boarders

nor the care of the dairy so we hope to be in better shape to receive our friends - Please write often & I will endeavor to be more punctual in my duties here after

H. L. Hepsie

Dear Cousin

I was at work in the garden when it said I could make a furber in this. I washed my hands and now he is at the door waiting! Guess you will get a long letter from me:

I will at least say to us all better and wish you was here now so could make it more pleasant for you - which is your comfort after your visit is made! Come again as soon as you can. Please write us all about yourself and anything may

happen to be going in Lovell when
you write. Mother and Bertie
are in the garden - B- has not been
away from Grandma lately. She
remembers you and often speaks of
you.

Mother sends compliments
Mother J- has not been well very
but is feeling better.

The home is impatient - so will
close with much love from
Cornelia J. H.

Le Roy Jan 8th
1868.

Dear Grandpa.

" " "

I often think
of you and of the
pleasant time I had
while with you.

It is a long time
since we have heard
from you, or from
Vermont (any way.)
And Grandpa wanted
to have me write
to you and some of
your folk answer it.
Grandpa often speaks
of you, and wishes he
could see you.

He has been unwell
for a long time but

is better now.

I am going to school
at the Academy now
situated on the East
side of the Creek in
a new building that
cost with the land
(a piece of 4 acres)
\$3500.00 in all.

I have a card printed
2 years ago, thinking
you would like to see
it, I put it in

I often think of your
stories Grandpa a bout
the Foxes and wish
I could come and see
you again.

Tell Aunt Sylvia
I haven't forgotten the
Maple sugar and
hasses I used to
get while I was with

Dear Cousins,
George & Tony,

I often think of
the pleasant time
I had with you sliding
down hill and tracking
Foxes and lots of
other things we used
to do. Are there as
many Foxes as there
was when I was there
If there is I'll
you a good way to
catch them put
some salt on their
tails.

Have you caught
any of them their skins
fetch a good price
here. What are you doing

I have been reading
a book entitled The
Green-Mountain-Boys
I think you would
like to read it if you
haven't already I speak
of Otter-Creek and
Snake-Mountain and
a lot of places around
where you live.

It is good sleighing
here the snow is about
12 inches deep.

Please write soon and
tell about every thing.
There has been a coal
mine and a salt
" found near here.

We all send love to
our Vermont friends
But it is 10 o'clock and
I must quit. (Lewis)

Aug. 27. 1854

Dear Sister

Another week has passed, and Geo. has not gone and so I will try to scribble a little more, taking it for granted you will make no objection. Our candidate has given us three very good sermons to-day but I have reason to fear that I shall not make the improvement that I should. I have attended three female prayer meetings lately, there has been two at Mr F. Bottoms and three at Mr Cooks, Aunt S. has been here six weeks and since she has been here, the meetings have been held in this neighborhood, those I have attended were quite interesting. Delana had her baby baptized at the lecture this evening ~~at the lecture~~. I had a letter from Louisa last week, the baby was pretty well, he goes to meeting in the afternoon every Sabbath. says he goes "to hear man," he is fond of talking of his father and says he has gone away off to Mont. I did not say a word about Lizzie. It is a long time since we have heard from Belding, if you know any thing about him or his I wish you would tell us. I am very sorry to hear that you and F. are so unwell. I think you had better come up here immediately and see if Vermont air will not cure you. If there is truth in the old say that misery loves company you can have plenty here, and yet we are nearly as comfortable as usual. Uncle and Aunt Hayward visited us last Tuesday, they were very cheerful much more so than I had supposed they could be. They have been in Pantou most of the time since E. died. How many sad changes have occurred since you were here last, I went to-day for the first time since his funeral and stood over Cousin E's grave, but

I could not realize that his body lay beneath those sods,
that I am to see his face no more. The last time I saw him
living he was well and in his class in sabbath school, the next
time I saw him he was in his coffin. The next sabbath was a sad
time for our class, poor Lury ~~stann~~ sat there in our midst and
we were called on to choose a teacher to fill that vacant place
which her husband never more would occupy, we selected dear,
Dexter, I like him very well but do not feel quite so much
liberty to speak my opinion as I used to. Do you go to Sab-
bath school in M. Have you got weaned from Salem St. I should
like very much to hear Doot B. a few times. Monday eve

just as usual, procrastination^{has} been thieving my time
and now Ella has come for my letter, I will take time
to say that father has caught a large pickerel to-day
and if you and F. will call in the morning we will serve
him up for breakfast, you must write and let
us ^{know} how you are just as soon as G. gets there.

Love from all, & aunt S. in particular
yours in haste
S. L.

Brick House, March 5th 1885.

Precious darling Auntie.

I did not think your letter of last year would remain unanswered two months.

What ever else I have done this winter, I certainly have not devoted much time to letter writing. I am always so glad to get your epistles, & every word seems worth its weight in gold; but I can't for the life of me see how you get time to write them, & do all the work you accomplish, its a marvel & a mystery to me. My nieces will never look back to their old aunt Nannie as I look back to my Auntie, I say of me as I say of them, they touch nothing that they do not beautify. Am very sorry for Proff. Austin, that he is in such poor health, infer from Aunt Sylvia's letter that, it is not materially improved. Many many thanks for

for her good letter & paper so promptly sent.
I will endeavor to respond in time, but ans.
some of the questions in this aside wearing
your patience.

The death of Minnie
Bowditch was a very great surprise, as well
as grief, to me. Am sure it must have been
a great shock to all the family, for days I
thought of them almost constantly, and indul-
ged the intuition of writing to them, but sisters
time has been so overflowing full this winter that
nearly all epistolary pleasures have been forgone.

Of Flora Langdon we can say, "So she
giveth this beloved sleep"

Though not able to do all I would be glad
to, my health is unusually good; of course
we are sufficiently fashionable to have the pre-
vailing hard colds, as a consequence, sister
has occupied the sitting room lounge the past
four nights, to care for Ethie, whose cold had to be
carried in ^{there} Sabbath A.M. she is dressed this A.
M. & appears better, though her cough gives
us anxiety, have not called a Dr. Hope the
worst is over. Nothing more from the W.

it is my not a word from Frank this winter, it is
my fault, I did not write till recently.

How I wish I could drop in & talk with
you all a few hours, I learn about the health of
each one, as I feel very anxious for you all.

The series of meetings and ordination were
held in this church, five have united on
profession of faith.

No reason, I did not see B. while
at ^{Newport} ~~was here~~ & am glad; saw the notice in the
paper, that cards were out, announcing the com-
ing event; that uncaped the crater of my
volcanic disposition, therefore it was well
that B. & K. kept out of the reach of my
tongue; perhaps time will heal, they say
it does: but it has not wrought that change
in one year. I do not approve of the marria-
ge of cousins, there is no ^{call} ~~reason~~ for any more idlers
in the world. If I seem rather rough,
you must remember we have a Democratic
President, & it is expected that evil will
run riot.

The mail is due this minute
Love & kisses to all. A. & J.

Henry Scott
was married
Dec 18th to a
Miss Kelly Secors
some of your
folks I was
know him
by hearsay.
Ab he is the
son of Bro
Scott. He
are all well
and hope
you are the
same Yours
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Le Roy Dec 31st

Dear Cousin F,

Your kind
letter came to hand in
due time, and in reply
I take my pen "on this
The last Eve of the old
year" to reply.

Your letter was intensely
interesting, and I hope
you will soon favour
me with another.

Please say to Aunt Sylvia
that I will write to her
soon, that I often think
of the pleasant times I had
13 years ago with her.

Please don't forget to give her

In your letter I saw
a long season of hard work
And I wonder if you are
seated by the fire this
evening and looking back
over the long hard days
of work, that now like a
dream are past, or are
you planning success for
the future, if you are,
forget not the Pearl of
great price, and let
that be first and
foremost.
As I look back over the
year I feel a deep
regret that I have made
so little advancement
but still I must dig on
I entered school the 9th
of Dec and hope to spend
a profitable winter.

I will make a real musician

The social season opened
with Thanksgiving Nov 27.
we all went to Uncle L.
Bangs to dinner, 15 couples
sat down to the loaded
tables, it was a great
reunion, but of all the
Draper's but one was present.
Next came Christmas and
the day was spent at our
house by the same company
that met Thanksgiving
at Uncle's.
To-morrow New Years closes
the list of great holidays.
I am invited to a party
but shall not attend as I
have but little for society.
I hope you are enjoying
yourself to the utmost
and in addition please accept
a happy New Year from me

Sunday Dec 21st The
Catholics dedicated their
new church with its 3
splendid Bells that cost
\$3000,00 dollars and weigh
3400 lbs 1600 " & 1000 " and
make one of the finest
Bells in New York, state.
To day the N.Y. C.R.R. ran
its first cars to this place
after laying 1 1/2 miles of
iron to day. By the courtesy
of the Engineer I was allowed
to run the first engine
into the ^{Village} Corporation, amid
the firing of cannon and
ringing of bells.

The weather was cold thru
Nov - but Dec was quite warm
untill a few days ago it
turned cold and it is now
good sleighing. Please excuse
mistakes, Love to all, Lewie

Stoughton January 28th 1854.

Dear Clementina

Your two notes in pencil marks were duly rec^d by the hand of Mr. H. Gay, informing us of your whereabouts. We were wondering where you could be, although we had some intimations that you must be blocked up in Boston. We did not hear from the City for two days, and our mail missed of coming out three nights last week. We have been literally buried alive in snow banks. We had one as high as the Arboreum over the door opposite the Post Office, and it is now nearly up to the top of the window - it took me a full 1/2 hour to dig through to my office, & after remaining there two hours it was impossible to get back again the same way - so that I had to go round through the garden and make an entrance into the cooling door. There was but very little passing for two or three days, but there are strong indications that the snow will settle very much - the passing has been quite

goods for two days last paper. We had
thought that you might be for coming home
the travelling being so bad and take a more
favourable time for your visit to Woonsocket,
but we wish you to do as you think best.
I have nothing new to write about, only
that the Ladies of our Society are about to meet
to make arrangements for the Fair which
is to be got up for the purpose of paying in
part for an Organ which the Society have
voted to procure. Some think you ought
to be here to assist in making the arrangements
and also to take a prominent part at the Fair,
but you must do as you think best,
as it regards the whole matter. Melipon would
like to see you, and so should we all. The
baby is as good as ever, and has spent
two days here this week. Your Mother thought
she could not do any longer without seeing
her here. We had quite a time with her -
she grows more and more interesting every
week. She will take her little baby and try to
sing it to sleep. The bell is now ringing to
call the ladies together to make arrangements

for the Fair. Bridget our washewoman -
has lost her little boy - she takes it very hard
although she thinks it may be all for the best - it was
sick only 23 hours - (Dosh Mamma thought it was
the scarlet fever in an aggravated form that carried
it off so soon. Bridget washed here yesterday, but
thinks she has nothing to work for now that
her little boy is dead. Old Mr. Belcher is dead &
buried - he died of a fever - he was 81 years
old - he suffered very much through a long life.
Vesty Atherton, who is staying with Belle, wants
your Mother to go to the meeting this after-
noon - perhaps she will - they had ^{very} full one
the first time they met. There are indications
of rain now, the snow is settling very fast.
I suppose we shall hear from you ere
you get this. We are all in tolerable health,
and we take it for granted that you are, for
were you otherwise you could hardly drive
about so much as you must to go where
you have been since you left home.
We should like to hear from you on the
receipt of this - Our best love to all - From
your affectionate father W. W. Ballou

P.S. Perthuis carried Henry and Abby home a week ago last Saturday, and returned the next day - the coldest Sunday of the season - there has been no day since that they could have gone so well. The meeting of the Ladies is over - your mother informs me that the arrangements are all made for the Fair - the whole is to be at the Hotel - each one to pay 50cts to go in - and then purchase extra whatever they want for refreshments. There will be music & dancing in the hall, ~~which will also be extra~~ &c &c &c

Dear C. We have had a very pleasant meeting this afternoon, they have appointed their Fair two weeks from this evening. Your friends think this will give you ample time to finish your visit and return in season to be with them on that evening which they are very anxious you should do. This will make you 7 weeks from home which I should think might answer for a visit this cold weather. Melissa says you have staid long enough and she wants you to come home I think she seems much better. From your affectionate Mother.

M.S. Ballou

C.C.B.



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1857

March 22 1857

Ever dearest Friend

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I hope you will pardon
me for my seeming neglect in not answering
your kind letters but perhaps I can excuse myself
I have been attending school this winter and a good
one too I have not had much time for writing
or any thing else but to study have sat
up as ^{late} as 12 at night to keep up with my class
for it was composed mostly of young Ladies
older than myself and those that had
had better advantages some two or three
of them have taught school themselves, and
I did not mean at the examination they
should out do me nor neither did they.
Our examination and exhibition went off finely
I have never in my life enjoyed myself better
than I have through this vacation.
We had an exhibition at the close of last term
we did not have it in the Hall for the

P/P

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I took the part of a servant and our folks allowed
me to dress to the extreme of fashion and you
ketter believe I improved it too I got my hoops as
large as the best of them and the red streamers
flashed six feet behind and all the family
I could get on I could hardly bend my
fingers to pass off very pleasantly we all
joyed ourselves very much not only that night
but for a week after. The next afternoon
the young ladies were all invited to Pyrrhus Pet-
bones and we had a nice time I intended
to have got home to go up to John's meeting
when they called for me but I was enjoying
myself so well I did not get away until
5 in the evening and the next Monday Pet-
I invited them all here there was more
here than to Petbones Aunt Loue had to
spread the table I would like to have
had them stand in the evening but
we were all invited to Mr. Bardens in the
evening. And the next afternoon we were

reason that court was in session we were
very much disappointed to think it was so
but every thing is for the best so we turned
up our own school house with eagerness
and made it look very pretty.

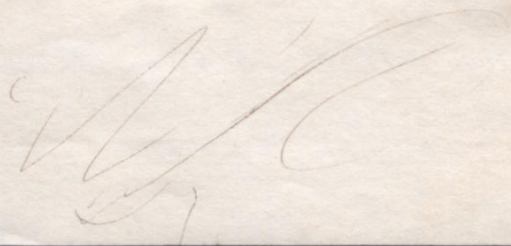
The rooms are not very
large there could not more than half of the people get
in so as a matter of course they had to return
home disappointed and a good many did not
come because they knew they could not get
in. There was not a general invitation given
the Parents and Guardians of the children were
invited and such Friends as they wished
and Mrs. Miss Bardens invited their friends.
Mr. Bardens was urged to have it over again and says it
in the Hall he would but some of the young ladies
had gone to their homes to spend vacation and
he thought upon the whole it was better not to repeat
it for what would be considered good in our own
little school house would not be thought so good
in the Hall I was dressed fashionable for once

invited to Adams and the next to St John
and the next to Ketchikan and so on we spent
the evening to each place. I guess I will
change the subject Grandpa and Grandma
Tony have not got back yet they have sent
up their cows and are coming when the young
gets better. I had almost forgotten to tell
you that I had been learning to make shirts
this winter. have had good luck with them
at least I am did have to take the binding off
the collars and wrist bands once or twice
that was all the trouble with them.

I hope you will excuse my bad writing and
spelling and give my love to ^{all} your folks
and reserve a share for your self. and
remember your old friend

Helvetic & Rain

P.S. I see I have made a good many mistakes
please excuse them



Schoharie Sep 18 1950

My Dear Husband I begin to think of Mother says it is
high time there was a letter on the road for you
& I will begin by saying that we are pretty well & at
Father in I it is one week ago to night since we arrived
here & as dark & rainy a night as any one could wish
to see, but I guess I must commence back to the time
you left us at Bergeness. The boat did not leave till
two in the afternoon & was it not well filled with men
women & children there were about eighty on board.
there was five younger than little Ella, W. & did we
not have music night & day. most of them were Bermuda
Several families money west. The boat did not get
into Whitehall till Saturday morning the evening of the day
you left there was a hard thunder shower, with a
high wind & we felt really lonely even among the mad
twinkl Lonesome & I lay in one berth but not to sleep, & so
we did Friday night, we did not take off so much as our
shoes from the time we left home till Saturday night &
not an hours sleep did we get, I think the boat must
have been a poor one for the water came into the ladies
cabin so that my bandbox was wet through that sat
on the floor which made me some trouble it was so
uncomfortable & no prospect of its being any better that we left
the boat Saturday morning took the cars for Schenectady
changed over at Saratoga were there about two hours
but I did not see the Springs not having any one to go

with me & the cars were expected every minute we arrived at Schenectady about eleven & did not leave till eight in the evening when we went on board a Packet changed Packets at Syracuse & Rochester, were safe on shore at Spencer Basin at eleven A.M. Tuesday, the week after we left Cambridge we paid our passage in Whitehall to Spencer Basin, & had no farther trouble in that line but it was some trouble to look after our baggage, yet we lost nothing we had pleasant company, & pleasant weather, while we were on the canal. I wrote & mailed a letter to Father at Schenectady he got it Tuesday forenoon, & started for the Basin, found our baggage but Louisa, & myself had walked along we stayed awhile & then started for Mr Cooks, which was nearly three miles on one way we came to a turn in the road, & a house on the corner, I called to enquire the road & came upon Mrs Lyon & her little son though by the way he is my thing but a little son he is a noble looking fellow, very fair skin blue eyes, & the largest child of his age I ever saw, with the exception of Mrs Southworths, Caroline was all forced to go to her Fathers, waiting for her husband to carry the baby when she came in we all started, she told me of Mrs Cook quite by surprise that they seemed very glad to see us, Father got around about four & we started at five, called at Andros, he has sold his farm & bought on another road, has a larger farm, than his old one, is repairing the house, it is ready for plastering above & below, says Mrs Kellogg her husband wont not at the house, I think she must look quite young beside him, James has been very sick this summer but is better so as to work some, well we had a pleasant ride till we got to Bergen when it commenced raining & for a wonder, Father had no umbrella, & did not even take a soaking & so dark, it was a darkness that was to be felt when

we were within four miles of home Father could not see the horses nor road, Louisa & I could see no better, we had two buffalo skins took off our bonnets & put them under one of them Father covered himself & Candace with one, Louisa covered her head with part of her shawl I tied a handkerchief on mine but every drop of rain went to the skin it rained off my nose in little streams, & it was so dark Father was afraid to drive & we to ride, so he called ~~down~~ down to borrow a light or lantern they had none we called at the next house but they could give us no light on the occasion at the next house he got an old tin lantern without a door & a small piece of candle, Father walked in the road with the light & I drove, till we came to another house they lent us a lantern with a door Father got in the wagon stood up & with light in hand drove home the peeps were all in bed but expecting to see us at that time of night & in such a plight, but they were all glad to see us, & my mistake Louisa came out to the wagon took Louisa & carried her in & the Mary Mother soon had a fire, & when we got on dry clothes we felt more comfortable, we were all safe in bed about twelve Louisa looks taller than he did the last time I saw her he is poor in flesh, but looks like himself after all, I have not seen her but will be left in last Saturday night or Father & I left her at Bergen to take the Cars for Rochester he was to spend the Sabbath then & start Monday for Buffalo, we do not look for him back till next Tuesday night his business takes him from home some part of the time, & Father is very busy getting in a piece of Corn & Potatoes so as to sow the ground to wheat, we do not see him much but Obed seems I expect he will be sick by another week, he is trying to do so much this week, Mother looks like herself & is as well as usual Lizzy leaves home about the first of November, she expects to spend the winter in Scottsville there is a very large school there & she is hired at fourteen dollars a month to her recitations she has nothing to do with the management

of the school, there are several other teachers, Mr Libbey is in Scottsville I
have not seen him yet, he expects to stay there through the winter & Edna
will be with him some part of the time I think the prospect looks
rather dubious about my honey, Louisa next winter Uncle Ira & Seneca are
in God at work in a Mill. Mother has one beside a boy that is attending
school, a very quiet little fellow, it hardly seems like Lanny yet the trees
have grown so much, & a great many buildings have been altered it seems
so cluttered up to what Lanny used to live in we have had a number of
calls but I have been in no ones house yet, to return then I think I
shall turn out in a few days, Mother is getting in a quilt this morning & I
must help get that off first, Lanny is attending Writing school & Electa goes
with her this week Father wants Louisa to go I should go I guess we shall
begin next week, Don't you think there is considerable chance for improvement
in my case, It is quite sickly here now the next day after we got home there
were two funerals in the Episcopal. Service & at night two more were dead
this week another has fallen & several are sick. Mrs Smith Kellogg has been quite
sick but is more comfortable to day I hope she is going to get better & most women
people seem to think the sickness nothing very alarming, yet one can hardly help
feeling sad to hear the bell tolling for one or another, there was a very lady died
very sudden on this street a few days ago. Mary Taylor, a heavy stroke to the family
the Town Clock disturbs me very much I hear it most every hour of the night
& I feel as though I were in a large plain, where death was doing his work
at all hours, of day & night, & that was calling to bury out the dead, it would
take me some time to get accustomed to it, so as not to ask who the
bell was tolling for, the Currier is so noisy it is enough to freeze one &
every team that passes makes so much noise it sounds as though it was coming
into the yard, the rot has shown itself among Father's potatoes & he is afraid
he shall loose a good many, he has a good garden, if you had been here to dinner
you could have had squash & beans, Louisa is going in a trim as he Circumlocution & it
sounds so good & so much like home, I don't like to hear it the Choir here are using
the Mendelssohn Cant do not like it I do not like the fashion of standing in
choir to singers on the Sabbath but if you are among the Romans you must do
as the Romans do I heard the music of the Molodcan for the first time I like
it very much, you can get one for a hundred dollars, as mine in looks
& as good music as a Piano, Horan Kellogg family are well, Aunt Patty is very
smart, has come from home & gone to Ogden today, husband you see I have come
almost to the end of this sheet do you think you can afford to read any more
than this at this time I want to get it in the Coffee this afternoon so
that you will get it this week, I suppose you get the Gazette every week



62 George Street Liverpool July 20th 60

~~Dear Sir~~
~~I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst.~~
~~in relation to the above mentioned matter.~~
~~I am sorry to hear that you have been obliged to leave your country.~~
~~I am sure you will be able to return in a few days.~~
~~I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours,
 J. W. G. G.~~

for nearly they have 5 children, living and
one they have lost Isaac, Wheeler is
supposed to have been the source used
he has nearly lost the sight of one eye,
there is no account of any other
part of it, I think what is previous
of being I have not seen any
has been for a long time, but I believe
they are quite well, and the children
are growing up, I see the young ones
is married but I don't see any more
not agree state ¹⁰⁰ that he is in
up working with many more it was
see, I wish they in war time I'd like
Mr. & Mrs. Cook I saw that James
a. How time I have said they are
quite well they were black & brown
that you were doing well I had
but don't know ¹⁰⁰ a great many
only I believe they see state very
P. S. I have seen
I wish you
with this

When I wish to write about Helen, she is well, has not been here for a fortnight, I expect to leave in two weeks and then about the middle of October she is coming on and he says he would like to see her very much. I don't know whether he will or not, you must not take any one's word for it. I have as soon as you can and I will be glad to hear from you. I don't want to hear you write me a good long letter as soon as you can and I will be glad to hear from you. I don't want to hear you write me a good long letter as soon as you can and I will be glad to hear from you.

Dear Eliza
1850

I hope you will pardon my long delay in not answering your kind letter before. It was not because I had no disposition to write, that I have not written, or because I was not glad to hear from you, no, I can assure you your letter was happily received, and you know that one from you always will be, and I trust for the future I shall be more punctual. I have been very busy ever since you left I am completely tired out, you don't know how many times I have wished you back, if not to work it would have done me some good to have seen you occasionally. I don't know as I should blame you, if you thought I was telling a falsehood, in saying I wanted to see you, when I have been so good in keeping my promise about writing to you; but you know how it is here, every day since I received yours, I have said this evening I must answer Eliza's letter but come night I would be so tired or there would be some one in, as you know we hardly ever have a moment to ourselves. Mrs Lincoln came here to board shortly after you left. I like her very much and so we all do, she is an excellent girl, she expects to find another boarding place the first of October, or as soon as they come out to breakfast in the mill as Mrs Holcomb

the other day I was expecting to stay I should say you again. I should say you like to have you any way, I don't know what you but has not succeeded to tell me, there is a Miss Dille from West Granby comes to Plymouth. I don't know what you but has not succeeded to tell me, there is a Miss Dille from West Granby comes to Plymouth. I don't know what you but has not succeeded to tell me, there is a Miss Dille from West Granby comes to Plymouth.

I am going away if I can get to helping house which I regret to see. I shall want you to come to Plymouth and make me a long visit stay 5 or 6 weeks next summer now remember make your calculations so you can spare you as long as that filled with my best love and wishes from your dear friend, Jane M.

would not like to get up so early, just for one hour etc.
Mrs. Thight was here last evening, he has called here a number
of times he took quite a liking to Miss Goodwin and asked her
for her company, and to go to visit with him, but she declined
as she was otherwise engaged, she don't fancy him at all.
Bart and Widdowth were here too last evening, Bart enquired about
you, said he should like to see you, and was going to send
a paper to you shortly, he appears about as usual, had on that
same cap again. I tried to have him give it to me, but he
would not. Tom Thumb was here one afternoon and evening
after you left, Sam Thight was down and spent part of the
afternoon, stayed to tea, and I went to concert in the evening
with him. Eliza Jane was up, and she went with Widdowth, and
Bart went up after Hatty, but she had company and could not
leave, so he went alone. I don't know the reason, but they
have not been here but very little lately, it is about three weeks
since they have been here to spend an evening before. Bart
has just called, too a three times but not to stay any. I
expect if you was here though, they would call as often as any
other night, so I think now we know when it was they wished to
see. We know they promised to visit you in Middlebury, but I
think they will put it off till spring, as they are talking about
going to Ohio this year, and if they do, I think quite likely they
may call on you there. I called on Mrs. Bennett night before last
she was well, happy as usual, keeps her borders yet, said she received
a letter from you, and must give her love to you when I write, and
told me how much she wanted to see you. Ann Best calls here
frequently, has had a new black satin dress cut her, said
she too had received a letter, and that must give her love ^{to you} of I said

before she did, her health is some better than it was, and she is in hopes
now of getting along. I think she will for she looks a great deal better
she thinks you had a horse, for a dead certain, and wanted to know
of me if it was so. Mrs. Benjamin calls occasionally, her brother Clinton
is in the village yet, I see him pass by sometimes. Eliza is in Collinsville
yet, I never have heard of her calling on Antoinette, but presume lately
she has. Charles Adams waits on the same new ship, went on the 4th with
him and has been since, Mr. Weston's people have removed to Bloomfield
I have forgotten whether they went before you left or not. Hatty has
you to visit back with her brother William's wife, to spend a short time,
two or three weeks, I think she was in the day before she left, to have a dress
cut, and said all the rest had received a letter from Eliza, excepting
her, and she thought it was really to bad that she could not have one too
as you promised to write to her. Mrs. Everett enjoys good health yet, I saw
her pass with her husband yesterday, her cat has died that you cut large
in the closet yet. Eliza Thomas calls quite often, is very sensible always
enquires about Eliza, and sends her love to you, and Mrs. Thains too
she has had considerable work done here. Lucretia has gone too
spend the winter in Lowell with her uncle, expecting to attend school
there. Sarah Ann keeps around about as usual is quite smart. Frank and
Louisa have gone to West Granby, and Annie Holcomb, Phelps' sister,
keeps a school school in the woods. Clayton has been sick with the
measles but is now better, they have been around lately. Doct. Shepard
has visited 30 a day, and as many more cases, that had no physicians.
Eliza is now making a shawl for a little girl of Mr. Mc Fay's, 11 years
old that died with them. There is two cases of the small pox, in the
village, children, an Irish family that arrived last week, in that little
old house between old Mrs. Holmes and ~~and~~ Agnes Burnhalls
fathers, most of the people are quite alarmed about it, it is fearful it will

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spread among so many as there is here, the physicians are around vaccinating they have authorized too many one in the village. There was a young man died last night with the ship fever in the house adjoining Joseph Parfords, many are more frightened about that, than the small pox. Elizabeth Turnbull has been quite sick since you left not expected to live I believe they think she has the consumption she is not able to set up at all. I am now going to write for Eliza Holcomb she says I must write it off just as she tells it to me, as she is very busy making a shroud but I beg of you not to let any one see it up just the moment you read it, you know what she told you, she was going to write before you left I had forgotten to tell me went down to tell you about a fortnight after you left had a very time went to

Good morning Eliza Swan, how long is it since you

fell into a frog pond. The ponds this way have all dried up the frogs cant peep so the say but I dont believe that for Bart and Joe killed one the other day and when he saw him all in the dirt, he thought of his red shirt and when he thought about that, he thought of his old white hat, now I must stop and think of, I dont know what, 2 weeks ago last Saturday night, and then, Julius killed Mrs Lauras old black hen Mrs Laura then cooked the meat, and then she would not do the eat, Mrs Laura would not keep them on her chicken meat, Mrs Laura did say, she wouldnt have them over that way now Eliza I want to tell you a story Bart is almost run mad he looks very much like a June shad, his mother then salted him down, because she couldnt keep him in town, he may come bright with the rest of the shad, he went after grate but he was altogether too late, there had a young sprout, cut him out, He and Joe would make you a visit if they could make it go I think they will some day when they are travelling, that way a Mr Bright comes almost every night

O, Eliza Swan if you was only, only here to drink some of your ginger pop and see Eliza I have found a prize, I have found a pair of red stockings, that dazzled my eyes, and then to tell you true I found your old shoe I done them all up neat and nice and had a string around twice I sent them up to the depot and over to Burt they did go when Burt received the prize Lord bless me how he stuck out his eyes straight to the shop he did go and showed them to Joe. And Burt did say for Charibb I'll start if I dont get home till after dark when I heard the shrill whistle I thought of a New York epistle, so, and behold it was nobody but Jo and Burt and one had on a red shirt, He enquired for Eliza I told him that was my name, he said it was Eliza Swan, I said, O he got he started for home in great haste when by a calf he was chased into the bushes he has gone weeping and wailing for Eliza Swan for ever and ever and ever lastingly. C. L. Hale

one visible sign I would like to have you come and see me very much any time. Don't give you work if I could like write to me soon, a long letter you shall hear from Burt if an returns from the woods, adieu C. L. Hale

Thank you very much for the letter I received from you I am glad to hear from you and I hope you are well I am well and hope you are the same I am your affectionate friend C. L. Hale

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You may
send my
Love, I

Life under
Mr. Cushman
at Y^e way
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Burlington Vt.

Wednesday

Dear Dela - I was undecided for quite a
time this morning - whether I wd. go to Midd
or not - as my Scholars were so
engaged, there were no lessons to day - But,
as I had no place to go when I
reached M - unless I walked to
your house - for as yet I am not
rich enough to hire a Conveyance from
M - And my time of coming - might
not - suit, I decided
not to go, but to write - & as
usual - Call upon you to help me -
In the first ^{place} I want my letters
from Mr P. C. I have been absent
now most a week - & unless they
are appropriated - there will probably
be some - next, I want some Wax,
that was in Dickenson's Store, there

was quite a quantity of it - & since
they have moved - Arthur can not
find it. But if you will go there,
& tell him, I am out of Wax &
my Scholars here are very much
in need of it - & it will be too
late, to get ^{from} any where else -
perhaps they will make an extra
effort to find it. I do need it
very much -

When Mrs Moreton, had some
Rolling pins of mine, I supposed
she wanted them, but, after her
lessons were through, she threw
them back, upon my hands -
I have written her for them - but
fearing she did not send them
I send to you - to get them if you
can - & send them to me - with
the Wax, if you can get - that -
I have a large Spoon of fine wire & Wax I very much need -
at my Aunt's - in the Chamber.

My Box, of Material - a Large Paper
Box sits on her Drunk - & there
are different sized Crosses in it,
Will you send me the Wire, &
two of the largest & one small
Wooden Cross - & if you see any
Wax, or Leaf Scissors please
send them -

If my Aunt is not there - you
will find the Key in the wooden
bowl - under all the packages of
herbs - that fill the bowl - said
bowl - sitting on a half barrel - at
the left-hand, close by the door -
If my Aunt is not there - &
the door locked - you can't help
finding it, & I don't think there
can be any objection to your
going in -

But the Crosses - Wire pins
I don't know when I shall

return - But, I hope to be ready
to go somewhere - when through
here - So as not to trouble
my friends more than I
can help -

You don't know how much
I wanted to attend that Medical
Convention - But, poor me -
no place to stay - & not
money enough to go + come,

Love to all at your home -
& to any friends - if so I hear
any -

I forgot to tell you - I want
these things, sent to me by
Express - care Henry Jewant, Esq.
Don't fail to send my letters.
Yours very truly -
M. L. Dewing

I wish you were here to eat some
currants with ^{us}, they are just
in their prime. Who have you
for a minister? I suppose you
are going to lose Prof. Boardman
if you have not already lost him

Is Mr. Sizer going to have any
apples this year I often think
of my apple feasts last year at
his house and I hope for the bene-
fit of his friends and himself that
his orchard will do well for years
to come. Friends here that visited
us last year say that Mr. Sizer's
apples were as fine as any they
ever ate. I have wished a
great many times that I could
step into the woods by your house

and gather the flowers there. You
certainly have many more flowers
than we I mean (wild flowers,
by the way) how does your snow
look this year. Mother tells me
Prof. Lyman returned from the
White Mountains today so
we shall probably resume
Botany tomorrow.

Father is wavering between
Saratoga and the Seacoast
and don't know where he will
conclude to go.

The bell is ringing for the
evening meeting so I must
finish this

Good bye

Dear Grandpa;

We are glad that

Providence has so highly favored us. God gives to undeserving man many rich blessings. Oh! That we may be thankful enough. After an allowance of sleep, last night, I went into Dr. Morse's found Old Gentleman Morse very low, was sick before we left. His son James, the thinks he cannot live. Mrs. Dea.

Daniel Rix is sick with Dysentery &c. is out of danger now. Lyman Burbank (the young one) is quite sick with bowel complaints was sick at first, got better went to see his brother Owen, ^{which was, too hard for him} was taken worse, is having a harder time than at the beginning.

A little child lies dead at Mrs. John Metcalp's not his own, but staying there.

Old lady Joiner was sick about a week. Had just had a visit of old ladies at the house of been to visit a neighbor. One, Martha Rix, who staid with her & some children during the absence of Mr. Martin Joiner

My grandpa with us yesterday one single, the other two horses. They stopped in Rock
eastern valley, which had us all together, and the dear old folks of 90 and 91, and 92, and 93, and 94, and 95, and 96, and 97, and 98, and 99, and 100.

of wife, was very kind to her, I think. We stopped
at Martha's father's. Found her & her mother
picking kops 75 cts. a day at a neighbor's
& Dr. Pix let us into the house when we
lunched & had a good time depending
upon him for nothing but butter, good
water to drink. Father had a sitting of
providence, with him, ¹⁰⁵ for Kelly. The Dr. had no
outs. The night before, mother & I eat out
supper before reaching Brimston. People were
all split up here yesterday about election, had
two Republican candidates one democratic,
voted & voted until they threw up the two &
took a new one, who went in immediately.
Last year Dr. Boylston did not like it because
their candidate was not elected. This year worked
hard & spunky all around. The Repub. Candidate
of this village, ^{Henry, Denison} resigned & put up for election
a new man of the So. village, who went in. I
understand this don't please the So. people.
Their man was Pierce, the new man is Goff.
a pleasant man. Things took the wrong turn
for suiting them. Two teams crossed the

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in bed with her father & mother, so I
got into her's and remained while she
took down each stocking & emptied it.

In mine she found a cake of soap, ~~some~~
some candies & raisins & a nice white
satin bow. In her man's candies
& dates, an orange, cotton flannel for a
skirt (will send a piece) also a cap & some

In Pappas a nice white linen hat,
a pair of slippers, candies & raisins, a
lemon two cakes of soap (not cut apart,
directed to himself & Hatt. In her own
& hitched to it were a pair of shoes, a doll
all dressed, an orange, a drum of candy (a
little one) about one inch in diameter & one
inch & a quarter high; a barrel of candy 1 1/2
inches high, a candy slipper about 3 inches
long, with gilt trimmings, she says to remind
her of the song of the "Golden Slipper": a

package of candies & dates & a package of
wiped candies. She had sent for a
package of "hidden name cards" some time
before & they came a few days sooner than was
necessary but we kept them for an added
pleasure. She has selected one for Paddy
& if there should be any writing on it, it will
be her own.

But all day & for days before, I
thought so much about you, & was
deeply grieved because I could not
compass sending you something this
year if ever so small.

I forgot to tell you that the new
lamp is hung between the south
windows in the sitting room (or East room)

About three weeks ago, H. was
taken very lame with neuralgia in
her hips, & ^{but} was gaining a little, & yes-
terday noon went down cellar a pail
of boiling water, to pour it on the cistern pipe
as it was frozen at the surface, between


the foot of the stairs & the cistern, in some
way, does not know how, fell, throwing the
water over her head face & neck on the
left side & over parts of the right arm.
bruised the right knee badly, no bones
broken, & the eyes are not injured only
the flesh very near the left one, so that it
is swollen some, but not particularly
painful. When she got up stairs &
began to wipe the water from her face the
skin came with the towel, in spots for
she stopped then, wiped her hands &
made dish for the butter that stood
on the table & then bethought her of
some ointment that I had & sent me
after it while she still applied the
butter, she walked the house & applied
the ointment till ^{the} rest of us had to get
wash through eating when she tried to
eat a little, & ~~at~~ just after, two
young ladies came in, when I bethought
me of linseed oil & cotton batting, &

in our prayers, & hope you do us. The rest join me in sending love to each of you. Remember us to the dear ones as God will with them.

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many some times
knows for herself, from
Jb. said she was all right, we had
got that in the house, & they went
to work. in a little while had her all
done up, especially in oil. (Ethie says
& rays). had it redressed this morning
finds it doing as well as could be ex-
pected. says it is nothing so painful as
she had supposed it would be. The
burn on the arm is above & below the
elbow, but not in the joint, so she
can use it her hand.

We hope none of you are sick
or in any special trouble, the reason
we have not heard from you. can you
not send us a few words to let us
know of your welfare; we are very
anxious to hear, we want very much to
know what each one is doing & how each
one is fairing. (We expect to have

a minister a week from next Sabbath
by the name of Jenkins, for a year.
Ethie has sent lots of messages, but we have
this letter so long we are ashamed to increase
its volume. we always remember you earnestly



The reception and contents of your letter, dear Hessie, of the 17th Inst to Rebecca gave me great pleasure, as to see, or hear from you, always does.

Indeed you are nearer & dearer to me now than ever, because one is removed, who stood between us, & therefore you were always seen, in & through him, as well as through yr own attractions. now you are alone - and yet ^{as} alone - you have the cares & the comforts of your children, the pledges of your matrimonial life, & you have Him with you, who has promised to be a husband to the widow. may you ever seek & find all in him, as all out of him is Emptiness & Vanity.

none can regret more than I, the unforeseen, & unwelcome circumstances, which arose to deprive myself & your aunt of the pleasure of a personal interview with you all this summer

my arrangements were all made to have spent the summer at the Falls, & visit to my sisters at Erie - at Saratoga, and in company with yourself and dear children at Stamford. but circumstances connected with John Williams' flying visit to you in July, have baffled, delayed, and finally prevented the consummation of my wishes. we anticipated much gratification from our visit, but submit as best we may.

I wrote you a long letter after my return from the West, but I have no letter from you since, and my own engagements for the last two months, have been of the most pressing and exciting character, involving delay, doubt and uncertainty, all which you know are quite vexatious, annoying, so much so, as to unfit me for ordinary correspondence. If it were not, that I am now about to enter on a busy season of two months, I would not deem it to late yet, to visit & see you all.

notwithstanding what you say of the fact that our family have not been out to see you, & you feel deterred from repeating your visits under the circumstances. yet I sincerely hope you will not let this keep you from coming on with Anne & the children, or some of them at least, early this fall. we should specially like to see you, and we do hope you will bring on, instead of it is not possible for yourself to come - a very young child, an opportunity easily to be had here on, & I can send her back by Mr. Williams in time for the 15th Sept if her school duties then commence. I wd. much prefer you to come yourself, and have great pleasure in being able to say, you will be most cordially welcome! You can rely on this! Sh^d you come towards the last Sept. I wd. not wonder if Aunt & some of the girls, wd. return with you. come look at this matter & see how practicable it may be.

It is very gratifying to find you have good schools for the children & that they are so much pleased & interested with their studies.

I want to talk with you about your
western interests & your pecuniary matters
for whatever interests you & yours
interest me. you must excuse me
but I have some fears that all
may not be going on as you wish
at the West. I may feel a little heavy
in alluding to any thing relating to
your financial concerns, but you need
never have any, in consulting me, if
you desire.

I hope to hear very soon from you
& to see you here if possible.

We are well, except Aunt Betsey whose
health is very feeble indeed, I never saw
her so frail. My love to all the
family.

Very affectionately Yrs
William W. Cowley

Balt^o Aug^t 24. 1857.

Direct Box No 902.

Dear Hester - you owe me a letter I believe, if so, the debt is increased now. But I don't stand in ceremony with you. I asked Reb. to give me a little spare place in his letter, but she has filled it up I see. so here goes on another slip, on my own account.

I here with hand you my check for thirty dollars, \$30. with which to procure what you like for the dear little ones. I wish it were more. but I am now out of business, my revenue which was last year quite large is this year cut down to a nominal nothing. well, we must endure & be thankful, & hope for better times in the future. you will find no difficulty in getting notes for the check & you can buy anything you want, ^{in New York} without subjecting yourself to discount, James will cash it for you. Tell me, are you not now relieved from the payment of Dower in consequence

of the death of Hester Ferguson and?
does not her life estate in the main
trusty expire with her?


As I am so deeply interested in
all that interests you - you will
of course think it proper for me
to inquire what your entire
net income now is - after pay-
-ing interest on debt due on the
mainst house - to St. F. & the Texas
Insurance Co. - your get interest on
put out on the same St & same
dividend on R.R. stock &c.

Remember me affectionately to
all the family & kiss the dear
children for me & tell
Willie I should be quite pleased
with a letter from him.

adieu - affectionately yours

William H. Conkey
Balt. Dec 17. 1857

Box 902



I owe you, Dear Sister, a letter, an apology for its delay, & the assurance of increased & undying affection for you & yours. Seldom a day passes, but you & the dear children are on our lips, as you always are, upon our hearts. Between occasional slight indisposition & incessant occupations sick sweet, for the last 3 or 4 months, I have had no time to call my own.

Leisure dawns upon me now, for the next few months. You are aware how great was the disappointment felt by yr Aunt & myself in our inability to see you all at yr Home this summer.

The Indian Summer is upon us now, & it would afford us great pleasure could we see you here, with or without, the children as you please - the ~~former~~ ^{former} preferred.

Gr Aunt "Bithey" has been laid up with
the

Influenza for some time, but is now better. We are well, pretty well, and getting along as well as we may, under the influence of great financial & political excitement. You live in the midst of the focal point for all intelligence, & can never be at a loss for news or for excitement, yet you are sufficiently removed to afford you quiet & retirement. I am pleased to learn you have good schools, & I suppose accept of desirable & profitable church privileges.

It is highly gratifying to hear, as I do, that the children are well & much interested in their schools, & studies. I hope Willie's hearing improves - Be very cautious to have him avoid taking colds!

His Grand L. Leta, would be much pleased to have a letter from him. With my kindest & most affectionate remembrance to Laura & your

Dear Mother - I remain truly
& devotedly yours.

William W. Conkey.
Baltimore Nov 25/57
Box No. 902 P. O.

P. S.
Write soon.



Well dear Hessie I am at home again from the West, safe & sound, but with many delays & dangers.

I went as far as Louisville, & saw our relatives there. found all well.

I had the pleasure of interviews with Julia & Delly, & their respective husbands. They both, have the promise & the prospect of having made desirable matrimonial engagements. Julia has an interesting little Boy.

Both the girls are certainly little Gems of beauty!

On my return, I stopped a day at Cincinnati. more for the purpose of seeing Mrs. Stetson & family, than for anything else. I had no business, & I know that the scenes before me wd awaken & recall associations of thought at once pleasing, & painful!

I walked up Vine St. viewed the old
Homestead, & paced back & forth onto
stone pavement in front, with painful
recollections of the many times it had
been trod by my dear departed Boy.
and then I thought of you all, of yr
ostracism from the home of birth,
yr infancy, & yr mature years!
and then I thought of earth, its shadows
its fleeting joys, & its not less fleeting
sorrows, & I said well all will soon
close, & after Earth's separations, we
shall meet again. Thank God there
is a Home in Heaven, a home not
made with hands, where pleasure
never dies, & sorrow never comes!
may you, my dear, & I, and all prepare
to greet each other in that happy land.

I met Mr Adams on the street, who
gave me a kindly greeting, & called
to see Mrs Hewson. he was absent from
the City, & she could not be seen.

I took a social tea with Mr Stetson
in company with four Unitarian
Clergymen! Mrs Stetson was from
home, at Marietta, which I much
regretted. I presented your kind
& affectionate regards for her, as
well as my own cordial respects.
I stepped into the corner of Chain
& 4th St. & conversed awhile with your
tenant Dr Harris. Things looked
lively & bustling in the Queen City, her
course is evidently still onward.
I hope yr property is well attended
to, & that you draw yr rents punctually.
I conversed with the V. Trust of the Ohio
Miss R D Co. The opening of the road west
has given a slight impulse to the value
of the stock. Its business & revenues must
be very large in the future, & from all
I could gather, I concluded that the best
policy thing you could do in reference to
yr shares, is to hold on. It has already

reached the lowest point, and any change
now, must be for improvement. It will
be slow, but still it will improve.

We are all well here. The weather now
is very pleasant. The rains have
been superabundant in quantity
& measure. It has rained almost
every day. The crops are much
injured in our adjoining States,
by winter killing. My army work
we still entertain the hope, some of
us, of seeing you in yr Stamford
retreat, during the month of July.
Remember us all affectionately to
mother, Sister & Brothers, & kiss our dear
little ones by proxy, until we can have
that pleasure personally.

An interesting letter was received I
learn from Army during my absence
but has been by some means mislaid.
Give her my thanks & blessing.

Farewell dear Child, may
God's richest blessing rest on you
& yours, is the prayer of yours.

Truly—

Baltimore

June 22/57

William W. Conkey.

Box 902. P. O.

To A D Hayward Esq
Huntington and Chas. Sturde-
-vant, Select men of the town
of Weybridge. We your petitioners
do humbly pray your honorable
body to examine the ground
and lay a public road from
some point near Nathan
Parkills in Weybridge and the
most eligible and feasible rout
to Jonas Smiths Saw Mill, Shingle
Machine House and Horse Barn
on Grand View Mountain in Weybridge
also a road connecting said road
with the road leading from George
Willmasks in Addison on the
west side of said Mountain to where
it intersects with the line between Addison
and Weybridge. For which in duty bound
Your petitioners will ever pray

Weybridge April 2nd 1874

Names

Names

Jonas A. Smith
J. D. Smith.
Lucius J. Wright
J. A. Child.
Sam. C. Wright
Geo. N. Wright.

Petition to the
Select Men of Weybridge