

Union Falls, New York,
March 10th 1882.

Rev. G. L. Layman
Forest Grove, Oregon.

My Dearest.

Yours dated Feb. 16th

& mailed the 18th was recd. last
Sat. - the 4th. As I had, that day,
sent one to you containing
a little word of 3 letters, which
you had for some months
wished me to speak, I thought
I would wait - until now, before
writing again, so that you would
not receive my letters, all together,
but that they might - be a little
more evenly distributed.

Your last is really sweet,
& good. & the more I read it, the

better it seems.

You spoke in one of your letters, of coming East, in July, or August, I should certainly be glad to see you as early, or even earlier; but hope if you do come then, you will make arrangements to make a long visit here.

I shall, of course, try, so far as I can, to conform to your plans; but if it will not make any essential difference with you, should prefer not to have the great event come off, before September; & should hope we might travel at the East some, before you must return.

It requires so much time for letters to go to Am. & to get answers in return that I thought I ^{would} speak of this at this early date; but will endeavor to do somewhat

differently, in case you think best to do so. I almost tremble, Dearest, to think of your coming so far for me; lest you should be disappointed in me; after making such a long journey.

You probably have the "Home Missionary". The number for last Nov. we had happened not to read until a few days since, when I removed the wrapper; & found it very interesting. The "Voice from the Northwest" is particularly so to me.

Then, I found your name among the appointments. Had wondered, before, whether you were connected with that soc. now. On the next page, in the list of receipts, from M. H. is the name of my dear Aunt, to whom I have referred in my letters, Mrs. Mary A. Bryant. We have such a

large number of missionary publications, that we can not read all but - I shall be more careful to read the Home Missionary in future.

We are all in comfortable health. The weather has been quite spring-like some of the time, since the advent of March, but - yesterday, there was a snow storm - so we may have sleighing for a few days.

I trust you will not think I ~~wrote~~ wrote it - just - to fill up the sheet, when I say, that my love for you increases daily.

"The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another."

In haste,

Affectionately
Margaret,

Hope I may get - one from you on the morrow.