

Castleton April 6 1860

Dear Aunt Mary

Mother says you would like to have me write you and although I have nothing of importance or interest to write still I will say a few words to assure you that you are not forgotten. I frequently think I would like to make you a visit with my own dear Mary if we could do so but correspondence seems to be the only way it can be done at present.

I have the idea that Oregon must be a pleasant state to reside in as far as Nature has done for her

and she will doubtless improve
in other respects as she becomes
more thickly settled.

Uncle Edward seems well
pleased with his place in
Middlebury and his health is
much better than it was a
year ago. Noit Post is yet
at Grand Rapids in trade and
I judge from all accts is doing
well. We are rather
hoping that Lucy will come
home this summer although we
are not yet sure of it.

As I told you to commence
with I have nothing of importance
to write and will leave
a chance for Mary on this
sheet. Please remember
me to Uncle Lyman and the
children and let us hear from
you soon. Truly yours
H. C. Guernsey

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Dear Aunt Mary.

I don't see but I shall
be obliged (if I form an immediate
acquaintance with you) to consider myself
introduced by my husband, and say
"how do you do?" the prospect does not
seem very favorable that we shall
meet very soon, unless it may be
that I may have a sister move out
to Concord City, and visit her - if so.
I shall try and call on you, but don't
be too much disappointed if you should
not see me very soon.

Your "home" here has
sadly changed since you left it, your
dear father, I had learned to love very
dearly when he was taken away.
I wish you could see Mother Perkins.
she must have changed her health

is so much better than it used to be.
There has been a great change since
I have known her. we take a great
deal of comfort living so near her.

William is in N. York
this week and I feel lonely. he will
probably return this week.

I presume Mother
has written you all the news, and
she knows much better than I what
would interest you. so I will close
wishing you and your husband all the
happiness which a life of usefulness
will insure.

Affectionately your niece
Mary.