

South Boston Mass.  
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Dear Aunt Mary  
Yesterday I received a letter from my brother James and was not a little surprized to find with it one from yourself & husband. It had been so long since I had heard or seen anything from you that I had about made up my mind not to expect anything more from you. But I can assure you that the letter was none the less acceptable for all that. It seems by your letters and some of the advertisements in the paper which you sent that Oregon is not so entirely free from sickness as some persons have pretended to imagine. You probably have before this heard of my leaving my former place of residence and coming to Boston where I propose to reside untill the first of Jany at least (if my life is spared so long). I am now in a retail dry goods store in what is called So. Boston. By the way So. Boston

is that part of Boston which is  
built on a small neck that lies south  
of the main part of the city and was  
formerly known I believe as Dorchester  
neck. It now contains about 15,000  
inhabitants and is said to be growing  
very fast. I have engaged  $\pounds$  with  
the man that I am now with for  
only a short time as wages are  
very low here and if I don't  
find something that I think will  
pay me better shall probably return  
to the wilds of N.S. or some other  
region. Margaret is still at Meriden  
with aunt Bryant and is attending  
the Academy. I suppose that you  
have heard from Castleton of my  
sojourning there while on my  
way hither. From Castleton I came  
on as far as Meriden, and had  
a good long visit with the relations  
that we have there and from there  
came on to Boston to "seek my fortune"  
if it may happen to be here, if not  
to go some where else. Your letter which  
you wrote to Wm Guernsey he sent  
to me as you directed. Wm has called  
on me once since I came here.  
I have been in the habit of going

over to the City and attending church  
with Aunt Reynolds until today but  
as it is so far to go I concluded to  
attend here today and am not sorry  
that I have done so as there is a good  
Sabbath school connected with the church  
here and a Bible class which I attended  
today for the first time and found it  
very interesting although there were  
only two other young men in the class

I hope that you will write to me  
here as soon as you receive this  
and let me know more of Oregon

out " It is now more than four years  
since I saw you and it seems (to  
look back upon it) as if were the shortest  
four years of my life although I  
have seen and met with many  
changes in the course of that time  
It seems as only a short time since  
you were in the old store at W Falls  
giving me that "good advice" which I hope  
that I may ever remember How glad  
would I be if you would add more  
thereunto You can do it by letter  
occasionally if you can spare the  
time I can assure you that it will  
be gratefully received if you do

I have some faint hopes left of finding

some kind of employment here but the  
maker of all only knows where I may be  
6 months hence I found it very difficult  
indeed finding even such a place as  
the one that I now have when I came  
here I had considerable of a chance to  
see human nature acted out occasionally  
when I was lazing about and enquiring  
for a place I found a great many  
different kinds of men in my walk about  
the city

Give my love to Mule Lysman and  
little cousin 'Oregon' as Grandfather calls  
her and not forget to keep a large  
share for yourself

I hope to be in more of a writing  
mood the next time and to have something  
of more interest to write

do be so kind as to write to me if you  
can possibly spare the time

Yours friend  
A. J. Lyman Jr