

Brother E. was in here awhile ago and seems his care and best regards to you all  
with so much care and work they usually keep 2 or 3 1 overers it  
is a great help to work to take care of her children Charles & Rachelle  
is her husband give she had a good girl to assist in the care of children  
Edward tells me to be out of regular has some antiseptic  
to stall by a far in the spring or to into some this time  
I have seen father but little since I start school  
to large here I am anxious to a character and it  
to travel with you to come up stairs - I think  
he would be glad if Br. Lyman could sell his  
property and come back to England and  
I am sure it would if you think it will be well  
for yourselves you can decide that better than  
it can if you could make up your minds that it  
is best I assure you there is your own home  
work enough and here enough to welcome  
you back. we heard from Sister Mary  
fairly a few days ago they are well good  
and home are yet in Boston I assure you  
that Sister is also married Sister Eliza  
did not visit here last summer I thought  
and encouraged us to expect her when he got  
back but his health was not good enough.  
You require if Sally Sawyer is living she  
died about 5 years ago Sister Eliza died  
about a year ago. There has been but 1 letter  
from this winter Christian has had a letter  
from (about 4 or 5 years old) yesterday and your  
niece is very too well probably very long  
I hope dear Mary you will be kind  
what I have written which may say to you  
you are but nothing but a love and desire  
you best good would have induced me to write  
such things in so much weakness of body  
Dear you talk even against that a while  
but his time is so much occupied he could not  
I hope you will write as soon as you can  
and let us know all about your circumstances.  
I wish you would be glad to  
do all we can for your happiness but our  
things advise you never to try to write letters  
that will cost you as much pain of body  
and mind as they do me I have had 2  
days about it here and to stop every few  
times a week. Perhaps you cannot read

able to do so but should not have felt it prudent now but as I learned yesterday that no one had written to you since Father received your letter about 4 weeks ago I thought would make the effort. When Father received it his time and thoughts were pretty much absorbed in the care of Mother both by night and by day: - that care has now ceased Mother is now we trust where there is no more sickness nor pain or sorrows the last tear has been wiped away the last sigh has been heard - the last pulse that beat her head is power at rest. She probably informed you in her last letter of the feeble state of her health especially of the swelling of her limbs they continued to be very sore & lame till in the fall. for a while she seemed a little better but her stomach and bowels were very much disordered. The last time she rode out was the last of Oct she visited at Mr Robinsons on her return in being helped out of the wagon she complained of its hurting her side and she continued to suffer with pain and soreness most of the time but no one realized she was feeling so fast till about 2 weeks before her death the Dr discovered her disease was seated on her lungs terminating in Dropsy. She died Sabbath

evening the last day of the year. She failed the last week very rapidly and passed very gently away about 17 days before her death feeling she would live but a few weeks she requested that her Sister Chason might be sent for which was done Mrs Ch. felt she must arrange some things before starting and waited a few days a telegraph message was sent on Friday which did not reach her till Saturday she started as soon as possible but did not arrive till the day after her death The Daughter Julia Barber a widow came with her and they are still here

It is a great comfort to Father they will remain a week longer Father has borne his affliction much better than I feared but he will miss Mother very much

<sup>hope</sup> Father will be careful of himself this winter I tremble at the thought of his being sick as he was last spring I believe he grows dearer to us all every year. I suppose you wish to know something about my own health. It was better last summer & fall than I had been for 18 months so able to be about considerable and attend meetings a few times. About the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. I overdid and was quibbled when my kind girl by mistake gave me a dose of Iuncture of Opium which almost destroyed me (do you think that I am another Salathiel?) I have been nearly confined to my room ever since and mostly to my bed but am improving. Lucy Anne is with me yet I don't know what I should do without her Mary is at Manchester at School. Mr Stelle is now principal of the Brdr Seminary, he was invited there last Summer ~~and~~ and as he felt it would be an advantage to himself and family he asked for a dismission and preached his farewell sermon here the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. We have had preaching here most of the time. Mr Hastings Sister Chriannne Guernsey's Husband spent a few months in Rutland and preached here several times He is a very pleasant man and has a fine Wife his little boy looks much as his mother did. George Boardman who is professor in Chubbury College has supplied the the pulpit of late. The Rev Willard Child has received and accepted a call to become pastor and is expected here the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. Mr and Mrs Tugley received a letter from

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I have written to see you and your husband and will give a great object to them  
a few days since I sent for it - but by mistake only Dr. Lyman's sheet was  
sent over. Your letter to Father filled me with disappointment and sadness your  
last to Lucy or was I thought expressive of hope and encouragement and I have  
taken pleasure in informing those who inquire for you with interest and there  
are many such that you were becoming more contented and healthy than  
formerly and that you seemed pleased with your prospects. I was very weak when  
I read it and Father's health so frail and thoughts so taken up with care and anxiety  
for Mother that it seemed as if an avalanche was settled upon me and that I was  
powerless. I hardly know what to make of some things in which you seem to reflect  
so much on your friends here - but have no doubt if I could see you I could understand  
it better - and you dear Sister could you see us with all our cares trials disappoint-  
ments and perplexities would not wonder so much at what you seem to feel is want  
of sympathy and care for you. I supposed your property in Portland would not only  
be saleable but in such a growing place would sell at a profit, which would enable  
you to start on your new place comfortably. I do not know whether you still receive  
an appropriation from the N. W. Society or not, or whether B. L. is preaching a mission-  
ary or not, I have tried to ascertain more seem badly to know his plans - will you inform  
Mother and other friends have informed me that you had a large outfit of bedding and  
clothing and some new materials for adding to it and that the box which was sent  
contained much that was valuable I have no doubt you have been often in great want of  
things which your friends would be glad to help you to if they knew what you most needed  
but there has been much sensitiveness in this place with regard to the acknowledgements  
of some who have received boxes one was sent to the Home Agency for nearly missionary  
to Siam it was said they expressed little gratitude and found much fault. The Ladies have now  
a sewing circle the avails of which go to the improvement of the cemetery, a box is now being  
filled with clothing old and new to be sent one of the stations in N. Y. city for the relief of the poor  
Had I health I would gladly undertake to have one fitted for you but as I am I cannot  
think of speaking to others about it for the reasons I have mentioned.

Mother requested Father to give all her clothing and half her bedding to her sister M.  
I was surprised and sorry that she did not direct to have some of her clothing sent  
to you as she great deal that is valuable but you know she always thought a great deal of that  
sister. They are expecting her daughter Elisebeth here today she is teaching in Conn.  
You spoke of Christiansens <sup>friends</sup> having done so much for them on account of their interest in the  
cause of missions: perhaps we are very deficient in this respect. I am conscious that in the incessant  
application I am obliged to make of time and thought in the care of our own family and the dis-  
tracting influence my husband's peculiar business has on himself and on me by preventing  
any thing of that system and order in sleeping or other domestic arrangements I sometimes  
almost forget there is any thing in this world but sick folks and children's chairs. Grady  
remarked when I first came here that she considered me a missionary and my field a most  
difficult one a remark which I have received to mark than once. A great part of the time I have been  
confin'd to bed the care of the children and all the household business constantly pressing upon  
me with all the pain of body and depression of mind which necessarily attend such a state. When  
I have often thought that I need a miraculous spirit. Lucy M. has been a great help to me in  
the care of house and doing a great many things to save care and trouble for me and our  
I think the situation the family was in when I came here and see the great improvement in it  
in almost every respect I have reason to thank God and take course. My Husband  
has had a great deal within the last year and is to perplex and discourage him  
the College is not as prosperous as formerly the number of students small he has lost a great deal  
by the failure of his brother J. who has left N.Y. and is at work at his trade here (he has been very  
dissipated but we hope has reformed) he has lost \$1000 in Bail Road stock and in many other  
other way he has lost some other sums besides a great deal of his practice is gratuitous he is  
expected and is one of the foremost in every thing which relates to sustaining the  
cause of Religion and Education here and elsewhere his family is expensive disobeys his  
with Mr. Hollocks course in the Sem. he sends his Daughters away to school he has had one  
of them away most of the time for nearly 2 1/2 years. Grady is very unstable he had a great  
opportunity to go into practice with his Father became a Homeopathist and went to  
Waterford N.Y. practiced that about 2 years became a Spiritualist went to N.Y. city to  
assist in the publication of the Christian Spiritualist staid a few months and then en-  
gaged in some mercantile business in Boston. Himself and family are now in Bridport  
William is at home studying medicine will probably graduate in the course of this year  
John Guernsey is still trading here is doing as well as he can in these hard times. Money is very  
difficult to obtain and many business men in the country have failed