

Union Falls, N.Y.  
May 5<sup>th</sup> 1882,

Rev. H. Lyman,  
Forest Grove, Oregon

My Best Beloved,

On returning from Burlington, last Wed. I found yours of 7<sup>th</sup> ult. written at Alpha, N.Y. Was very glad to get it: so long a time had passed, since I had recd. one of your good letters. Was glad that you found "where to lay your head" in comfortable quarters, after such a dubious prospect of spending the night without, in the rain.

Hope that you may by this time, be nearing home, if not already there. I wrote to you

from Burlington Vt. to which  
place I went to get some  
dentistry done. The enclosed  
picture was taken for you,  
especially. The weather for the  
most part, has been cool, &  
the spring is backward.

When I was crossing Lake  
Champlain, last Tuesday A.M.  
there was a miniature snow storm  
& while I was in Plattsburgh,  
there was more of the same  
sort, so that the ground was some  
what whitened; it however, did  
not remain very long.

I am hoping that tomorrow's  
mail may bring me some  
thing later from you.

Perhaps you may be so busy  
when you receive this, that  
you will not wish to read  
a long letter. I am so sleepy

that it is hard for me to  
write, as the paper will  
show. You will please not  
follow my example, in the  
length of your letters for you  
can always write something  
good. Yours with increasing  
& heart-felt affection  
Margaret.