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My ever dear Sister Mary

I have been hoping this long time I should find time to write to you, but this Summer like all our Summers has been crowded with cares, and labors; and I have been obliged to neglect writing to my best friends; tho it affords me much pleasure to write and more to receive letters from them. I received a letter from you in the spring soon after I sent one to you, and more recently the one you sent to Lucy ~~etc~~ came here and I read and sent it to her. I trust she has written to you since: She is in ~~the~~ Vernon Ohio has been there a year I had a letter from her last week in which she says her Aunt Lanza is very feeble and they fear she will not live long. ~~Adrian~~ ~~too~~ is in poor health. I do not expect L. will come home till next spring. We have had a great deal of company this summer; but none whose visit gave us as much pleasure as Sister Elisa. She and Mr

Post came here the last of June and made us a  
good long visit; a week last Friday they left  
Middlebury for Union Falls. I don't know whether  
they have left for Mich. or not; they thought they had  
been gone so long from home they would not stay  
there long. I think they enjoyed their visit much  
better than they expected to; they had been gone from a boy of about eleven years, was bathing in  
this place 27 years and felt they were almost com-  
ing among strangers; but they found plenty of hands  
and hearts open to welcome them. The journey and  
pleasure of seeing friends exhilarated his spirits  
and made him seem younger and more like her  
former self than she did when I saw her in Mich.  
I went to Middlebury 2 or 3 day before they left  
and staid till after they went away. Dr. Edward  
is much better than he was in the spring; he is  
building a house on his farm which they expect  
to move into the first of Dec. Sarah is as well as  
she can be with so much care and labor on her  
hands they have six boarders, - College students  
her Father and Mother love with them tho they have  
now gone to Water town to spend a few weeks at  
De Robinsons. Our Libbie is now at Edwards attending

School with Annie. Rollin Denison called here  
a little more than 2 week ago; he enquired much  
about you sent his love and said if you ever  
visit here and cannot go to Mich. I must write  
and he would certainly come here to see you.  
They have had a great affliction, - their only son,  
- this only son, was bathing in  
the Kalamazoo River with Carlos Uncle, Gay Chaud  
and were both <sup>they</sup> drowned. Mr. Chandler was very  
and left all his property to Mrs. Peaslee  
and her Children. How often is great worldly pros-  
perity attended by keen domestic affliction. We have  
heard from Bro. William Coley but his letter which  
was sent to my Mom. was all on business. I have heard  
in a round-about way that Brother Francis has left  
Davenport; his family is in Kalamazoo and he is  
looking for a place. James Duncan is now here on  
a visit. He is an agent for selling Maps and  
travels pretty extensively, perhaps he will make  
you a call. Uncle Higley is very peckle tho  
much better than he was 2 months ago it was  
not expected that he would live till this time  
Mrs Higley is well now but has the Heart <sup>sick at times.</sup> disease and is very



Mr Marsh who you supposed would visit us in the winter did not come here till July and then very unfortunately took the time when I was from home, but he said he did not expect to go back to Oregon till Spring, and would not go without seeing me; so I hope to have a visit from him yet. My health has been as good as usual this Summer, tho I have had too much work to do to feel very well. We do not keep a hired girl and in our family there is much to do. Chury teaches most of the time there are now but two girls at home and one of them attends school; the only way for me is to keep at home and very busy. We have had a very cool season, the last of the Summer very dry, have had frost every month in the year. The corn crop will be very small, English grain has done well. Fruit more plenty than some seasons. I suppose our productions look very diminutive compared with yours. William and his Mary are well; her Mother has come to live with them; she is very feeble. Chas. Flight will come as soon as he can arrange his affairs. Charys youngest Sister was married in August to a Gentleman who has resided several years in Oregon but lately in California they think some of going there in Oct. to reside His name is Upton.