

Hilton Field 5th 18 38

Dear Abigail agreeable to your request and my own inclination
I devote a few moments in writing to you although I have nothing interest^{ing}
to write my health has not been ~~as good~~ as usual for a fortnight past
I have got most beat out Mother was taken sick the next week after I
came home she was sick a fortnight was very sick 2 days since that the
Children have all been sick with the Measles they have been out of their
room to day for the time since they were sick I have not had the Measles
yet but expect to have to have them this week I have not been about ~~since~~
since I came up I spent 1 week with my Brother at Fulbin have not been
to Temple to stop long I went ^{to see} Aunt Mary and spent an half a day
she appears to enjoy her self pretty well she inquired for your
health said she should like to see you I have been to meeting but
Sabbaths since I came home and 2 week days we do not have any week
day meetings more at all nor Sabbaths we have no Minister now
but are in hopes to have one soon they of trying to get Mr Everett
one that formerly preached at Milford I feel as though we needed
a good Minister it is a very dull time in our society now I think never
were the ~~church~~ ^{so} so stupid and little engaged in religion as they are
now I often think of the meetings at Fowle and wish I could be there
I miss the Sabbath school very much we dont have one here this winter
they have got through with their yearston books and thought it best not
to have any this winter as they have no Minister I feel as though there
was more need of having one if we have no Minister I hope my dear
friend you are living for God and letting your light shine before the world
that others may be led by your example to the Saviour do you enjoy the
presence of God are you daily asking him what he would have you do
if we have been redeemed by the blood of Christ we are not our own
there fore let us glorify God in our bodies & spirits which are his think what
our redemption cost what gratitude we owe to God for redeeming love
& how can we manifest it but by trying to bring others to the same fountain

of living waters let prayer as it is our highest privilege be our idea &
delight - may we abide in Christ as the life of our soul and the foundation of
our hopes while we trust in his death may we imitate his life and by consistent
holiness adorn the gospel we profess - I intended to have written more but my
health will not admit please to write a long letter as soon you get this give
my love to Aunt J & J Howard and all inquiring friends

Yours affectionately H. Mason

She married Dr. George Shedd
grandfather of John A. Scott

Miss Abigail Houston

Lowell

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