

Lyonsborough Nov. 4. 1837.

Beloved Friend

We received your letter by the hand of Uncle Goodridge, directed to sister Lucy a short time previous to this, and as she is at Hancock attending public school, we immediately transmitted it to her. I have received a letter from her requesting me to write an excuse to you for not answering your very friendly letter which is so well worthy of an answer, and humbly to apologise for neglecting one so worthy as yourself. She wishes me to say to you, (expressing her gratitude for your kind invitation to spend the winter with you) that it would be pleasant if her health was sufficient - she writes she has been detained from school by sickness. While at H. nearly a week confined to her chamber but has now recovered so that she attends school, says it is interesting and the teacher possessing superior qualifications which renders it profitable. Sister Margery and Phoebe attend likewise. They will return in about two weeks. Sister L. will then write you according to her promise. Sends her best respects to Miss Annable for her kindness and likewise to you. I must now close this hasty scribble fearing you will not read half I have written. As week will have for Lowell sooner than I expected I have been obliged to sit down and scribble as fast as I could without any regard to penmanship or style of composition. You would like to hear all that regards news I suppose. As it respects the cause of religion I must tell you with due regret there is nothing of interest. Mr. White has been sick and unable to preach for two sabbaths. You have doubtless heard of Benjamin Clark's return to L. He has supplied the pulpit <sup>is</sup> liked very well. His return was very unexpected to his friends.

He will spend the winter in G. Our new Meeting House is  
nearly completed. It will be dedicated in the course of two or  
three weeks. I must now stop writing for the heaven  
is waiting. Give my best respects to your sisters and  
all your father's family. Sarah sends much love.  
You will not deem this scrawl worthy an answer  
but hope you will pardon me and do write me  
a long letter as it would be gratifying to me in  
the superlative degree. Glad I ~~was~~ should not  
have so much blank paper and would gladly fill  
this sheet <sup>condemned</sup> you will therefore excuse.

Your affectionate friend

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