

Albion August 25 1885

Dear Parents

I have been delaying writing for some time longer than I intended to when I received your kind letter and the things you sent me I then thought I should write soon but I have not got at it until now. I had to write to Aunt Anna in order to find out where to have my certificate sent as I did not know where the nearest settlement of Friends was. She informed me that there was a settlement of Friends and monthly meeting at Hickory Grove which is about ten miles from here. It is in Jackson County she says there is a friend there by the name of John Mott that she is well acquainted with and thinks a great deal of she says my certificate will have to be sent to that meeting whether I am disowned or retained a member. Now I would ask if the disaffin with regard to shaving has not been altered within a year or so as I was thinking it had. I wish you could get me a Disaffin and send if there is any chance for it as I never read one ^{through} in my life. I expect Phoebe will be with you in a short time if she hases good luck and can tell you the news ~~she~~ ^{she} ~~after~~ ^{then} I could write it if there was any to write but I don't know of any thing that would be interesting to you. I wish it was best and you could come to Michigan to live I do want to see you all so much I expect Jane would so well. I wount go to Michigan if all the rest does and she is the one I want to see the most if any thing I want she should write me a good long letter by Phoebe tell her to write all about where all the girls is that I am acquainted with and what they are a bout. I think she might fill 2 sheafs ^{if books gap} if she would if I get time I shall send her some flower seeds such as grow wild on the plains and when she sees what nice flowers we have I guess she will want to come.

It is now a week since I have written any in this letter and I am afraid Phoebe is a going to be disappointed about going east now as I have heard she is having the ague I think we shall have a game today how she is as tomorrow was the time set for her to start and if she goes they will bring the children down as I am a going to take care of them while she is gone. I shall send Jane and Mary some Portulacca seeds they must ~~not~~ divide them I send all that is ripe on the bush they are a plant that Corra gave me the seeds of and are beautiful they

want to be planted in a pot and want to be in pretty rich earth
two seeds if they grow is a nough to cover a pot I will send what
other nine seeds that I can find that are ripe I feel very thankful
for the things you sent me and wish I had something to send in
return but have not at present I think of Father every time I notice
my clock it keeps first-rate time and is a great deal of
company for me when I am alone if you have found the
key I should like to have you send it as the key we made
minds very slow I want the John Daniel and Jane to write to
me by the Michigan folks when they return you will probably
know when Robertson folks start ^{back} if Phoebe is not with
them Father and Mother don't let the children neglect to write
by them and write when you are getting along and all about
the folks If Phoebe goes home I should like to have you send me a
couple of jugs and jars as it is ^{almost} impossible to get them here
and I have no molasses jug and there fore can't have no lasses till
John one of my flower pots got broke all to pieces but I
tied it together and have got a handsome flower in it
now I wish you was all here today to eat melons as we
have got some first-rate ones Phoebe has some to go and
I must stop writing she can tell you all the news don't
neglect to write with affectionate regard I remain your child
M. C. Robertson

Henry Rodenhouse
William Aug 29th
1845

Elijah Cornell
Mass

Homer Nov 8th 1845

Dear Parents

I can not have any excuse of not writing any longer, I must get about it. I have been very busy, this fall we are all well enjoying good health we have ^{very} cold weather for fall corner Francis Bonnard is here with me writing a letter to Reuben B, we have got down a thrashing we have 8 hundred bushels wheat, Martin & John is a gain is the expecting this winter my pen is poor I am glad you sent me paper & pens very glad, I will improve the time of sending it back to you. I will write all the news I can think of John and Mary are all well, Phoebe has gone to meeting I have not got home sick yet I want to see Father and Mother every week, and all the rest tell John & Denise & Jane they must write me a good long letter, and not fail of it I must get some dinner now I wish Jane was here to get a ^{lot} of vittels once in a while when Phoebe is gone, for I have to get it myself I am a going to school this winter and again to improve every moment I must go now and feed the grays now it is the 15th I will finish my letter I have been to the Methodist meeting this forenoon and to Christian this afternoon Martin is sum un well to day he was out late last night and took cold and had some fever thought the night we have very pleasant weather yet we are a getting ready to go to coopering as post ^{sch} our own school is a gain to commence to morrow we are a going to have a good school, and on two evenings out of ~~at least~~ a week is ~~again~~ again to be employed is spelling and writing I don't know when I shall get ready to go to school. we have got so much work to do this fall wheat is fifty three cents a bushel here & now about my writing whether it is best for any more of my friends to come to Michigan or not well I think that if you were here and got sick as I have you may not get off as well as I have I have run a norris risk of my self I think, here would be a great place to start the potter's business, ^{was} would be good here I have not seen any searthern ware here yet I think it would sell here good I wish it was so that the could come out and by a few acres and set up for the business we summer I would like to have Elijah B to come out

John the most excuse me for not writing to
the, all though the has not wrote to me yet, but
I think it my duty to first write to the I am
well to day Leoncies is a writing now to Reuben B
I wish the was here to go with me to Westconsin
next spring and around home I want the to write
to me wheather the think it is a good plan or not and
and ask fathers advice about it I would like to go
to see the country and by a more a farm if I could
get one to suit me I will not go if they think it not
propor I want Father and Mother to write me a letter
be tween them then I will write again to them, and
John if the will take it upon the to write to me once
a month I will to the now I want the should tend
to it I want to hear from you oftener I will close writing
to the now and write to Daniel a few lines there then
Daniel I want the to should write me a good long ^{to} let
the must get about it do not forgit it it of our mps
Daniel how is it, they say that the talks of ~~go~~ goin
to sea the must not do so when the gets ready to
sante the must come to Michigan Daniel the and
Abner must write me a letter Richer you
you must excuse my poor writing for my
quill is poor and I am in a hurry to get done
for I am quite sleepy I think I shant write
much more Jane must not think I have
Stitch then I shall write Jane ~~and~~ a letter
som o other time giv my respects to all requirring

Your affectionate brother
Edward Cornell
Edward Cornell

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Elizabeth Cornell

Att: Mrs

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As Edward has left so much vacant room
I think it a pity not to fill it out so I will write.
Maria and husband was here two weeks ago then
were well. Uncle was very sick while I was gone East
with the lowest complaint he was as helpless as an
infant. but since he recovered he is quite as sound
as before and perhaps more so. Aunt is well and
Charles and wife is then they live at Stone Harbor
Charles takes Daguerreotype portraits and does
a good business Robert brought Anna's boy home
with him. Maria says that her mother can do
nothing with him. William Macy was at his
father-in-law's while Robert was gone he thinks
of moving to Mich in the spring. Wacey has given
his consent to come at last. M.B. think he and
Francis can do a good business at Coopersing
they can engage all the flour barrels they can
make at a fair price. Aaron has finished
off his chamber service Pauline came and
she sews with Mary. she likes Mich much
and enjoys good health. I have not heard
from Bunkers folks since he got home
I forgot to tell you my health is good and
I have set down in the midst of washing
to write. Tell E. B. that Mrs. Hunsdy got her son
a few days ago. she was in a peck of trouble
about it. she is well and perfectly well contented
her sons wife thinks every thing of her

Phoebe Wood

My Dear Aunt

Albion J. 6 1846

I am pretty well today. I can tell you that I go to school and learn to write although my mother leaves to write the letter for me yet. I want to see you. I talk of coming out there as soon as I get big enough. I wish you would come out here this spring and see me. I suppose you want to see me.

Orson and Edgar goes to school too they do not learn very fast. Orson has got so that he can say most all of his letters, and Edgar reads in readings.

I can write some but not much. Aunt Marys baby is a great fat boy. I go to Aunt Marys very often. I have got three new dresses and I will send you pieces like them. I go to sabbath school and learn my lessons very well. There are going to have a celebration at Marshall and Ma. says I may go with my teacher. I tell Ma every word to write and she writes it. it is most school time and I can not write but still I will have to write this page down.

we have lots of fine flowers. we have got grapevines pink. the roses have not bloomed yet. and we have poppies and sweet williams. we shall have some plums this year. and lots of apples I think. Give my love to all of them Grandfather and Grandmother in particular. I want you to write to me I can read some writing but not much. Arthur, Maria, Wood,

Dear Mother

You expressed a strong desire in one of your communications to the family that I should write to you that you had not seen any of my letters since I came to Michigan. Well I have a moment to spare this morning and will occupy it in writing to you, as Phebe has just written a long letter to father and has covered the whole ground I shall perhaps be put to it some for news to interest you I am well aware of your anxiety for our prosperity and I am exerting myself to make all around me comfortable and happy. The education of the children to see their young minds expand and stretch forth after knowledge is a source of pleasure to me and I look forward with pleasing anticipation to the time when they will be old enough to take an interest in business and be able to counsel together for our mutual benefit. Phebe is a stern goahead woman of sterling integrity and manifests a strong attachment to her family and friends of which she has made a great many in this place I have a multiplicity of business to attend to such as farming lumbering coopering &c which keeps me upon the stretch all the time I have about 24 thousand feet of lumber ready for sale and I have been applied to for three thousand flour barrels beside piggins, tubs, and kegs as fast as we can supply them, I regret that Edward is about to leave me. I had depended on him to go with the horse team this summer and it takes me rather back handed I had just commenced my fallow containing 40 acres I have also a job of road work to do for the mill company and a bridge to build across the river beside my own road work. I have a good ox team which I calculated to do this work with and as I must be the one to oversee the work

I shall be obliged to hire a hand to go with the horse team
He is going to leave tomorrow morning, I have been able to pay him
up lacking ten dollars which he says he does not want now I
did not persuade him to stay for I want him to do better if he can
I could not afford to give more than 12 dollars per month and as he
thinks he can get more I am willing to have him go I shall let him
have one of my horses to go with although it is hard to stop the
plough at this season of the year I have a number of acres of corn
which will need some attention and my wheat harvest is coming on
rapidly so I hardly know which way to turn first, I should like to
have uncle Daniel Barnard come out here this fall very much we want
his assistance for two or three weeks in the shop in rigging some tools.
If you see him just put him in mind of it, we have a fine growing
season & the prospect for fruit of all kinds is good our garden flourishes
nice. Last year we could not make way with our melons, I tried to
give them away first then I tried to get the neighbour boys
to come and steal them, they thought at first they might
have some fun but they gave it up and concluded it would
be no object so they had to rot on the ground and the prospect
is better this year than last, I have this morning sold two thirds of
my wool for 25 cents per pound which is the highest price that I
have heard of being paid for the best quality raised here, wheat
is down to fifty cents per bushel, butter 8 cents and produce very
low corn no fixed price I heard of two or three thousand bushels
sold for 17 cents there is but little money in the country to
business with I have scribbled on to the end of the sheet without
being called away but 4 times to do something else I wish I could see
you I could spend one hour at least in visiting if we did not talk
any. Keep up good courage till I come and see you M. B. Wood

Atk Feb. 1st 1846

My Dear Sister

After a long delay waiting for our Mags (magnets, (you will be happy to hear that) we have got our lightning started. After the line was completed & the breaks repaired I put up my battery & in 5 or 10 minutes time was in "full blast". Yesterday during the whole day we were engaged gratifying the Curiosity of the eager "Yankers." I have seldom seen a line work better than this did yest.

We made something of a sensation here & in A.

I am fearful that we shall miss of having Ezra on our line on account of some misunderstanding between him & the Port of our Co. or I should perhaps say difference.

I shall write him today & try & ascertain what he is going into when he leaves the N.Y. & Phila line.

I should like to know how you get along this winter. Are you supplied with all of the necessary Comforts of life? I should like to hear from you soon. E wrote me a few days since that you were all well, in haste
Your most affec^t brother O. S. Wood

C. S. Word
Sept. 1st 1846

Mrs. M. A. Cornell
Utica
N. Y.

DeRuyter Feb 14, 1846

Dear Uncle

I don't know but I ought to make some apologies for not writing before. But I guess I won't for he will say it is negligence on my part the best way I can fix it, We are all well and enjoying life as well as we know how, Our folks got home fifth day just as we were looking very hard for them. Reuben and Eliza had just got here on their way to Middlefield and wanted George and I to go with them and as they come in just the right time we went and now I will give thee a description of our journey. We started the next morning about four o'clock and got to Smyrna before they had blown out the candles and we got to Roberts about six o'clock we found them well and glad to see us. Robert however had gone to Chatham which was quite a disappointment to us but Catharine flew round and got tea in a hurry. The next day we went down to Nathaniel's about seven miles from us. Catharine went with us. It was pretty stormy that day. They were quite surprised but appeared very glad to see us. They said they had been looking for some of us before New Year but had now given it up. They live in a little village by the name of Hallsville. Elizabeth lives but a few steps from us and Daniel about half a mile. we all visited around together untill fourth day.

and then they all hands of them went up to
Roberts and found him at home and Uncl James
and Aunt Louis there waiting to see us as they had
heard we was there Aunt was very smart and had
a great many questions to ask she said she did
wish thee and Aunt Eunice would come down and
make them a visit She was very anxious we should
go down to Murphys and see her other two children
they were strangers to us but Robert and Catharine went
with us in the evening and we had a very good
visit The old gentleman has been dead sometime
he died very sudden and the old ladys health
is quite poor The next day we started for home
and had a very tedious time it was called the
coldest day we have had this winter the wind
blew very hard and in some places the snow
was drifted high as the horses backs but we got
as far as Sherburne and put up for the night the
next morning we started and rode as far as
Parkers before we stoped there was a man froze to
death the night before in that neighbourhood
he was then to Elizar Goodrichs in the same
condition that they found him in waiting for
the coroner he was supposed to be intoxicated as he
had been to Parkers and got drunk he left a wife and
seven children we got home about eleven o'clock
and I guess thee is glad of it by this time

We have not seen any of Samos folks since
our folks got home but hear from them quite
often they were well the last news We have not
heard from Michigan in some time we feel
quite anxious to hear from Frances Ruth Crumb
is very sick her complaint is a disease of the
heart they do not think she will ever be any
better William Gripp is also very sick his recovery
is doubtful I believe the rest of our friends are
in good health at this time Ira Millards house
was burned down a few weeks ago it caught fire
from the boiling over of a kettle of pitch I
believe they saved every thing in the house quite
alof however We heard from Mary the other
day she is well and sends word I must go to
Michigan with her next spring but I guess I shant
go for I cant very well leave De Ringster If I could
only go to Ithaca and make a good long visit
I should be contented we should like to see thee
and aunt Eunice out here very much we have
very good sleighing and I think you might
some of you come and if not do write and let
us know how you get along Thee must
excuse my poor writing for my hands are very
cold and will hardly go off Eunice Barnard

Ernest Barker

Feb 14th 1846

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Elijah Cornell

Phaca

Thompson Co

N.Y.



My Dear Mother

Albion 11 mo 17 1846

I think this is the first attempt I have made to compose a letter to thee since I have lived in this western world. but I hope and trust that thou does not attribute it to want of respect ~~although~~ I have thought enough about writing but have neglected it. we are all well. and enjoy ourselves as well as we could any where separated from so many of our friends. The children go to school and are much pleased with the teacher. we were at Hiram day before yesterday the new well painter was there she begins to talk of starting for Old Humphries soon perhaps the first of June. Croville is the sweetest little young one entirely he is as fat as a pig. and begins to lay on the floor and play and is better than he was. Hiram has bought him a span of critters and Mary has named one nance and the other figure. After Father of course. she has to have every thing like Father and Mother. My flowers look beautifull they sit here on the stand in fathers pots which give them most of their charm in my estimation I think more of the pots than I do of the flowers. no one will get them away from me although they are often looked on with envious eyes. Well fare my leaf plant is dead and I would like to come home and get another.

We have a couple of tailors girls to work Edward is having a
kentucky gran coat and Frank and another shored man too and
some other clothes. I read a letter from Maria when I went
hazy. I was much pleased with Alonzo, writing till him to
write a good long letter to me and I will answer it if Edward
will not. E is negligent about writing but can write very well
if he would get at it. I wish I should see how John and Daniel
improve I hope Daniel is a good boy and keeps good company
E is very steady and keeps good company but does not go to
meeting as much as Frank does. E and I takes a great deal
of comfort. Frank is a very pleasant young man and every
one is his friend. the children all love him. and Edgar and
Orson stays with him. the girls told him when he first came
here they ~~thought~~ he had a wife and two children and would
bring them on in the spring. some times when he goes to
bed with the children he says that his children have come
but the old woman has not got along yet. the boys have their
own fun. I rec. letters from brother Ezra and would like to from
Mary Ann. I believe we have never corresponded yet. E.B. is not
as punctual to answer my letters as Ezra if he was think I
should get one soon from him. he writes most excellent letters
and perhaps he thinks it not best to let us enjoy so rich
a feast often. I have always been anxious to number B.B.
among my correspondence. but I shall be disappointed
I rec. a letter from Thomas a short time ago. they were well
he has enjoyed milk for the reason. a paper from my old
friend Solime Barnaby. this is a slow way to converse with an
absent mother when I have so much to say but am thankful
I'll left.

We have not heard from Benoit Alonzo family lately I think they are well as we should
hear. I expect a letter shortly also from A. Bunker.

M.B. is very well this spring and fleshy as usual he Rec.
 a letter from his brother we regret to hear his health
 has been so poor, and thine also but are in hopes when
 we hear again you will both be better if Father is well
 I can see him with my minds eye going back and forward
 to his work. I feel hurt when I think of his numerous
 cares at his time of life and wish it could be different
 and think how he has always worked and brought up so large
 a family so respectably I am amazed that he is not more
 broke down, and that his mind still retains so much
 of his youthful vigour. I want you to send me your
 ages the year and day of the mo you were born. I am
 ashamed to confess that I do not know your ages exactly.
 I have often thought of writing to Mother but have neglected
 it. Give my love to her. I often think of her and her dear boy
 and then my mind reverts to those Dear Departed ones who
 once were with us but have now gone to the land of spirits
 and now are reaping the rewards of their many virtues
 which live when they are gone. And that we may all
 meet them in Heaven is the desire of my soul.
 I want to hear from you often and long much to see you
 and if we prosper I shall come and see you occasionally
 if we live. I cannot tell whether William and Mary will
 come this fall or not. you must not be disappointed
 too much if they do not. William has no barn and they
 feel rather poor although they are able enough if they
 thought so. I must now close. Tell Henry that I will try
 to get E. to write to him soon I remain thy unworthy daughter
 Phoebe

The children often
 every old lady that comes in
 back, about Grand Father and Grandmother and

The suit is not decided yet and we are on suspense. we have not done much at gardening yet it is very dry here the wells is very low and rivers also. the spring is backward and we are indopos we will get some fruit. we have mince pies to eat this spring and crackers made like thins as near as I can make them. there has been some shugers made but we have not had any yet we hear that there is a boat coming from Dryden this spring and I shall expect letters from my friends.

Miss Mr. B Wood
Jan 14th 1846

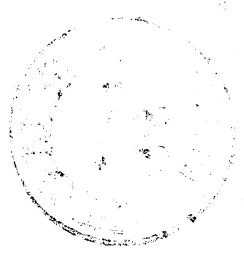
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Enrica Cornell

of Attaca

W York

(Care of E. Cornell)



as I did not ~~write~~ finish writing out the letter. I thought I would write a few lines to you, my health is good this spring, I am again to write the a letter son, I want the boys to write, and Jane. I have not received a letter from Jane, since I have been here. I don't know is you can read this I have not seen thing else now I am again to write to George to morrow
E. Cornell

Providence 4th mo. 19th 1846

Dear Parents

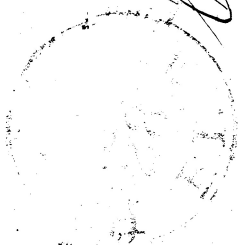
Feeling that I have too long neglected writing to you as I feel assured that you ~~are~~ think of us, I can inform you that we are all enjoying good health & have been so this Spring & winter with the exception of myself who was confined to the house for about three weeks with a bilious attack the last of winter & was weak & poorly all of last month but I have now regained my health & feel as well as ever. Eunice grows finely & is very playful. The children have not been at school this winter. Freelove Pratt still continues with us we have no other help. Rebecca health is better, but has spells of the Phthisis whenever she gets cold. Eliak is a very large boy of his age & is quite an assistance to me in delivering milk. I have made arrangements to keep on with my business for another year. Business prospects look fair in this city this year a large amount of buildings are going up. almost every body full of business. real estate has risen much. Wm. Jenkins (the person who I have had my milk of for the last 5 years, whom probably you have some knowledge of) died the 2nd of last month in ^{his} 60th year there has been quite number of deaths among principal or leading men in this place the past winter. Our friends & relatives are all well so far as have heard. Sarah C. Gould had got better & was here on a visit not long since & seemed as she did before she was ^{deranged}.

We have been expecting a visit from Ezra for some
time past but he has not arrived yet. I expect it is a busy time
with him now as they ^{are} trying to have the Delugraphs completed
I hope. Father will try make us a visit this spring or summer
do leave thy toils & cares for a while & come once more to
see the little grandchildren & old acquaintances do ~~not~~ ^{not}
not get too much encumbered with the clay for there's a danger
to us all & more particularly so with men at thy age. I think
it was George Fox ^{who} says that he saw that old people
went in to the earth & young people in to vanities
do write soon & let ^{me} know how you getting along where the
family all are & what they are about. we have had fine
spring weather for a week past trees are in bloom. I hear
that uncle Miller here expects to go west this season on
a visit to his son at St. Louis, Missouri & would probably
call at Ithaca. I conclude by wishing ~~it~~ to be remembered
to all acquaintance & friends & remain your son
4th mo. 26th -46

Wm Chase

Thomas Chace
Jan 18th 1836

Wm. Cornell
Albaca N.Y.



Albion May 12 1866

My Dear Sister

It is with pleasure that I now seat myself for the purpose of writing in answer to your kind letter which I received some weeks ago but for the want of time and news have not answered until now it is a general time of looking in this part of the country and particularly so amongst our friends The Dryden folks arrived here last week Wednesday after a tedious and protracted time they had to lay by a day on the canal which made it very unpleasant for them They appear to like their new homes pretty generally I believe George Robertson has just been in and says there is a paper to the office for one with 30 cts postage and I am in quite a tiew to see who it is from and what the news is Our postmaster is very particular he ^{weighs} ~~measures~~ the papers if there is any thing written on them if it is not a half dozen words and charges by the half ounce which makes the postage rather high sometimes We had a visit last week from Harriet Clark (formerly Bormly) and her husband she lives in North Perrinville Monroe Co I went to meeting with them she is a lovely woman as she was a girl she has a son a year old which never has been very healthy Mrs Bormly's health was good she talks of visiting us this fall Harriet says my babe looks just as Elizabeth did when she was a babe Phoebe is getting along very well she has got

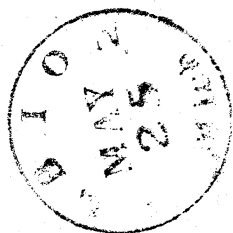
a first rate girl to do her work which gives her time to do as she is
a mind to I understood that Brother E B has gone east and if I
should return home as I now expect to in the fall with out seeing
either of my older brothers ^{it} would be quite a disappointment to me
I hope if I do go east they will be on a visit to these families at
the time. If Mary Barnard is to Eliza tell her I should be very glad
of her company home if she thinks she can spend the winter as
a long time in Ashragon Pauline thinks of starting home in a
few weeks The prospect is fine for all kinds of fruit except peaches
they were killed in the fall by hard freezing if we do not have
frosts to kill them there will be any quantity of strawberries ~~espec~~
aly in my peach orchard the ground is almost white with snow
Mell P I has been to Albion and got my paper which was from
Cousin Lib East I had a letter from her a few weeks ago she
wrote she thought Uncle Mallas and wife would visit me this
spring I hope they will
May 20 It is better than a week since I commenced writing and
now I will try to finish Yesterday we went up to Uncle
Abraham they have got to living comfortably and he is very
much pleased with his farm The fruit is not killed yet ~~but~~
although we had a light frost on the 18 My husband has
been buying a span of horses and wagon so we ride a round once in
a while tell Mother the Ponys names are Elmer and Peggy Mother
her Robertson they say talks some of coming home with us in
the fall and I wish Mother Cornell would talk so to tell
Jane I will write to her some time if I get a chance and if not

she must wait patiently untill I come home I have got the
handsomeest and smartest little boy that I know of Eliza Clark
called him little Elizabeth she says he looks just as his did when
she was a babe I'll not be offended for its no small ^{interest} comfort
to have looked like so of smart a boy as mine I think Edward is
improving very much he is getting to be quite a beau a mongst
them he and Francis was down the river with Shaws and Hodgkiss
young people last evening to call on Benks folks and his
wife sis Phebe she is quite a girl a gone you would think
she was ten years younger than myself did you not know better
she moves quite an easy time this spring to what she has before since
she has been a housekeeper

Well it is Saturday 28 and my letter is not done
yet but I shall try and finish it now F.D. is going to the office and
I wish to send it by him Pauling has concluded to start for home
a week from last Tuesday so in a week from now if she has not
had luck she will be at home when I commenced this I thought
Thomas would get a letter in - shared in this but I fear he won't
this time tell him that if I do not write to him before
I go home I will after I return be punctual and answer the letters
that I receive My babe is quite well now ^{that} in addition to
my sewing and housework ~~is~~ takes the most of my time
that is the reason I have not answered yours before do not think
it is because I don't want to receive letters from you for you
are the best correspondent - I have and finally the only one from
home Martins folks seem to be the favourites as they have re-
ceived 6 or 7 letters from home this spring and three from father I should
like to know what I have done that they can't write to me I hope you
will write soon a gone I will conclude with my love to all your little ones and yourself

Don't mind a few lines to mother and sister
(Mary)

Mrs M. C. Robertson
May 12th 1846



Mary Ann Cornell

Ithaca
Tampkins Co
N.Y.



Autumn Sun 8 1846

Dear Sister

I recd. the following communication from the Abolition Office this morning.

"Mrs Cornell will please not start until her father returns from Seneca Falls. Consult with him on the propriety of his niece coming down with her."

I have written by mail.

E Cornell

I left Rochester on Saturday P. M. & staid in Seneca Falls until 3 o'clock this morning.

I looked for Father & Mother but was disappointed at not meeting them there.

I had a long conversation with Ezra 20 miles distant. - & he said he was in Albany & I am certain I was in Rochester.

Our line works very fine
We now have 5 stations in the
same circuit & work without
any confusion.

John & Elvira are looking
for Father & mother down this
week. I shall be in Auburn
a day or 2 & stop in Syracuse
for a short time & then return
to Utica. Mr Curtis is in
the Utica office.

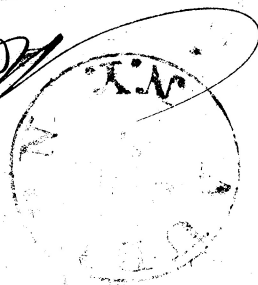
My kindest regards to all
Your brother with affec. regards

Wm. B. Bryant

Mrs. M. A. Cornell

O. S. Wood
June 24/1842

Rev. Mr. A. Barnes
Orange Springs
Fla.



~~to be~~

My Dear Parents

Thurs July 3^d 1846

As there is an opportunity to send a letter I thought you would like to hear from us we are all well and doing as well as we can. We had a letter from Edward a few days ago. he was well and seems contented. he had not hired only for a month and talks of coming back then he said he intended to go to school at Homer this winter there is an Academic School there and perhaps it will be the best thing he can do. he improved last winter I think and now he can write much better than Francis. I want Frank to go to school too. By the way Deak came from Gysilanti yesterday. Uncle is as usual he thinks that he has not failed since last fall. Aunt Amy was not able to do any thing last winter I believe on the account of a lame back but is quite smart now. Martha has a son three months old and Frank says it is the prettiest little thing he ever saw. Charles has gone back to New York. he made about \$100 last winter clear of expence. Martha Father and Mother Wertenlike was there when Frank went there but have gone back. Every bodies Father and Mother comes but mine folks ask me why my Father and Mother dont come. if I have got any. Wm and Nancy are expected next week. Frank went to Gysilanti to hire Coopers but only got one after harvest and him not certain M.B. has one to come the first of Sept and wants two more he intends to keep four to work

We do not hear from Robert Bunker folks nor have
not since he went to N.Y. last fall I have
written to them but get no answer. I look
for Mary some to day and think she will write
by Uncle Peter. Eleanor Bryant is to work for me
and is an excellent girl. I have not much time to
write as I am making a white dress for Arline
and she wants it to wear to Sabbath School celebration
to morrow I am going to let the children all go
Our school has gone out, and the children feel
bad enough about it I wish Arline was at her
Grand mother to go to school. if you have a good one
I am making cheese. and next week am going to
spinning if nothing happens. I am looking for a
letter from some of you every day I hear the
small pox is at Ithaca and feel quite uneasy
about you. we are going to have apples and
Francis says Uncle Roberts folks and Simon
are going to have a great many peaches and Aunt
wants me to come out when they are ripe and I
mean to go if I can now will you please to
excuse me if I do not fill out my paper for I can
not spend time to write any more and have no
more to write I would like to know if I are ever
got her gloves. Give my love to all friends and
please to write soon I P. Wood

Arline sends I am a piece of her dress

Dear Parents

Thinking that you would probably like to hear from us I can inform that we are all enjoying tolerable good healths with the exception of Rebecca whose health is delicate she is now gone to Buriallville on a visit for her health. Eunice grows finely ~~and~~ does the boys & I love & all stills continue with us we have no other help, the children go to school close by home at a private school. I have got part of there summer clothes made & am in hopes that they will soon be completed but I must confess that it some times looks discouraging yet after all I have every reason to be thankful, ~~that~~ I have thus far been carried for. I received Fathers kind letter last month & expected to have answered it before now but time flies away before we are aware of it. Father writes that he wishes to know something about the unpleasant difficulty among Friends in this yearly meeting I can inform him that so far that there has been a division in four of our Quarterly meetings a small number in each have set up separate meetings I understand that according to report of the meeting for sufferings at the yearly meeting this year that the whole number amounts to about 350 adults & minors in all, (in this yearly meeting there about 7000 Friends) it originated that is the difficulty in this this quarter Rhode Island. However artful & plausible may have been the pretext for thus separating themselves & setting meetings in to which no doubt many well intentioned Friends have been drawn. I think it will all be fairer

to a spirit of insubordination to the discipline and order
of the society. For my part ^{I am not} conversant with the particulars
(except what has been published by the society) & I will try to send
you some of the reports when I obtain them) As to my ^{own} ~~own~~ ^{perverted}
views I now I do not know that I can explain them better than
by telling you how it was with Dear Lucretia she had often to
remark that during ^{that} time of ^{the} indelible trial which the society
went through many years ago in your parts that she was
enabled though but a child, through that strength that was
given her to put up her prayers to the Father of mercies that
she might be preserved with the Lord's people which she
believed had been in a remarkable manner granted her.
At the time of separation here she had to remark after
meetings of the extraordinary flow of peace & quiet re-
her mind. An attempt has been made to fasten upon
Friends, the charge of unsound principles which has been
often refuted, I can not believe that the society as a body hold
any thing different from our ancient Friends. Those that have
separated as yet have not been acknowledged by any yearly
meeting. Friends Epistles have been received by all
that ^{have} met except Philadelphia & Ohio at those it was
concluded to wait for further information. Since I commenced this
Rebecca has returned from her visit & is some better, please to
write soon & let me know how you are getting along & how
the family, who scattered widely apart are prospering, our Friends
these parts so far as I have heard are all well. I hear that Elizabeth
was thrown from a carriage occasioned by the horse taking
fright about 3 weeks ago, & considerably injured but is doing well.

I should be pleased to see some of you in Providence
this season especially Father & Hope you will try to
make us a visit. Business is good with us although
money is not plenty owing to it being all employed.
There is a railroad commenced between this place &
Worcester Mass. 40 miles and about to start to
Plainfield Conn. about 30 miles to go through those large
manufacturing villages to the west of us; not thinking
of any more that would interest you please to write
if there is. I shall be happy to inform you so in much love &
remain your son The Chase
Providence March 5th 1846

Geo. Chace
Not dated

Elijah Cornell
Ithaca N. York

Albany July 21st 1846.

Respected Cousin:-

As you requested me to write you a line or two. I thought it a good opportunity to do so. I am sorry that I cannot see you before I return, but I am glad to hear from you at any rate - It was rather unexpected to me to recieve yours so soon, but I shall return home sooner than I intended - I had a letter from my Father two or three days ago, that gave me particulars concerning the late fire at N. Canaan, there were no lives lost. Last evening Jane & I

took a stroll around your little place of residence, I like it very much - Don't you want me to come there and make you a visit sometime? Don't you forget that jolly fellow in the car. I would like to have just such a one when I return. I got along first rate from the bridge. I had no difficulty in finding company. I have not a great deal of time ^{to write} however, if convenient when I return to Albany I think it quite a chance, for that reason I wrote here - Kind and tell Ezra a little concerning that letter he promised writing to me. Please excuse Thacker & send my respects if you please to Mrs Wood when you see her with love &c I remain yours

Elizabeth F. Thorne

Albion. August 2. 1896.

Dear Parents

It being some time since we have heard from you and feeling quite anxious to I thought I would ^{write} a letter and in that way might get an answer, We want you should write immediately on the reception of this and let us know how you are all getting along, Our friends and acquaintances ~~are~~ here ~~are~~ were in tolerable health a week ago which is the last we have heard in particular, I expect you have heard that Edward went to Bottle Creek to work he was gone 5 weeks and was taken sick ~~after~~ ^{on} a day and came home an ^{second} day he said he had the ague but he doctored thoroughly and got smart enough to ride home in the cars, he came here looking quite miserable but Mart and Phoebe came here the same night ~~that~~ he did he rode home with them and has been gaining ever since we were up there a week ago he said he was going to work the next day, Francis says he never enjoyed better ^{the} health in his life than at present, he has been to Gpsilanti this summer ~~and~~ to Dunkle P. Mays found them well as ^{mon} accept Stuart her health has been quite poor for some time I believe he said it was a hair net in her back and shoulders which renders her unable to do anything around the house, Roberts folks have ~~as~~ the rest of them were as well as usual we have not heard any thing from

Robert Bunkers folks any more. Tell mother my baby
is fat and healthy he creeps all over the house and pulls
himself up by chairs and travels after one considered
we think he cant be beat. It has been our intention to
start for Maude the forepart of September and that is still
the calculation with us. But we here so many rumours
about the small pox raging in that place that we do not
know what to think about it. We wish you to write
soon and state the case and what the prospect is the last
we heard the shops were all closed and is now spreading over
the Village considerably we dont know how much to believe
of what we here and shall depend upon you for facts
if you think there is any danger of our being exposed to that
deadly disorder by visiting you we wish to know it at
any rate we shall not start until we can here direct from
home as there is no dependence to be placed in flying reports or
what we see in the newspapers. There is a going to be a good
many apples in this country and the huckle berries are in abundance

Aug 3rd

After I finished writing last evening we heard from North
they were all well it is very healthy in this vicinity
so for this season I want to see you all so I dont know
how to write until I get home I hope nothing will
prevent our going if Father cant write get Jane and
Daniel about it we should like to have Daniel live
with us if he leaves home as Plim wont help
give my love to all brothers and sisters and friends
With affectionate regards M. & Robertson

Beloved Parents

As Mary found a stopping place on the second page of this sheet I concluded to fill up the third there being no ~~other~~ one to do it for me—

We have had a very curious season so far the weather varying in the extreme from wet to dry— We have had two droughts this summer which has injured our crops very much— The wheat crop although we have heard prophecies of great yields it will not in this state average half ~~of the~~ when compared with our usual crop. Our harvesting is over with the exceptions of some few that have not finished stacking. Our rains have come in torrents and our dry weather by long spells which has caused our summer crops to be light as well as the wheat. And the prices for the sake of being in company with them is also very low— Wild fruit is plenty— When you write I would like to know what for a season you have had what the prospects of the crops is the price and prospects of the coming price— They bid but three shillings for wheat at present but we hold on for higher. Please give my love to all inquiring friends.

Yours with respect Hiram D. Robertson
To Elijah & Lucia Cornell

Horatio & Mary

August 8th 1846

PAID
X
and

Eliza Crum
J. H. & Co.
Lombard St.
City



My Dear Sister

Albion Nov 16 / 46

You do not know how many times I have thought I would sit down and write a letter to you and think I would do it immediately and think and work and work and think until something else would come across my mind to direct my thoughts another way and when I would think of it again it would seem as though I had written and could almost remember what I had wrote. I do not know as I should have commenced now if Edward had not recd. one from George last Ev. and commenced an answer but it did not suit him so he gave it up and has deferred writing at present but will soon. I wrote to Ezra at N.Y. some days ago. and thought you would hear from us through him. and therefore have neglected to write to you. A.B. asked how Aunt Phoebe liked her shells. I was much pleased with the description of them and should be delighted with them if I had recd them but the barrel in which they were was lost I wrote to E. the particulars and sent also my thanks. I feel as much indebted as though I had recd. them. Edward goes to school and is very much engaged in his studies but it an up hill piece of business for him to learn. but if he could

Steadily a year or two I think he would get a good education it is a great task for him to write compositions and declaim but I hope he will "come it" after a while

Mary thinks she had a hard time of it coming home and says she will never cross Lake Erie again but I think they had no worse time than I did last fall and I thought it fun and like to do it twice a year if I could afford it. She has been sick since she came home a few days, and I went and took care of them - the babe was troubling, and Aunt Polly read but think she must wear him but I thought it no sense she had so much with she did not know what to do with it and I advised her to move him till spring which she concluded to and now they are well enough. Grand father is quite smart and ten times uglier than ever since he got up around the house, he say, half the house and farm is his and he will kick me out of doors if I do not do as he wants me and often threatens me with a d-n licking &c

and boasts of having a better right here than I and all about his old cloths which was left in Gygden I do not pay any attention to him unless he gets too boisterous so you can imagine what a domestic comfort he is in a family

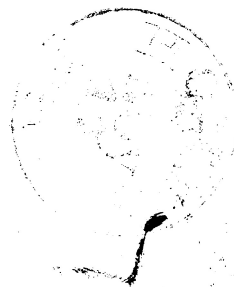
You see I have been careful in writing and so will
 page my letter for your benefit. Oson has count his
 health and is quite well now the rest are well also
 we have not been sick much this fall with the
 exceptions of one or two attacks of fever but broke them
 up without the assistance of a physician. I do not
 think I have ever enjoyed better health since I have
 lived here. Malizia made us a visit this week Cousin
 Robert & Macy and wife Cousin Rowley and wife. visited
 us last week and on excellent visit we had. Tell Father
 and Mother that Aunt is well and says Uncle has no
 been as well since he was taken sick as he has the
 past summer. Charles has gone to the Carolines
 to spend the winter his wife in sick and he has
 been gone a year and they do not expect him till
 Spring she has one child less than a year old
 Cousin Martha has a lovely babe. Daniel Warner
 an Abenaki made us and Annam folks a short
 visit last week also our family numbers twelve
 so you better believe, (as Oson says) we have enough
 for two pair of hands to do. it is Saturday morning
 after breakfast and was not light when I commenced
 this so I know you will say I had better go to work
 when I tell you I have got two comforts to the and looking
 to do out the chambers to clean and bed bugs to pull to sleep

kind of mention of an over-blown big back and a very fat
 think this mention of an over-blown big back and a very fat
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Tell father I thank him for his presents and
 think of him when I pin my clothes & took some
 of the perfume last night and received much
 benefit from it and tell Mother they all would like to use
 the Cologne is toward it let them know.

Give my love to E. B. and family
 and tell E. B. I think it time he wrote
 us a good old fashioned letter please
 remember me to Alreda.

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Mrs. E. B. Cornell
 Alreda
 New York

Mrs. E. B. Cornell

Phoebe Wood
 Alreda
 Nov 14 1846

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Mr. Alreda we find the book very interesting and
 Edward likes to read them and the rest of us do I think
 it a shame that he does not answer Alreda letters
 tell him if she will write to me I will be more
 punctual than his other voluminous correspondents.

Seneca Falls Decr 13th 1846

Dear Sister

"How I wish I could look in upon you tonight and see you surrounded by your little family all well and happy or rather how I wish you were all here tonight to help finish out the visit that Ezra commenced last night he came unexpected for we had looked for him so long and knew he must pass us often that we had almost come to the conclusion that he could not make it convenient to call at all but he has finally made Saturday night and Seneca Falls come together at last to our great satisfaction and we hope he may do so often during the remainder of our stay and he says he will do so if we can coax you to come and stay a spell with us now cant you as soon as the travelling is reasonable come down and stay with us a month or two and bring with you whatever portion of your family you think proper Edith says if you come you must bring Elizabeth with you and Perry must come and see if he can find out where his father lives now and we should be glad to see Alonzo and Frank but it will not be long now before they can all come and see us often now write soon and tell ^{us} you will come and by the way speaking of writing John says if you will forget the old grudge and write him a few lines he will write you a good long brotherly document but you can both do better at talking and laughing that off so come and we will have some fine times here tell Alonzo his uncle will write to him in a few days give our love to all our friends

Your Affectionate Sister E.P.

M. A. Cornell

My Dear Parents

Yonkers Dec 30th 1846

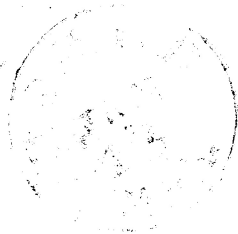
It is with pleasure that I take my pen, to inform you that we are all well, and enjoying good health, one of the greatest blessings that we are permitted to enjoy. And what a great satisfaction is, that we can sit down and take our pen and paper and communicate our ideas to our beloved friends, for years to come without seeing one another face. I just received a letter from Eliza, stating that the folks in Tethova were all well, and E.B. was at work on the telegraph, between Rochester and Buffalo. I should write Eliza a letter to night, but I have just wrote to him and to Esau and I thought that I would wait a week or so. I can inform you that I am going to school this winter to the academy at Yonkers, we have a good school and good schoolmates so that there is nothing to hinder from learning. I think its probable that I shall go year right on, if I live and nothing happens more then I know of now. I have received a letter from E.B. last night I am a studying arithmetic Geography Grammar besides Reading and writing, my teachers name is Westcott. he is an excellent teacher one that well understands himself. I dont know when I shall come home and make a visit, but I want to see father and mother very bad. It seems as though I could see how mother and father looked but the rest, I cant form any idea how they look. I think you wont be able to form much of an idea how I look. I am a six foot six, twenty one years of age, and weigh 176. Eliza is a carrying on the coopering business this winter, and has two girls to work for him Jan^y 4 1847 I take my pen this evening for finishing my letter. not that I could not

find any thing to write when I commenced my
letter Mr B B P. Wood has gone to Cires Robertsons
to help eat a Turkey, and dont expect them back
untill about ^{tr}midnight. I am a goin to sleep
yet. Tell Abnzo that I went on the stage, and
delivered an address to my teacher and associates
and we had a good exhibition, and should be
very happy to him call in some of Mr and
see us perform and I should like to do the same for
him. Brother I have not been obedient to thy
request I have not looked around for any Clay
foil I have not had time. Where is John and
what is he doing? that I have not received
a single word from him yet. I should think
he might spend time enough to write his
Brother a letter. I dont think that he will loose
any thing in it. Offrader is Daniel? that I
dont hear any thing from him. Tell him that
he must write to me and I will answer his
letters, and Jane What is she that I do not
have a word from her then then all to right

Yb B B C Robertsons folks are
For Daniel. Daniel I have heard that the,
was a getting unconcerned in the duties
that lies on the responsibilities of youth. remem-
ber, that we live in a land in which liberty
science and the arts moving onward with
great rapidity, and that our Country was pre-
served from the hand of tyrants and murderers,
and that on the intelligence of our youths rest
the future liberty of our beloved Country goes
on then with an unyielding perseverance in
the right way that though thou hast prosper
write when thou receives this thy Brother, Caloon
to Eliza Coull

Elijah Cornell

Dec 30 1846



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Elijah Cornell
Ithaca Falls
Tompkins Co
N. Y.

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Homer Janth 17 1847

My Dear Brother

I thought as I have never heard from thee that is from the influence of thy own hand, I would write thee a few lines. We are all well and enjoying good health. one of the greatest blessings of heaven, it is strange that I do not hear from thee. I am going to school to home this winter our school is kept by Prop. J. J. West. We have a good one. I board to Mr. D. Wood and do choirs. We have quite a bad winter here. we have had about a weeks sleighing and have had a great thaw so as to take away our snow. the ground is frozen up again but no snow. Mr. B. & P. Wood has just returned from Church and has brought two loads with ^{them}.

Mr. Darnard has just received a letter from his Brother Robert, stating that they were well he wrote that he and Eunice was out to Cortland and saw the three, said that the was well, and had not heard from home in about a month and he wrote that Sylvester and Joel Cromb was very sick but did not tell their distempers. I want you to when you write if the hear from them to hear and tell me how they do. Dinner is ready and I must eat. Jan 20 I take my pen to finish this letter. I came to school this morning. but Mr. West has taken a bad cold and and and again to keep school to day. I am to Mr. Bethers Loe Shope, writing my letter while he is a mending my boots. the ground keeps frozen up yet but no snow. we have had some very cold weather a

Edward Smith
Michigan

Mr John W. Barnum
Cortland
Cortland Co
N. Y.

Newburyport Feb 20th 1847.

My much Esteemed Cousins

For the hundredth time since I reached my home have I resolved to write to you. & now for the first time have I put the good resolution in practice. We are all in the enjoyment of good health at present. When I arrived at home I found that a dear relation of ours had been cut short by death. Aunt Lydia Polger (Father's sister) died after a long illness. O yes she has gone I trust to that haven of rest "where there is neither sighs nor groans, but all pleasantness and peace." The weather is exceedingly stormy today snow, wind, & rain, have we been blessed with. But as yet you know nothing of my passage home, I really feel conscience smitten, when I think I have delayed writing so long - and another thing am I sorry for, that I did not stay with you a little while longer. I never shall forget your kindness to me, while there, if I live to be a hundred years old. I love to think, and look back upon that visit as the "cream of my cruise" (one of our expressions you'll perceive) but again rest assured

that it was to me a never to be forgotten visit
and would that I could see you all once more
When leaving you I wore a cheerful countenance
but I indeed felt more like wearing a sorrowful
one. For it seemed then to ~~me~~ that I parted
with you to meet no more on earth. but in
that blessed realm above. I considered you
were advanced in years. & that the distance
was very great, between us. But I do hope,
to be permitted to once again meet you.
Well I left you that morning, at 6 o'clock I
arrived in Aurora just before 9 - having had
a delightful passage. I stopped in Aurora
a few days, and then set out for Albany
where I found my cousin Sarah, anxiously
waiting for me to accompany her to Saratoga
and there we stopped 2 weeks, and returned
to Albany again, made a visit there and
then went to Glendon. (our starting place)
and I think it was ^{about} the first of October - before
we made our appearance at Nantuxet.
After ~~an~~ absence of 4 months. Glad enough
were we to get back, but things were
sadly changed, nothing scarcely looked
familiar excepting our own home, but -

now things wear a different aspect. They
have built again, but for different than before
our streets are wider. We have brick stores of
2 or 3 stories in height. in place of ~~the~~ we story
wooden buildings. Where is Jane now. I suppose
she has forgotten me, although I have not forgotten
her. remind her of that Tunnel (if that is
the name) that we walked through. Give her
my best love and ask her to write to me -
and Cousin Roger & Mary Ann - give them
too my love, and hint to Roger I have
not received the promised letter from
him but anxiously wait for the same.
I wonder if Jane remembers the excursion
up that hill (I do at any rate. It
would give me much pleasure to have a word
from you. please write ^{an} answer to this, and
you will hear of me again soon - I need
to excuse. She's bad writing & mistakes -
but without saying more I conclude. with
a heartful of love to you all. in which
our family join - Please remember me as your cousin
Elizabeth P. Spaul

He B. Write to Manchester - Meys

Elizabeth J. Swann

Feb 20th 1849

My dear
Mr. James
Swann

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Homer February 20th 1847

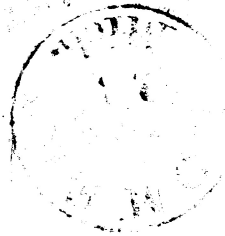
My Dear Parents

I am thankful that the art of writing
g. was ever invented that we can take
our pen and paper and write to our friends
that is far from us. How sweet it
is that we when in a foreign land can
communicate our thoughts to one and
another expecting by the kind Providence
of God to meet our sweet friends ~~some day~~ ^{some day} or
other. My Dear Parents I must tell
you what I have been about. and I hope
it will be acceptable to you. I have been a
serving God. now I write this to you, all
out of kindness and love. and as I have
said before I hope it will be acceptable to you.
I thought it was your duty, to serve God
as long as I lived. I have taken up my
cross to follow Jesus and I have found rest
to my soul. and I pray and I know that
my prayers ~~are~~ ^{are} our hands. but I can tell you
that it displeases ~~the~~ ^{the} very much I try
to do as well as I can but it seems as though
I cannot suit her but I wish I could
for certainly I want to witness all of
my heart I attend public worship
and go to ~~meeting~~ ^{meeting} first days and I
hope if it displeases you to write and I
will have my name taken off of the class
book this you will see that I have joined the
Methodist Church my Dear Parents I no
that I feel happier than I did when I was serving
the Devil and I ask your forgiveness for
as much as I have wronged you and I shall

that you will forgive me. before I went
into that that was I felt my duty. I counseled
with ~~my~~ myself and thought that I could
not be saved without taking up my cross
and I thought as Elijah ~~was~~ ~~was~~ was a
member of the church that had confus-
ion from that to blivied it would be plea-
ing in your sight to see that I mean to
live upright and to serve God, as long
as I live I don't wish to interfere with your
Discipline but I think it is every persons duty
to serve their maker and to not live for the
world but for God, for he has sent his
beloved son Jesus Christ to suffer and die
for our sakes, and we ought to be thankful
that it is so for our good. We are all well
and enjoying health. Myrims folks are well
as far as we know of I continue going to school
but I expect will be out the first of
March and commence the first of May
only one month vacation I wish I was
able to go this summer for I have got
a good start in arithmetic and other studies
so I hate to leave off going. I answered Eune-
lithen a month ago and have not received
any from him since. I also received one from
Florence and have not answered it since but
shall I also received from John and a
paper from Jane but I shall answer
them for you. Remember me your affe-
ctionate son S. C. Elijah and Eunice Cornick

P. S. please write when this is received
and how Daniel to write

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Father I felt an irresistible desire to write to thee and mother tonight I do not know what I am going to write about but mean to follow the spirit closely and write as plain and as good as I can but if my ideas flow faster than my ink I may forget myself and hurry on regardless of thy eyes and patience.

Thou see that I set out with a virtuous determination and if I do not do as well as I intend I now ask thy pardon for fear I shall forget to where I ought.

Firstly as the preachers say we are well all of us without an exception Edward had an influenza that seemed to be going the rounds and if I had been at home I should not have let him send for the Dr. he was more scared than hurt. Mary was here last sixth day her boy is as cunning as my children used to be most. They seem to feel in good spirits both of them. Horace has not sold his wheat yet. it is only fifty cents per bushel here.

Martin sold what he had to spare last fall for 66 cts.

M.B. was out last night to a cotillion party they paid him five dollars. I do not know what will become of him. he fiddles and is sold. He looks as he did ten years ago he does not grow old as fast as I do. I wish you all lived here I think you would like it better than at Ball Creek.

Frank has gone to Marshall to work he does not get as much as M.B. gave him ~~and~~ pays 25^{cts} more per week for board and has to hire his washing done. he worked here all winter and might have made one dollar per day clear. and left in debt about seven dollars. he is very unsteady. if he does not do well there is no one to blame. he is a curious boy. Martin has not much confidence in him.

I am doing my work alone now. our family is small only eight of us and company most every day. They have all gone to bed but Arline and she is going.

Edward goes to all the prayer meetings and acts like a real methodist. I do not know what to think of him.

I hope he is better but if he has not got the religion that can live without the excitement of a methodist meeting I would not give much for it. He is looking for a place to live out if Ezra wants him he had better write to him his school closes this week.

I see that I am getting in a hurry so if thou thinks it is best I will go and strain the milk which the hired man brought in a spell ago - and go to bed. I did not understand what thee or mother either of you said so I will go after telling you that I have had a slight ague for three days and my head aches a little now. When I said we were all well I forgot that but I feel so much better this evening. I think I shall not have any more. A good night's rest to you.

Another revolution of the earth has taken place. another succession of light and darkness and still we enjoy such a multiplicity of blessings as would take a lifetime to enumerate many of which we have become so accustomed to we almost cease to count them as blessings but almost claim them as our due. That I may possess a more grateful heart and duly appreciate the favours I receive is the desire of my heart.

This morning who should make their appearance at the sound of the breakfast-bell but Frank. he said he came about two o'clock and no one heard him.

He was well and got an opportunity to come out and avail himself of the opportunity. they being out of hoops at the shop where he works. I intended to have finished this to send to the office to day but the arrival of company prevented me. Do you see we have something every day to break the dull monotony of a Michigan life. but our company when comes, alas! does not bring those dear familiar faces which we were accustomed to greet me former days.

I have often thought that if you lived where we

might expect you it would be some satisfaction even if
you never came. And even now receive much pleasure in
anticipating your coming at some future day. That there
is an abundance of clay here and that it would be first rate
business for a man to set up the pottery here there is not a
doubt. if the boys would go into it right^{ly} no doubt but they
would do well I know of but one establishment in this state
and that is at Battle Creek. but very little of them were reached
here. we hear to day that the capital of our state is located
at Lansing in Ingham County about forty miles north of
us right in the woods! I dear. who would want to be Governor
Theodore Hobeston brother to Hiram has bought a farm across the
road from Johns and about three quarters of a mile from
Hiram and will move off from St Joseph Co. the first
of Apr. which is very pleasing to John and Hiram folks
as their neighbors are few and far between and like
old Dutchmans too. Now if E.B. would come and buy
farm near us we would be fixed too.

I have come to a sort of stop so I mean to tell Mother what
we had for dinner to day viz. cold boiled beef and pork boiled
beans hot and apple dumplings and good hop cruttying bread
just such as she makes. and now I must tell her about
Marys making Samaras she felt so proud about it I
do not know but she wrote about it herself. well she saved
the casens and pressed over them just as she knows she will
and sewed for fear they did not look like Mothers and
when she got them done she sewed a piece of them up in
a nice little white rag and sent up to me to see if
they were right. and they were, just like Mothers sure
enough. well I read some to her but I was not so particular
about mine. I read as many as I could mix
in a large wash tub and got them all ready to fill the
way we started for Upsalanti and Edwin and Elder finished
them well here I am at the bottom and was just a young
to tell something about Aunt Anna and well do so yet

I am left here alone again all who are at home are
 locked in the arms of Morpheus and I shall soon be for
 it is only necessary for my head to prep the pillow to en-
 shroud a good sound sleep. How lamentable the untimely
 end of Enos Pearley was it makes me shudder to think of it
 I remember him as a strong farrowed man and by including
 them might have caused insanity in a certain degree
 he could not have been Jane I will love after bying
 you to accept my niece it have
 as remain for daughter Phoebe

M.B. is indebted to some one for a treatise
 on much cows & pecanum Croa. Rice a
 paper from E.B. to and on one from Young
 Adeline thinks it strange she does not hear
 from Aunt Jane

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I fear that I have taxed your patience severely but it is so
 seldom that I get to writing that I do not know when to
 stop I expect when thee answers this the will do as Mary
 Ann did viz. mend up thy pen and make every letter
 as precise and plain as possible to try to make me
 ashamed but I cannot help it my pen never would
 write fast enough