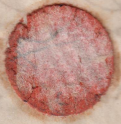


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Beloved Son & Daughter

I suppose
you would be pleased to read a letter from
your aged Father I have thought for some
days past that I ought to write you
I thank Dear Annette for her good long letters
I hope Dear afflicted Son you will write me
soon. I don't know as it is best to write a great deal
about our Beloved departed Ellen, it is not best
perhaps for me to probe the wound in your hearts
which I trust by the grace of God imparted to you
is in some good measure healed. I too am afflicted
no grand Father could be more deeply afflicted
in the departure of a loved One than I am
When I go into the yard in front of the house
there is a gloom — Ellen used to be with me
there — When I went to milking she
was with me, Oh! no more
at present! — God her Redeemer
has taken his own to himself Oh how
happy she must be; that bright Intellect
eternally increasing in brightness. Oh she
remembers us doubtless notwithstanding her
infinite joy and Palissade she thinks of her stay
at Alden last summer and her joyful meeting
with her Beloved Father on her return to us
Why should we mourn for her; it is right to mourn
but not to murmur. May God comfort your hearts

I think we had better write often, I do feel
anxious for a letter from you Dear son I know
full well Dear W. that in writing to me you
will doubtless refer to and write something concerning
Arthur Ellen but God I trust does support you
and comfort you in relation to her God honor
you with one of the (very few) brightest gems on
earth Christ your Redeemer has taken her
and placed at his right hand in the bright
mansions of eternal blessedness
We all feel deeply the affliction but her gain is
unspeakable My daily prayer is that God
will sanctify this sore affliction to her Dear
Parents and to us all

We want to hear from you often
Mr Storm was much gratified in receiving a letter
from Mr Brown & learned from that you
were all well and it is all the intelligence
that I have had from your families since
Bennett wrote Mr. Lord in his business
letter says to me all well
I do think Dear Mary ought to write
us if she is able to write 2 lines a day
I have had no letter from her since Bennett
went home Why dont she write is she
not able?

I have been busy very busy this fall in selling
books & I have been quite well this
fall till within 2 weeks I took cold and have
a bad cough I am trying to cure it
Cailan is good at selling books which is a great
relief to me we hope to be enabled to do a
good deal this winter
Your Mother thinks of you much and would be
glad to write you now but she has not time
She wants to hear from you she and all of
us want to hear from that little son!
Why cant we hear from him —
His a general time of health here Whatson is
not very well but works in the shop all the
time Catherine is about as usual Homer
is very healthy he attends school
If you have heard from your Br. Homer
I wish you would inform me how it is with him —
I have not had a letter from him since last winter
It is not right exhort him if you please
when you write him as to this tell him I am
into some on this subject
We love our Dear Ellen very much she
is bright and amiable kind and good
She is contented and happy she is a good
scholar attend school every day
Tell her love to you all — Bennett Kiss Dear
Mary for me and tell her how I want a letter from her
I. W. & A. W. Brown
Homer Plender