

Easthampton November 30th 1834

Beloved Children and Grandchild

perhaps you will almost despair of seeing any more of my writing I have neglected it so long but I assure you it is not because my mind is not from day to day occupied with the thoughts of those dear ones so long far away sometimes I think it would be worth a great deal to step into your little habitations and you taking care of your little Sarah and see how you are getting along with all your cares but must be denied this privilege yet in imagination I can see you in all your trials and troubles but with the Lord with his help you we learn from your letters that you have passed through trials and sufferings but I hope all these trials will be for your good I have many anxious thoughts about you but our Father in Heaven has carried you along thus far for which we ought to praise his holy name; Tell Sarah that Grandpa should love to see her and take her in his arms and see if she looks like her aunt Sarah; my health has been pretty ^{good} the most of the time since you left home very well at the present time your Mother's health is better but not well yet so much improved that she has been to meeting two sabbaths but she has had a long sickness and was brought very low at one time so low that we had to move her on the shat to make her bed in the spring her stomach seemed to be disordered often a sower and often take up her vitals Do Clark doctored her for a while but grew no better for a month or two she was able to ride some and went to Springfield to see Doc Cleaveland ^{and} he seemed to understand her case afterwards he came up here twice and after she got some better I rode to Springfield with her Doc Cleaveland ^{and} thinks she will get her health again after a while; we have read your letter in the home missionary which is the last intelligence we have had from you but we hope soon to have a good long letter from you we have lately had a letter from Addison and from Josiah and all well

it is a general time of health here your uncle Spencer's wife died about
a fortnight ago after about a week sickness: perhaps you would like
to ^{know} something about our farming matters the crops have been very good
this year the grass crop abundant rye good some cornfields injured
with frost we have had a fine crop we planted the west
piece on the ^{hill} it was well ripe and we there near four hundred
bushel. Francine's Family well; we have a good Minister altho
Mr. Bennett has left Mr. Stone about fills his place but no special
revival but a number adisions ~~to~~ the church from time
to time: it is decided that we are to have two parishes, another
church to be built in the spring some think the old society will
run down but I think that if we can stick together we shall
get along pretty well, as Lucretia would like part of the sheet and
perhaps your Mother will write a little I must come to a close
assuring you that your welfare and that of Mary and Sarah
lie very near my heart altho we may never meet again ^{still} I hope
we may but if not I hope we shall be prepared to spend
an eternity together with our blessed Lord and Master and
I must now bid good night let me have a good long letter
let us not forget to pray for one another I remain your
Loving Father Daniel Lyman

Ever dear Children, sickness prevented my writing a long letter as I designed in July
as I thought it might then pay for reading & it seemed sometimes that my work
was done though unprofitable, God has spared me a little longer & I hope through
his goodness to be some comfort to your father and be more faithful in serving
God I can write but little now so I will name things that our folks will not
Rev. Mr. Sears lost his oldest child He married his sister Sophia to Mr. ^{Rev.} Seymour of
Hawley a widower with one child Lucy Mrs. Sears is engaged to a Rev. but
her health prevents the union having ailed at the lungs Dr. Fenoulton is
all engaged in doing good, being skilful & hopefullly pious as Mr. Clark has
gone to Lee Dr. Barnds the candidate and gives gratuitously to obtain him for a
Pastor I trust I am remembered & hope we may meet again
D. Lyman

East Hampton Dec 18th 1844

Dear Brother & Sister

Our conversation with brother James a few weeks since we concluded to get up a letter so that we could send it at about Thanksgiving but you see that it has not yet gone though I hope we shall get it off soon, we had not received any letter from you since early in the spring yet we thought it best to keep on writing not knowing but your letters might have miscarried but about three evenings since we were made glad by receiving your letter dated Oct 22nd In regard to your apology for not ^{writing} to me I thought that perhaps I expressed myself stronger than I intended, and in reply I will only say that you need not be alarmed as I did not lay up any thing against you but ^{you} are just as near to me as ever & you have my warmest sympathy and always will have I trust I know that ~~that~~ your time is very much occupied and that you cannot write often but we like to receive letters often and hope that you will manage to write as often as you can; there are many things that we would like know in regard to ^{your affairs} more than we ever shall probably by letter, but I believe you have never informed us in regard to all your baggage in what condition it got there, whether it was injured or whether your tools had rusted in the passage, & in regard to your waggon whether that got there safe, and what you have done with it & what the value of such articles is; these and many other questions my curiosity, would like to have answered, but

as I said above ^{of that sister Mary says writing him a letter to go by the next steamer} ~~that we cannot be informed~~ every thing by letter, you must write as much as you can, & as particular as you can so that we get as much information as possible. Last spring our Sabbath School voted to send their contributions which amounted to twenty two dollars to the treasurer of the Mass S. S. to be laid out in books to be sent to you, I suppose when you get the books it will be indicated who they came from but I thought that perhaps it might not therefore I thought I would mention the fact & also that it would probably be expected that you write us a letter of acknowledgement when you do receive it; you can direct the letter to me for the Sabbath School as I am the superintendant this year. The sabbath school seems to be at present in a prosperous condition outwardly at least the teachers are generally I think faithful & there appears to be some interest manifest in some of the classes & I hope there have been some conversions since the year commenced (in May) We need your prayers that this large company of youth & children be converted from sin to holiness. I feel that I need your prayers that I may discharge my duties aright for I do believe that if christians will do duty there are blessings in store for us. O. that the Lord will appear for us in mercy & build up his cause & revive his work in our midst.

George Lyman was ordained a few weeks ago in Sutton Worcester county & is soon to be married to a sister of a Miss Phelps Kenas Phelps brother Addison's class mate. Brother Josiah and family made us a visit some weeks since they were well and in pretty good spirits, more so than I should think, under their present prospects, yet I think that if their affairs should take just the right turn they may weather the storm. Sarah & Charlotte wishes a kind remembrance to you & Mary and little Sarah and wishes you to kiss her for her, she also says she wishes sister Mary to answer her letter if she can get time. Little Addison Swight is well & has got so that he runs alone and if Sarah were he would kiss her all but the smack. Lauren & Susan

Will Brother Perry that we often think of him and shall write him a letter soon and we want to hear from him often tell him that his letter has been received