

Portland May 2nd 1880

Rev H. Lyman

Dear Friend

I find it impossible to resign myself wholly to a renewal of our former relations and after considering the matter as I have been doing since receiving your first letter after your return from the East, and more particularly since your last visit to me, I feel that it is due to you to say that I can not "Cheerfully" as you asked me

to do, inter into this relation - I find it impossible to rouse myself to any enthusiasm in considering the subject

I feel that it is best not to carry the matter any further with my present feelings -

I have delayed so long in sending this, I fear it may be long in reaching you -

We have a dear little baby in our home eight days old. Born only three days after you were here -

Both Mother & Child are doing well -

I scarcely know how to conclude this letter I think of you away in those wild regions alone, & my woman's heart goes out to

you and I would fain say something cheerful to lighten and make more pleasant your pathway as you journey along. But if I cannot come into that full sympathy that will unite us as one, it is perhaps best that I do not allow my heart to go out to you at all, only as a dear friend never to be forgotten.

Not only from our nearer friendship of the recent past but from many recollections of long ago do I cling to you in loving remembrance - Hoping that I shall still be remembered by you kindly - I remain Yours with
Great Respect, Sarah L. Spencer.