

New-Haven, Feb. 27th 1880.

My very dear Brothers,

I feel especially inclined to greet you with a letter while together, as well as to congratulate you on the delightful, yes, blessed privilege of enjoying each other's congenial ~~society~~ company once more in these years of advanced maturity. I doubt not that you both, deeply & richly appreciate this choice opportunity; nor can I help wishing I could be with you in the participation of this joy. Indeed I now rejoice with you, though separated from you. This season we may truly call a broad & green oasis in our latter years. As such I think we shall all remember it while life on earth remains.

We are all in our usual health.

Mary is far better than she was
for several weeks after she came.
We ^{have} ~~take~~ a long walk together this morn-
ing — $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile out perhaps,
to near the middle of Hillhouse
avenue; & on our return we met
Prof. Chester S. Lyman for the first
time since our arrival. He has
changed but little since I first met
him in Albany at the meeting of the
"American Association for the Ad-
vance of Science" in Aug. 1852, I
think. Please give my love to
Sister Catharine, and all the chil-
dren. Tell them their far off uncle
longs to see them all, & mingle
our joys & songs together.

Try to do each other all the good
you can while you are enjoy-
ing this golden opportunity.

Dear F. — tell me about
your trip to Iowa, ^{when you left N. Y.} & how much
help you are likely to get from

Albert, also what you hear
from your dear ones in Or-
egon & California.

Dear A —, I have been ex-
pecting a letter from you in
answer to the one I sent you re-
cently. I always enjoy your
fraternal, quiet, detailed, fami-
ly letters. I hope I shall step
into your pleasant home some
day, & with you traverse your
extended fields, as well as
survey the broad prairies
of Iowa.

Mary unites with me in
love to you both & to the dear
children.

Your own br.

J. Lyman.