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My Best Beloved

Since writing to
you last-week, I have received
2 good & affectionate letters, mailed
June 21st & 26th. I think I am
truly thankful that you have,
through our Heavenly Father's good
kindness, returned in safety to
your loved ones at-home. You
must enjoy home-life after so
long an absence. It is pleasant
to me to hear from you more
directly than I did when you
were in N. H. I rec'd 5 letters
written by you, while you were
there.

I presume these are all you wrote - to me during that time

I am constantly oppressed my Beloved, with the thought that you are to be so troubled with the change in your arrangements, if we can not be married about the time we had expected; but - it seems to me that it would be cruel, almost, for me to leave Mother just now; when she is so frail.

She seemed so comfortable last winter, that I really hoped she might - be able to go with us, on our long journey.

Mother said sometime since, that perhaps you might come here, & do missionary work here for a time. Perhaps there isn't a place in our country, where such work is more needed

for a few scattering people.

It would be very gratifying to my feelings to have some thing done for the spiritual welfare of the people of this community. ^{before we gave up} yet I can not urge you to do it. I can not hope that you would think favorably of such a project.

If you should you would not need to come quite as early as you talked of. Perhaps that Horace might fill your place in Oregon, for a while, But I am running on, too fast & must close. May God direct us in the right-way. I have thought that if our marriage should take place ^{this season} it would be pleasant for us to attend the meeting of A. B. C. F. M. to be held at Portland, Me. fore part of Oct. while taking our

wedding tour It has been my privilege
to attend 2 such meetings; which
I much enjoyed—the one held
at Rutland Vt— a few years since
& the one, held at Lowell, Mass; 1
year ago last Oct.

Perhaps you would prefer to be
released from our engagement, had
ever, in which case I should com-
ply with your request— however try-
ing it— might be to my feelings

I trust your children are all
well now. Suppose H. is "homed
bound" ere this.

With unchanging affection
Your Margaret