

Union Falls, N. Y. May 13th / 82.

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Forest-Grove, Oregon

My Best Beloved.

Yours of 17th ult. reached me last Wed., (the 18th), & I need not say was very welcome.

You have probably, ere this, rec'd. some of my numerous letters (or scrawls; I might more properly call them) which I have sent to Forest-Grove. You spoke ^{in your last} of needing the stimulus of a letter from me, to write a good letter to me: but be assured, I consider all your letters good; & trust you will never omit-writing, on that account. Your assurance, that you more & more think of me,

is pleasant to me. It is my earnest desire that your hopes in regard to me, may not be disappointed; though I so often fear the contrary.

I would be, all that you desire. God grant that I may be!

May 17th Could not finish this, in time for Saturday's mail, and will make another attempt.

We are having a very backward spring. There has been no very warm weather yet: most of the time it has been quite cool. Yet the promise "While the earth remaineth, seed time & harvest &c. &c. shall not cease," still holds good. It is pleasant to feel that One of infinite wisdom who, unlike Venner, makes no mistakes in calculations, orders all arrangements about the

weather. "Therefore" we "will trust and not be afraid."

You will, doubtless, be glad to be at home again, after so long an absence.

I suppose I have very vague ideas of the grandeur of the scenery on the Columbia; though I have seen some views of it. Do you set out young trees on the land which you are improving or cultivate the soil where trees are already growing?

My questions will of course, expose my ignorance to you?

Your message to Mother, & kind & affectionate remembrance to her I delivered to her & she requested me to transmit a similar one to you.

Uncle Wm. Denison has been

is very poor health, for some
time; but was somewhat
better, when we last heard.

But I must close, or this
will not go by next mail.
Very affectionately
Your Margaret