

Dr Child preaches here yet.. he is an excellent preacher
Last Sabbath there were 12 admitted to the Church
by profession. Alfred Higley was one, and our dear Libbie
also. She is next younger than Pharis she is a lovely
girl.. yes all my girls are so. Sarah is the most amusing
volatile of them not quite as reliable but still will be so
when she is a few years older. If I could only see you and
talk over some of the experience we have both had since
we parted from the doors of our dear Fathers home, could
we endure it? There are so many things I would like
to say, to you that would be of no interest unless I
should write more than a letter could contain, and even
then I might not interest you as you have so much in
your own family to interest you and so many acquaintances
who are near you, that I cannot begin to visit you by
letter as I would if you had not been so long away. I find
as I grow older I am more strongly drawn towards my Brothers
and sisters, not that I have not always loved them as well, but
I feel a longing to see them more, as the children who have
taken up so much of my time and thoughts are not as depend-
ent on me, as they were and are in the full tide of youthful
hope and enjoyment. I sometimes have a little hope that I shall
see you and your dear family, but when or how doth not yet
appear.

Lucy is still at home she thanks you for your kind letter and will write the next letter from here.

She thinks she will not go as far as Oregon this Summer. She some expects her sister Laura here this Summer

Good thing-I have never seen her since before Lucy was born. I almost dread it. I have had a great deal of nervous depression this winter, and spring, and it seems at times as though I had no courage for any thing in this world and but little hope for another. But I strive to overcome it and hope I shall not become a useless old woman. Give my love to each of your children. I hope

Brother Lyman will have encouragement and great success as teacher in that Institution. Does he preach now?

My letter must close with love to you all from all.

Do we direct our letters right?

Sola Perkins.