We have had fruits for several days, yet not enough to kill the dahlias in the yard, where there are now seen varieties in bloom besides some pretty fall flowers. The mexican vine is green but not in flower; the season has been too dry for plants to flourish well— we have been obliged to water much.

Here you are here we would treat you to nearly every variety of kitchen vegetable as well as most excellent apples—they are better than they have since Uncle came here yet he cannot enjoy them, I cannot say as much for our pears & peaches they are neither nice or numerous— Our forests begin to put on their beautiful Autumnal colours & as the seven leaf falls it tells us that the splendid combination of hues will be gone & Winter will have us in his stern embrace— do be very careful of yourself. I trust your health will be preserved. We regret much to hear of the affliction of your kind friends at Kirkwood—Uncle says he remembers young Mr. Willis—Kirkwood will very sad for you now.

You cannot desire more to be with me drooping than I wish for your presence for my pencil does not always make the right mark. I wish for you to mend it—I have with Uncle's help been trying my hand at human figures and comic pictures some of which compare will with yours except for our absurdly to inanimate form with the house warming at Do On has been my subject you would be amused with the productions, one of which I have forwarded to Cousin Esther—one is ready to start for Cousin Elizabeth while Frank Hanson, the Governor's Brother who formed one of the party says he must have a smite in his eye tach in his room which in the College & Macaroni Con. I am confident your steam teacher gets on with no more branches—some people would do as well with Your's funnel in the way of cramming scholars with learning. I hope So Shick will attend the examination and go too if it is possible.

I presume E wishes she was near you to go into that school which the same it would just suit her to be in she bath she has not yet seen your letter as we have been expecting her home so constantly it unnecessary to send it her.
last accounts from J. B. Murray he was sick with chills
few mornings beautifully bright morning all quite well
hope this will find you the same J. A. B.}

My best to G. H. & Mrs.

Henderson

My dear Miss James,

[Signature]

Dec. 29, 1847.
Tuesday Morning

Dear Brother; brother James left the note I wrote you on the desk or
took an old one yesterday I send it now together with one we read late last
evening by Mr Brown from Mama Mr and Mrs Pearse have gone to Mr Wee-
den's when they return I will write you how she is this morning and if I have
a chance of sending this from the mill before they get back

I regret not being able to be at Mechanics at this time, I have much to say
to Sally but I can assure her I will write her often, very often, I will
d難e no health will not admit of my staying in your room after
you have a store, and have for a long time thought I should board at
Mr Pierces through the winter and walk to see you every day, and set
a few hours with you, if it met your approbation, I will know I must have
exercise in the open air, I should not have mentioned the subject at
present, only I knew it would be a comfort to Sally to know how I was
to be continued the coming winter, and that I should be near you.

I will look dark when I look at this family I may feel it duty to spend much
time with them, hope I shall be directed to do what is right.

Much love to all particularly Sally I hope to see her by but a short time
before she leaves. Affectionately your brother,

Mr and Mrs Pearson have returned Caroline rested better last night, is still
unconscious and deaf. Swallows better Josiah died not come she was not
wishes to until last Saturday a sad visit to him. I hope to have a chance
of sending this from the Mill.
Dr. William Blanding
Rehoboth
Dear Mr. A. B.,

Before Mr. Lear left home he positively declined taking any thing for any reason this term but advice if Dr. A. requests to purchase anything with it as a remembrance of Mrs. L. he should feel grateful. I think there I should make the one of the money this week will bring the amount to twelve dollars. I may be here more than one week longer or near two weeks but he felt when she left as if she should not be gone as long as the least minute arrangements for -- Hope with the twelve dollars I can make one dozen nice teaspoons by nice one mean good piece the largest piece ones or even can get half or dozen excellent spoons & one better knife. I feel the power to put whatever the amount may be. Over the dollars into a breast pocket if it amounts to enough to get one that I should not be afraid to call a keepsake.

Now I want you to deal me your opinion of the matter. Which of the things I have been to get about the five -- I want to get them at once as you know my mony mean about two or three times. I have appropriated to a three dollars for something in particular. I feel once the it near gone I mean been able to replace it. I mean a muslin dinner teaspoon I got a dozen a better knife too the father Mr. Baker shewed me a very handsome pattern highly finished & of course I wish you could come in it tie with me. I want to get real what will be most
useful in the family at home. The bowls and jugs are
beautiful for decorating presents or as a keepsake but upon
a farmes table a peer would be look out of place, please
let me know as soon as may be unless there is a pure
piece of your coming into the city for Hilders makes
I want the stock of the Adkins at to know if two
shelling a goose will be too much for price. I have
ever or because nothing of brother J. The resident was
a great exaggeration of a frightful deoration. I want
to go home stressfully. If been go out each Friday
afternoon & come back when they come to market 69
will go leave school in time & have your cheaper
the other want home to go to lawns children if you think
well.
Dear Sister Nancy,

I never know when Mr. Rogerson is going to Palsbott until the minute before Hand so I always have to write so slowly. Mr. Rogers or Sally's going to Palsbott this afternoon, I get along slowly with my work I wish I had along some Mary thinks it is beautiful but I think it is the handsewing after it is worked. I cannot think of that one now and that of lead pencil I have one and Sunday I let William have it once and he did not think to give it back to me I suppose it is a very short piece but good I should like one but Mr. Rogerson has not any good ones all are cheap and very little. Tell Lizzie that I have not seen that breast pin that she took out for me and ask her if she has it safe which I hope she has. I am very well Mary thinks I am losing any appetite but I think I have got a large enough one now. I must close as it is dinner time and I shall not have time to write afterwards give my love to all of your folks write me when ever you can. Tell William and Lizzie Sunny to tell you to yet.

Yours with love in haste S. Scott
Miss N. A. Blanding
Bathurst
Sabbath eve. 7 O'Clock, May 20.

My dear Nancy.

I have only time to say I received a letter from Miss Peden yesterday and another today. She called on Mrs. Justice yesterday week and again on last Thursday. She had called on the Middleses twice. Sally's letter was delievered to their sister Tues day evening. She will probably be at home tomorrow. Perhaps will call on you in the evening or next day.

Have heard from Williams that Amelia had had a bad day. A very distressing.

Should like to write much more but baby says no.

May love to each of the families.

Let me hear from you often as you can write.

Yours most truly, Marie
Providence Tuesday

Dear Sister B,

How much I wish I could know whether you are coming into the city this week, I hope you are but some not effect you & if it is decided that you cannot I think if some one can meet me at the bridge Friday ear to take me back then Saturday eve I shall come home & A.J. Jeffers will go with me, if you can let me know about it as I do if I hear nothing from you I shall not start to go out. As the Shag fes like to go out for us Saturday, but don't depend upon it as he is so much unwell & his duties put upon him so constantly. I am going out to visit school this afternoon, I hope gather will not call for me or to see me while I am gone. Love to all & let me hear from you if you can before Friday my father is to be in the city Friday we will be ready to go from school or meet him where he says love to all from your Elder.
Monday, Nov.

Dear E,-

There are 11 yards & a little more in each piece of crust making 22 yards. It has all been boiled, washed & bleached. The piece most mildewed was very tender where most stained. Some holes washed in. Those places will not last long for any use the latter piece looks to appear quite good.

Send you always letters. I shall begin a letter today to get off by Wednesday for Camden this
So soon as this sea fog dries off I am going astra- camping— the enclosed money is from Cousin
Hannah - in haste yours

N. A. Blanding

I received a super burst which pays off once
Tell Mr. Dr. To preserve the paper that he sent him.
Monday afternoon —

Our dear Carrie is very low and failing. she has not closed her eyes 5 minutes since Lucy was here — now slept 2 minutes. talked almost constantly till 10 o’clock this morning, since then she has been more quiet. But is unconscious, does not know us.

I cut off her hair yesterday. She does not know it is cut. It is difficult for her to swallow. or bear at all.

E. Blanding watched last night.

Send Grandmother’s shoes and a peck of apples when you have a chance —

Yours as ever — Maria
Sir, Please to notify the intention of marriage
between Mr. George Oatley of north Providence
and Miss Abigail Goff of Smithfield R.I.
Mr. James Gorty
County of Laois
Drumkeera Post Office
Ireland
Providence Wednesday morning

Dear Grandmother

Mother wishes me to say that you may knit a pair of stockings out of the yarn as she has got none to foot up. Mother is very much obliged to you for the apples that you sent. I should like to come out to see you and Aunt Ruth very much but my time is so much occupied with playing on the Organ and carrying around the milk that I cannot come out at present. Please excuse all mistakes. Dear Grandmother. As it is my first attempt. Mother and Grandmother sends their love to all.

Your affectionately

W. A. Hunt.
New Bedford Bank

Barnstable Mass
Mr & Mrs Pemmanse

Dear Sir,

Your letter and the news that the local authority have suggestions to make in business matters than was contained in my last - it is now my Nephew Dr A. B.'s hands to help for a speedy settlement.

I am sympathetic with you as far as a headache is concerned. I have not been free for years for movements have left the sight almost entirely. She otherwise is weakened from the sore eye. I can distinguish persons but of the family but by voice & step. I have no dread of coming to want. I am surrounded by things that would not work, divide the last cent with one but would hardly take rather than not make me comfortable in my old age I have been my nonsense & surrounded care of both my aunts. Parents one of whom was blind many years.

I am entirely dependent upon them for all things. I cannot even do for them what I have done for you. I had no children to educate therefore am in old age am dependent upon those upon whom I have no real claim yet receive all a Father could do for - you have been blessed with children. The least will not let you suffer in old age.
Dear Sister,

I am sorry to hear that you have been unwell, and that your illness has extended for a few weeks. I hope you are now feeling better.

The news of Mrs. Smith's illness is indeed disheartening. I am sure she will recover soon and return to her usual activities.

Your letter to Mr. Brown was delivered yesterday. I hope it reached him safely.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
To whom it may concern; I think all the better in this case. For her, Mrs. B., the illness is over and quickly. While she is here, I was not able to write from the hospital. They say there has been considerable comfort and relief. We have just received word that they are likely of her and want her to come. They are all well.
Dear Brother,

I write to say we have not heard from Caroline this morn-
ing. Mrs. & Mrs. Pearson were at Mr. Weedens yesterday morning. Caro-
line is no better—very delirious. Mr. Weedens says he shall not leave
home until there is a change in
her. Therefore Sally must take good
care of herself, and wait patiently the
result of Caroline's illness. Grand-
mother is with her. I hear from her
Monday morning.
Monday Morning

I had waited this morning until Mr Weeden came out before I wrote my note that I ought give you the news from Providence - As Eliza - bath has called I send this and will write again today. Mr Weeden is coming out to stay a few days at home - We are all well

[Signature]
Dr. Wm. Blanding
Saturday Morning

Dear Brother, I do hope this lovely morning has relieved you of many of your pains, and that you may be able to sit in your chair some today and enjoy your food. Caroline rested better last night. She has her light and takes her medicine without disturbing any one. (Hemorrhage) Small doses you know. She spoke to me but once last night. I sleep the next room. She is much as Brother James has been a low fever, no appetite and a full press in her left side. I think if the weather continues good and she can ride out it will do her more good than medicine. Mr. Weedon is to go to Baltimore the last of next week. I wrote Mama requesting her to ask Mr. Brooks to write you and say what day I expect he will be out this evening or tomorrow. I will then learn when he is to go and write you.

Mrs. Hunt sends a small piece of smoked Hallow but thinks you will like it. She soaks it through the sugar or Pearson boiling water over it before broiling. I will learn of Mr. Weedon and write you. Mr. Pearce has returned from market and says Mr. Brooks will be over this afternoon so I will get all the information you can desire. If you like the Hallow but I can get Mr. Pearce to get some it will be good for Sally. Caroline sends love to you Sally and each of the family. Affectionately, Clearwater.

I will see Dr. Asperwall this evening and learn if he succeeded in getting you some Continental Money.
I have sent you yesterday. Recd on

Dr. William Blanching
Pembroke
Dear father—I intend to have told you Mr. Beene has left Leechuck, or rather he resigned his place there & is coming to the Bethel here. Now the people there suppose Mr. Seaman is arrived in N. B. I want you to tell them he is not & the greatest reason of his going there when he once goes because he wishes to be entirely out of the way of Mr. Beene, thinking he would do better with his people if they thought him entirely clean. He would like to go to Leechuck & if they want him the sooner they send to him the better as he will see making disarrangements for the summer. The notice in the religious papers that he had engaged for the year there is entirely incorrect as he made no engagement but only to be at liberty to leave at any time, if they are glad to have him at that. I intende to have told you all this & ask you to see some of the people as you go out that these might be set time left he would probably unite the people—if you get this, do see them as you go out, if not as soon as you can here is John’s letter. 

I am sure you will agree

Ella
The Rev. Dr. B. Lenthall

Please this before you leave the city.
Tuesday mor.

I came off and forgot my best lace gloves last Sabbath. I thought I had them in my bag until I got home, if you have not seen them, I rather think you will find them in another bedroom and if sister Nancy can spare hers with a seal before enough, I wish you would send them up with my gloves. I should like to have them before Sabbath day, can't you send them up by brother Abram as he goes to Nantucket some day, I should think he might come this way some times. I wish he would come this way and I will send by him to get that chain if wanted as I have got it used up and sent gone with the tail until I have that shade. I believe that is all my wants as it is about school time, I must close with love to all and well love to all in best love your Sarah
2nd day ev.

Sister E has finished her letter and left me no room to say any thing to my dear cousin Lizzie. I trust however she knows I love her sincerely, if I am very dilatory about answering her affectionate & welcome letters, I do indeed intend to write, but as E writes now, will defer it a little longer, on looking over my letter written last eve I feel modified and ashamed to send it, if I had time to write it over, therefore must throw myself on thy mercy. Sally Moore called a few minutes this eve but I did not see her as
I had just returned from school and was lying down, we have had a rainy day but this is a beautifully bright evening and appears to be getting colder, what a delightfully pleasant fall we have had, not one frost yet, it is quite time for our letters to go to the office so must say adieu. 

Love E.
I have noticed the sting in your letter in the much pleasure, but this half sheet seems but a small chance for all the long story I have to tell; for I get an over supply every second month. Believe, I was told you of person so well he was disappointed in not finding Juliet. The second that Sabbath he proceeded for the he was well; and then Church was out for the lake. I came directly to our house was introduced to one, which produced such an effect upon me; then I tried to get up stairs to my Room, but as soon as I was out of the house, I was amused to see him so earnest after Juliet, I think when he came here and fully decided he should find it stern the citadel of her heart, doubted it, but a fright attack would produce an unconditional surrender. I went to see a foreign Missionary. This is the story after. 

The Sabbath I was introduced to Ramon Pery. Dr. Horace A. his Brother Pery, I told James O. D. I would be pleased if he made a good a monster as Mr. Pery. The Sabbath I was introduced to Ramon Pery. Dr. Horace A. his Brother Pery. After Church, after Church the best able reminded me of Shakespeare plays, "much ado about nothing," for all the young ladies had to undergo such a wonderful shaking, I became alarmed for the young men, not tasks fearing they might drop off in their egotism, they might take me for a young girl. I asked one a which, I feared would be unfair who sufficed it to say, Perfection said he intended going there next fall. Indeed like to the thought you would accompany him. Also, I propose this plan, that the child from here is 'William from California,' the one that gets first to "Rose Hill" shall have the prize — I think I can tell who would get it. One would be steady. Yes — the other would you with steam force but would be obliged to state she be all the girls he met on the way and would at last find „ dumb deer wine the race." — Oh dear! that day was one of my greatest: you vision to the heart of the young men. He had to make such an effort to the
Year my last letter might make you feel anxious about Father. Father, I do not intend to marry. They were sick, some of the decline of age, but none active. Most are very well now. Saphra is much better, steadily gaining. I think, others are.

Aunt Saffron returned from the Berkshires yesterday, she has been there two weeks.

Last Thursday we had a pouring rain, in the heaviest of which we were surprised by the appearance of Mr. Biddle. This came to take title of half of his Mr. Biddle's lands, and paid him in cash. 878 or Mr. Biddle will save stands in the same relation to John Bellaxox that Uncle has done. Mr. Jones says his callings.

Will Uncle immediately gave Mrs. Bellaxox 878 to the remainder to be in his own name, but a little surprised to find it settled, and the trouble is to find out where the money came from, but that is not so easy. I suppose he will get a slice of it. He has received about 650 to pay board with some he sent to Kansas. He is by the way, the most active, the longest as they want him. I am not sure but Uncle will send his estate entirely settled before he dies. He has always desired to do it.

Theo has his Belle the last daughter at Washington, is it? Miss Denny's sister Edie is last married to her relation of Charleston.

There was not last week a regulation of our association, he engaged about 700 for a large house. A large house, he engaged about 700 for a large house, a house for some time, he engaged about 700 for a large house. He sent one night with us during his lecture. That was long enough for the lecture, a very good lecture. The physician's so small, for him. He has an affection equal to the long wait.

He expects the publication of a book as it will be in Latin his friends can not understand. The book will be at the commencement of the year. I told him if they should attend his commencement, he did not understand it, it is written in Latin. If they should attend his commencement, he did not understand it. It is written in Latin. It is written in Latin.

We are making some arrangements for removing to Ottawa, which is very pleased to bring James who is so well in Illinois good enough for him.
My dear friend,

I cannot take shame to myself for not having written to thee long since in the land of thy Tour of England, especially as thy present style of life, from the home of thy childhood, and from thee, dear and beloved ones, whose society would make any one happy in the estimation of their daughter, sister and niece whom I am equally fond of, the affectionate relations. The comforts and joys of that dear home, which lies so pleasantly among the green hills of thy native New-England, are no doubt, often the subject of contemplation, and those could not such times adopt the language of Cowper, "Oh, had I living joys so soon would I lose thee again." But some persons are so happily constituted that they can take a heart full of contentment, or even of joy with them wherever they wander, or that however they wander, they can never be separated from such a happy placidity of mind, as makes friends and home for them whereon they wander. If my friend should be blessed with so happy a temperament as that? In a blessed state of mind it certainly is; and yet there is I am fully convinced, a condition attainable by all of us, which is far more blessed than the one of which I have spoken, because it not only has the earnest of the life that now is, but the promise of that which is to come, of which no more happy temperament can gain any certain assurance of possessing. I allude, of course, to that growth in heavenly stature, and to the stability in the understanding and unreproved faith, to which the apostle Paul had attained, when he wrote for our encouragement, and to all others to follow him as he had followed Christ to such a condition of humble and confiding perfection of Christian experience and faith, that he could truly say, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content." Hour strong the apostle must have been in the Lord and in the favour of God when he could end by saying, not boastingly, but confidingly, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

I know that it is the opinion of many, that Christians of the present day, cannot attain to the same degree of perfection to which the early disciples were enabled to
reach; but surely, the Lord's arm is mighty stretched, no his store of gift and grace neglected; for I think we may safely conclude, if individual faithfulness were equal, and unceasing dedication of heart not a whit behind that which the primitive Christians did in the same line of vital Christianity which planted one, and once only upon earth more than eighteen hundred years ago. There is no change nor diminution anywhere but in us.

I little thought of writing the other sermon when I began this letter; but if I write at all, I must put down that which comes to hand, or else throw my pen aside for I cannot control it. And even now I must go on, and add, that I feel at this time a very strong desire for thee my dear friend, as well as for myself, that forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, that we may press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus; that we also may attain to the like measure of faithfulness, and to the inheritance of the same precious promises, and to the same crown of righteousness, which the Apostles and elders, and not laid up for him only, but for all them also, that love the appearing of the Lord their Saviour.

It seems to be a great while since I heard from Eliza; or, as soon as my brother the Doctor left, I wrote a few words since to Elizabeth, but whether my letter had shared the same fate which befell one she wrote to me, I have no means for determining. It is now nearly a year since I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance in Philadelphia; and I may often recur to that visit with much satisfaction. I cannot expect to repeat that visit until thy return; canst thou tell me how long I must wait?

As I am an entire stranger in Southern States and to Southern scenery and habits, I can scarcely picture to myself thy present situation, either in relation to society, or to those many little things which in the North are considered, not as elegance or comfort merely, but as the real necessities of life. I must confess that I have no very delineable picture in my mind's eye of a half-finished, half-furnished, half-palace—half-kovel of a house, surrounded by shrubs, and wattle of garden, lawn, and all those tasteful appendances which distinguish a gentleman's residence at the North. I cannot even imagine the place there in one of our Philadelphia palaces today.
houses, my girl in one of the many little cottage school houses which are dotted over all the hills and valleys of this native New England; but I must at this hour in an enjoy way to enbrace this unprestressed unflored log cabin, without glass, and yet receiving light enough through its many interstices, which are large enough to sling a cat through without scratching her hide. I must however I suppose give these few loose boards to walk on, all well turned up at the ends, and well fitted for children to slide down hill on, if there be a drift hill and snow for such a purpose in the State of Mississippi. But it would be rather too extravagant to afford them a door, even to keep the hogs out of the premises, if they should in their intrepidity incline to take up their quarters for the night in the temee of the Seen ess.

But even in such a place as I have endeavoured to give an actual view of another than to describe, a contented mind might find enjoyment, and at times, Christianity would find something better than mere joy, in feeling that she is not only safely employed, but that she is in her right place, and ministering her own proper business. A conscientious and religiously minded, and New England taught, Teacher, might I am sure do more not for the minds only, but for the souls also of her scholars than any slave holding or slavery of praying clergyman south of Virginia and Dixon's line can do for them. And I think I have in my mind's eye, just such an one as I have been writing about; who by continuing to dwell with Christ herself, and by living up to her religious principles and doctrine, will find a door opened for her into the hearts of her people; and not for her only, but for Christ the Saviour also to enter through her instrumentality into the tenderest and dearest heart of her little flock.

The apostle John declared that he had no greater joy than to hear that his children walked in the truth; and I know of no more powerful preacher of righteousness than they are, who whatever may be their station or calling in life, walk consistently in the Truth, and show out of a good conversation their works and labours of love, with the meekness of wisdom.

I have just received a letter from Elizabeth, who I am sorry to say represents that dear soul's health to be in a very precarious condition. His sufferings on account of
his stomach are no doubt great, and they are producing a severe, very
great mental distress also. I need not inform them that I left that my
unfinishebed letter to them with the receipt of the lastest communication, and
hastened to write to my old friend, to learn, if it might be possible for me to
do it; his desolate mind flagging suggesting topics of consolation and hints
for medical treatment. I can and hope that I may have done a little toward
and alleviation of some of his sufferings.

This is Independence day, and here I am in our poverty city of Phila.
troubled away to an inhabitant of the sweet valley of the Shenandoah, who may
be much better employed than thinking of the sister, who has not forgotten
his brother and companion of those cottage, nor his own short stay in each of the
Grunker city nor his fellowship in the Eastern Parish Church of Pennsylvania.
My wife joins me in affectionate love and kind

My friend John L. E.
Dear Sister— As I expect Mrs. Me. will go to town today I shall write a few lines to send by her although I have not much to say. I will send you a few lines to you for your perusal and have it asked as soon as convenient—now about our dresses that I began Saturday you know we spoke of putting ruffling on them and yesterday at school I happened to think that they had trimming at the store that was just the thing to trim them with if it was the right color and it will save us the trouble of hemming too much and I expect the people would think it was a little more dressy than trimming like the dress so I think we had better get it and Mrs. Re. says so to. But you can do as you think best— it isn't much for yard I reckon you can send some of the girls up to the store and have them sent down to you and you can select them if you can't have to get it before you get enough or you get it remember the sleeves are to be open and I think two rows across the cuff and two around the bottom of the sleeve will not be too much and will look very pretty. Think when I saw the trimming there was green, white and straw color and white I want to get them done before the Commencement day for preaching comes round again. Also take the two largest pair of satin slippers as soon as the others are too small for you. It will be too bad if they are but perhaps you can get them changed at the store. Embell came yesterday—Mary has want to go home with her last night, but I made some kind of an excuse I don't want to go at all and so shall pleased off until some Saturday when you are better and go with Mary. I guess that will do with it. I feel in bed in the morning so you be sure to put on sister letters with out you have one you prefer to the one I send— I do want to hear from you very much. I am afraid the change in the weather will make your cough worse but do be careful and not expose yourself in any way. Embell says Mrs. Pater is going to assist her husband in school. She will make quite a fine show don't think too
A little arrow is building this nest in my school room on the shelf on the boys side. I am most sorry as it attracts the scholars attention there and I hate to frighten it away— you must avoid the mistake in my letter as I have not read it over since I finished it perhaps I will before you get this if I have time—if you see Mrs. Me to day show her our dress and things you understand here. Have you been to see the newcomer yet? I wonder you tried to get one to go in Sunday but I could not get off my horse to see that thing. The parlor the girls walk in one day it is most as pretty as I can describe and I hope it is as efficient they say it looks so from our such eyes as I should want better eyes if I had my cast—But I am sure that will get ready for school. Give my love to all and a double share for yourself for your effort sister. Another will write making note.
I put one syllable after another and the sound of it is made up for the lack. I guess it would not be safe for her to come to that again the nurse finds it better than even to get away from the cottage. Once more Tom's father has promised me with a short call to call all our people at usual at home. Uncle came near being sick in consequence of it, not able to go with him the most of the time. Bessie and Martin's husband has brought the Eucharistic place. Of course we can live there for the present, but it is useless about a passage. We do not know the society have petitioned the General Court for leave to sell enough to build one. I rather imagine to go to Boston last Friday about the last uncle was not willing, I suppose he will leave 50 if there is not some occasion soon. Have not been home since three weeks last Friday, nearly four weeks, but hope to go soon. I today got the picture of the portrait of the postcard of Robert Boman's nephew, which I gave to her last summer. I think it is better to go to her. I have to see you; she is doing better. The Boston is a good place. This morning I have a letter from Charles, the only he has earned nothing lately from the North, but he has a letter from the summer house last week. Thank you very much for having been expecting daily a letter giving an account of the 8th and last visit. This he has sent a great deal of us upon the next ship, for I am getting ready with it on all the, it is not yet ready. But What 85. Last night early to go home to night at tomorrow night the ball of the season comes off here. You have been directly over the dining bell where they will dance. Has I sleep on the sofa in it and slept to get my part of the music. I always know if I am not of chatting with her, I have to ask you if you think she is in the house really thought. I do not think any one in the house really thought. I do not think any one else in the house thinks like me. The fact is, she has had no letters since last March, and some of them go there are certainly some of the Bishop's church due that do not go. I am quite delighted to see them take such a stand at this.
able, but excuse myself from the occasion—the entertainment
I understand is to be very handsome, a lady of beauty who are
to be stationed almost directly under my head. They are to appear
to be a发酵 they will shake the house down, in that case I shall
probably make an involuntary descent into their midst. Last an
I attended a concert of the Grauser family. They are three pianists
they have five voices particularly the girl, there was thru the tythi
of their pieces would have been very amusing. I could not under
them, their passages were quite so they reflect their concert next
finding ear. don’t you come I go. I believe, I believe not, you I
had a letter from our old friend C. Cooper, at the Institute, but he
was not here—I wrote to tell you a little more about it. Later
but forgot he raise his finger bridge his disadvantage over my word.
and concluded to think he only meant for the time he is to be put
under the hatchet as he ships he does not care to get any letters he
—threw the 13th of March and the 1st April—the letter Dass short I don’t
mean to answer it tomorrow ear if nothing occurs to prevent—just I shall
go to meeting this from fourteen lecture, how I wish you could go as
good a one as not with me as you seem have the smallest
administration, this? Nancy to see me in a note, to say she the last
Past race decides to go North if she could have the school re
serve for her father because William, when I spoke to him of it.
I received a letter since just as I was hearing one of the farmers
fiancée at my door & since there was a gentleman saleswoman to
to see me I went down if you will at once come from Mrs.Connell had
come in the train from N.J. It was going to Rochester here all
were well at home, he looked finely, think they will come over
this spring, that is nearly all we have time to say they have been in the room next us a week of his little daughter he
uncomfortable because his wife has made he he is bandying over the com-
preach with this little girl to take care of him—nearly all because to
When he, I notice the poor little thing, wants desire to play with her.
Last Sunday morning as we were sitting at the breakfast table
Judge Pitman asked the if I would like to idea to Dedrick I sa
his increase will be more if I will come for you, will you let
At a minute notice as I reply—thinking it was all of joke not...
long after we went up stairs a step came at the door I opened it &
the judge raised the house was ready & he would be in a minute he
had things as soon as possible & was ready when he came back his
daughter & wife I saw the danger of accepting an invitation I feared
he saw the danger of inviting I went with them to see see to Dr. Say
longest to take him home but he & his wife were going out to their
farm after 100 had met times he is a son of Elder Burton & was
in college with uncle bow he is a most delightful man & his wife
are exceedingly pleasant person she acquired them but them though
they feel nothing like at pleading the their parents he is one of the first
men in the state I suppose you were not hear the bell toll for
the death of Dr. Adams Oliver don't you feel as if there had been
a bright intellectual luminous of time place I generally feel as if there
was such an one left & if you not delightful told the anxious if
please? - wasn't I have a good girl to buss you your letter - have that
often I would begin I understand I in perfect order I know be in the
meeting B the day sort of pleasing to get the story whom I wrote you
of child in Kingston to Buffalo - He wrote to email that he wanted
that to get a good husband a minister I they should give him a call to settle
with them which he interested to settle I do not know I really think the Am
is most excellent man & have spoken of the place to him he is engaged to a
Northwestern lady if she is equal to Mr. G about believe he would have your
letter I long to see you as I wish to make some inquiries as she & wishes to
know something more about the place Mr. Christian T. goes up to Adris
tomorrow I do not know her particular reason for going now but sort of
assume that she is in the same situation of Mrs. Houtter - Who has changed
her appearance amazingly since the change of seasons - this must be false
It must go to live - close right - wanting since you written yet if not back
you are not right with to know I can imagine less you feel about it - but may be it will be better
to write of you do let it be as pleasant as possible some the nicer writing sowing that the
freeman brought me before 6 a.m. with Christmas morning to liver seem yesterday
his abilities & Jills Mr. have made friends against I snow Feb 16 I wrote with
present Mr. only waiting for the A & visit us again to attack him for stuff. He
sent a letter & from Smith by one of the last steamer - she says from that being traving
son a more southern colder climate with the life of having it is thus being able to
define the how been there into a little time before she had attacked of showing
most profoundly in the world of the night they returned to Rome immediately time
is confined to the Saly the most of the time. I understand that there is an evil influence on your health, and I have just received a terrible message from my friend to finish your letter in order to set you free from this burden. I am not sure if it is safe to send this letter, but I think it is worth a try. I have not seen the case of my life that I have not yet seen it, and therefore I was not able to tell all of my friends. I must go to my quiet room in a place I know, but I shall probably remain here till the end. I may be through the whole month of January. I do not think she can go. If you take any more delight in being your own, or in being your own, I do not think she will go to the right place. I have been in communication with someone that she will not go to the right place.
Thursday Morning

Dear sister, I hasten to write you as I learned last evening that Mr. Burns has heard that you and I suppose myself is offended with him because he sent word about my children going into the water, so I suppose some kinder friend in Camden has probably the best of the things you said when you talked with Mr. Throop. The way I heard about it is this. Mr. de Forney went to Mrs. Caldwell's yesterday, and she asked Mr. Throop about it. She said Mrs. Burns asked her about it last night and that Mrs. C. did not know anything about it. What Mrs. Burns heard was something like this: that the people in town had tried to break up your school, and you thought it was too hard to begin picking up science and you did not like it. Did you say anything like that to Mr. Throop? If you did, I presume he is the one that has carried the story. I thought very likely I knew where the story originated when Mr. Mt. told me about it, but I did not say a word to the thought. I know I know that instead of being offended we were glad that they let us know and if the story she start from Mr. Throop he can put any construction on the talk that he is a minister & How do you. Let it trouble you a single bit. Will I do what I want to see you very much, I heard father that May Heard leaves immediately for the West are you going to send for anything if you are wait until we all know when you will write to Miss Alice--days and come spine the day and than return at evening. So we can talk the matter.
I think it will not do for me to go away again for I want to see home more than I did before and I seem as if I could not wait. Have you found all of your letters yet? If you have you have done better than I have for I have not found only about 1/2 of them. Mary and Jane Campbell has written in with winter weather as it is so hot and the seeds tick are so bad and Mary has the head ache so much. How are you here? Have you got rest yet? and have you had the head ache any more since Tuesday? Mine spread all over the face and back but at noon I had a down on the heat and with a nap once before I thought was done in the afternoon my head was much better and yesterday and this morning am very well. Don't write and come down Saturday morning and if you can tell me bring my riding shirt over if it is to heavy you must not bring it until Saturday morning, my crystals is in seeds and money to get it and I have concluded to send it to Canton by Mr. Shackle if I will not be too much trouble to them as I can get it sooner than any other way and I want it as soon as possible. I wish we had a private letter so between us so we could talk when ever we want to together. Can you have the Bibles song Sunday if I cannot buy at the Sunbeats and see if you cannot get a horse for I want you should go my much. Don't write a long note and send it as soon as possible. When you write tell me what I shall tell Mr. H. about the affair in wait until Saturday and then you can tell him if you bring the other volumes of history when Mr. H. sees you. So we will all write the and the wait up as I have written it in great haste. I was very low to tell and I could not have you yourself yours of
Christina said she wrote a very feeling letter which contained the news of young Belling's death and said his brother could judge his brother's feelings as much as she could. The letter contained a similar account of how it could not be strange if his brother could have children or even if he was taken while his aunt was not. But did Christina aunt have other children but she but one William? "Brother William our mother has but one Rollie," Jane said. She hoped it wouldn't have been before ten years but they may have had different names or been. Jane knew Aunt Christina's family did not like Maria for marrying at such a young age. The family was not happy with the marriage, and she did not think her aunt would have wanted it. She heard from a correspondent that she did not reach home till Friday. When she arrived, she found a telegraphic dispatch saying her stepfather had died suddenly, and they must hasten to Rise Haven. They started at 8 o'clock, Monday. The day was bright and warm, and she returned in time to attend the funeral at 11 o'clock, when it took place on Friday, as she knew no other particulars. She then left, saying she had been spending the summer with Ewing Brissier and did not like living in the country. Her stepfather had been like herself the past summer than she had been in twenty years but 2 years less. She will completely up the gram it would seem more than they never could see, they have my deepest sympathy as she was a very kind person. She was a person of fine feeling and kindness and someone of Ewing Brissier's death which took place on the 16th of December. I remember Miss Ewing field directed by some unknown hand, it contained the words of Miss Ewing's death which took place on the 16th of December. I remember Miss Ewing field directed by some unknown hand, it contained the words of Miss Ewing's death which took place on the 16th of December.
January 1, 1862

My dear Children,

The last letter I wrote you was on December 26th, 1861. Since then, much has happened, and much has changed in our lives. The war has continued, and the need for supplies and resources has grown. I am doing my best to help the soldiers and our country.

I have seen many changes in the last few months. The city has become more chaotic, and the lines between Union and Confederate states are becoming blurred. It feels as though the whole world is at war.

Although the situation is difficult, I remain hopeful. I know that the war will eventually come to an end, and I hope that we will all be able to return to our normal lives.

I miss you all very much. I look forward to the day when we can all be together again. Until then, please take care of yourselves and each other.

With love,

Your father,

[Signature]
gress of which Cables are made.
SIR,—By virtue of the sixth section of an Act of Assembly, passed on the 15th day of May, 1841, it is made the duty of the Assessors of the respective townships, wards and districts, to make out and return, within a prescribed period, a just and perfect list of all the taxable persons residing within their townships, wards and districts respectively, and of all property taxable by law, together with the just valuation of the same.

In order to fulfil this duty, the undersigned, Assessor of the Second Ward of the City of Philadelphia, submits for your perusal the following legal provisions enacted, and now in force, and he requests that he may be furnished with you with information, in writing, on the points indicated by the enquiries which are subjoined. He will call for this paper in the course of a few days.

Assessor.

Act passed 11th June, 1840; Section 2.—"The County Commissioners shall be and they are hereby authorized and required annually, at the usual period of making County rates and levies, until the year 1840, inclusively, to add to the County rates and levies for the use of the Commonwealth, as follows: that is to say, upon all real and personal property now made taxable by the laws of this Commonwealth for the purpose of raising the County rates and levies, one mill upon every dollar of the actual value thereof; and upon all personal estate and property hereinafter described, owned or possessed by any person whatever, that is to say, on all mortgages, money at interest, debts due from solvent debtors, whether by promissory note (except notes or bills for goods sold and delivered and bank notes,) penal or single bill, bond, judgment, and all stock or shares owned or held by individuals in this Commonwealth, in any bank, institution or company, incorporated by any other state or territory, on all securities of other states, owned or held as aforesaid, one half mill on every dollar of the value thereof on which one per cent. per annum dividend or profit may accrue to or be received by the owner or holder thereof, and an additional one mill on every dollar of the value thereof, for every additional one per cent. per annum of any interest, dividend or profit, accruing to or received by such owner or holder. Upon all household furniture, including gold and silver plate owned and kept for use by any person or persons, corporation or corporation, according to its value, in the sum of three hundred dollars, five mills upon every dollar of the value thereof, on such excess. Upon pleasure carriages owned and kept for use by any person or persons, corporation or corporation, on all pleasure carriages, owned and kept for use, as follows: that is to say, on gold leaver or other silver watches of equal value, each one dollar; upon every other description of watches of equal value, seventy-five cents each; upon every other description of watches of the value of twenty dollars or upwards, fifty cents each."

Same Act, Section 4.—"The County Assessors and Assistant Assessors of the city and county of Philadelphia, and the Assessors of the other counties of this Commonwealth, on the receipt of the precept issued by the County Commissioners, shall proceed to ascertain the amount, description and value of the several objects of taxation before mentioned, according to the best information within their power, to be enquired for and obtained by them, and shall make out a full statement thereof, and make return of the same to the County Commissioners; and if in any case they shall fail to obtain a correct or special description, they shall return the same to the County Commissioners, as authorized by the enquiries of the said Assessors, and, in all cases, the estimate of the Assessor, when practicable, shall be made as they would appraise the same in payment of a just debt from a solvent debtor, by the enquiries of the several Assessors and Assistant Assessors to assess, rate, and value all objects of taxation, whether for state, county, city, district, ward, township or borough purposes, according to the actual value thereof, and at such rates and prices for which the same would separately bona fide sell."

Same Act, Section 9.—"There shall be annually assessed and collected upon persons, trades, occupations and professions, a tax of one per cent. on every dollar of the value thereof of above two hundred dollars, and upon all real estate, whether on the land of the said Commonwealth, or on any real estate within this Commonwealth, in estimating the value thereof, is hereby repealed, and said real estate shall hereafter be estimated at its full value, and taxed accordingly."

In order to provide a concrete example of how this act is applied, the following questions and answers about the tax law are presented.

**Enquiries.**

1. What is the amount of your moneys loaned on mortgage, and at what rate of interest?
2. What is the amount of your moneys at interest, and the rate of that interest, and the debts due to you by solvent debtors, whether by promissory note, (except notes or bills for goods and bank notes,) penal or single bill, bond or judgement?
3. What number of shares do you hold in any bank, institution or company incorporated by any other state or territory than Pennsylvania?
4. What is the amount of your loans or investments on interest to citizens of other states, and at what rate of interest?
5. What is the amount of the public loans or stocks of other states you hold, and what are the dividends and interest thereon?
6. What is your average bill, bond, judgement, and all stock or shares owned or held by the Commonwealth directly by the State Treasurer, he shall retain out of said salary the amount of the tax imposed by this act.
7. What is your occupation, and what are the dividends and interest thereon?
8. What is the estimate of the value of your household furniture, including your gold and silver plate, over and above three hundred dollars?
9. How many horses or pleasure carriages do you own and keep for use, and what is their aggregate value?
10. How many watches do you own? Are they gold or silver lever? And, if neither, are they worth more than twenty dollars?

**Answers.**

To Question 1.

To Question 2.

To Question 3.

To Question 4.

To Question 5.

To Question 6.

To Question 7.

To Question 8.

To Question 9.

To Question 10.

The above are true and correct answers to the foregoing Enquiries.
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Care of Dr. William Blanding
P.O. Providence
Miss Sarah M. Blanding

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