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My Dear Mrs Loggoy

New York April 25th 1848

It has been my wish to write you ever since your affectionate remembrance in a letter to my son George but this morn have heard of no private carriage, and wishing to send you a volume of his, I avail myself of Mr Warrens kindness to forward it, knowing your predilection for the Puritans, I feel assured it will be acceptable; it gave me great pleasure to hear so particularly from you and your family by Mr Warren, whom we all value very much, and to learn that you are so pleasantly located in the midst of your children, we have both much cause for gratitude and praise to God for his greater goodness and mercy to each of us, in this particular, that in our advanced years we are permitted to live with those so dear to us, personally to enjoy the watchful care and society of good children, and to receive from them those constant attentions which are so grateful as we draw toward the close of life, and I trust we both of us have the happiness of feeling assured that thus far we are contributing to the comfort, and adding to the enjoyment of those around us, we have both left our early home but not lost our early associations, your good husband is often presented to my mind, and linked in grateful remembrance with some of the pleasantest and most profitable hours of my life, your son Joseph, we are all very fond of, with him there was kept up a constant and familiar intercourse till we left Shallock, and since then an interchange of letters has been continued, we spent a very pleasant day at his house in Cambridgeport when last in Boston, he has a charming wife, and a fine family of children. we hope to see him here at the Anniversary, I beg you to give my kind remembrance to your daughter and sons also, my dear Elizabeth and Henry request their affectionate regards to you and them, Mr Warren has united with the ~~Christy~~ ^{Christy} Church.

over which my dear Henry is Pastor; they, united and more than
the Porters Church. He is esteemed with an appreciation, is Superintendent
of the Sabbath School; which has increased, and is now quite
flourishing, I wish we had a Loren more like him, but we are
hoping and praying for an increase and if God should please to bless
the effort of His People, and send His Spirit to convert sinners, and
also revive the drooping graces of His children, we may yet share
in the rich blessings that are poured out on a neighbouring
city. I commend my dear Henry and His Sabbath Church to
your prayers, a few engravings have been taken of my dear George
from a 'daguerreotype' likeness presented me by a Member of His
Church, thinking it might gratify you to receive it, I enclose one.
It is not so good as the Picture from which it is copied, Mr Wiley
the Publisher had them struck off for a book, which is now in
press, without the knowledge of my son, who would send his kind
regards if he knew I was writing, he was gratified to hear from you
and would have complied with your request had it been possible, and
now my dear Mrs Louisa, wishing you a continuance of those spiritual
and temporal blessings you now enjoy, till like a shock of corn fully
ripe, you are called to your eternal rest; I am very truly your
affectionate friend and sister in Christ

Charlotte E. Weaver.

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Thompson George Co. Ohio Jan 25 1849

My dear Mrs Harvey -

Soon after your long and excellent letter reached me by the hand of Dr. Snell - my husband left for this state & my poor shattered mind, which had been "tempest tossed" became for a season a wreck. - I was four months at Worcester an inmate of the Hospital. My mental sufferings were great. The feeling of despair which constantly brooded over my mind was terrible. Reason was gone & conscience so morbidly sensitive that every thought which passed thro' my mind was taxed & shrouded over as if it had been a crime to think at all. I say every thought for it does seem to me as if that dark & dreary period I found nothing in my self, but sorrow -

My grief had not been connexion with any thing that ever had occurred in past life but with perhaps a profane thought or something of the kind, which would be, all unbidden & unlooked as it were accompanied with such remorse such utter despair that I verily believe my dear friend I do know something of the gnawings of the worm that never dies. It has pleased God to restore me to my family tho' I am told I am liable to a return - Still I hope for the best - My attack was in connexion with my age and as I think a little more labor than was judicious.

I do not often speak definitely upon this subject. But
to you it will have a more useful interest. It was
hard to you to say something upon the trial
that kept me from acknowledging your welcome
letter in the seasonably. At this late hour you
will accept my thanks; it has been quite a com-
fort to me and in answering it I shall tell
you of your family & hope it may be as inter-
esting to you to hear of our welfare as it was to
me to be introduced to your daughter, as matrons
with their households about them & to your sons
as heads of families. How soon our children
come up to take places of their fathers in active
life - you have trained up a large family & have
had God honored you in them - you have a hope
of meeting them all in heaven -

But I said I would tell you of our present situ-
ation - you see by my letter that we are on the
Reserve - My husband is not settled but has
been preaching more than a year to a small
but very interesting & intelligent congregation.
I think we never have been connected with a
church as intelligent as this is - we are sur-
rounded by Stumps & have among us here & there a
big house - but we have become accustomed to
them and are not at all disturbed. We occupy a
comfortable dwelling the parsonage & from time
to time receive kind offices from the people among
whom we dwell - How much good has been

done to these immortal souls, I do not know, but
it is a privilege for my husband to be able to tell them
the story of the cross -

Our daughter Sarah is with her uncle at Winlow.
Our sons Thomas & William are at present in Balti-
-more - our youngest a lad of nine years sits by
us reading while his father and I write.

We have warm anti-slavery people among us, but I
do not know how much good is doing - to that great
cause, in which you and yours feel so deep an interest.

Does it not seem a long time since we used to
gather to hear, this good subject presented in Maine - ?
I presume you hear from there as frequently as I do,
perhaps know of the death of Catharine Tappan & the mar-
riage of Mary T. Also the death of Dr Gillet, Sec.

Flowers of Passalboro' also is dead. They have a Mr
Shelden there at present.

But my husband will occupy a little space here
& I will only add that my health is, I think, better than
it has been for years - Give my kind regards to your
children - Should any of them be in this region they
would find a cordial welcome here -

Yours aff fond

My dear friend

Catharine L. Adams

In a part of an apology for my long neglect to answer your very
kind and welcome letter, I will state it was more than a year after it was received
before I saw it. I had left North Brookfield, when your letter reached there. I met
Dr. Snell in Buffalo, on my way out. I stayed in this vicinity about a year before I
brought out my family, and it was sometime after that, when over hauling Mrs. A's

happens, that your letter came to light. Whether my old Mamie friends are better
than all the rest of the world, I will not undertake to say, but there is a peculiar
interest I feel in them, that I never expect to feel in a new circle. How very pleas-
ant it used to be to wind my way over the hills, and down to that quiet retreat, on the
borders of that pleasant pond; and all because I was sure of a warm welcome
when I got there. And then the meeting of our association, and our conference. - We
have no such meetings out here in Ohio. It is stiff, frozen Presbyterianism.
But I will have nothing to do with it. We formed an association of three members,
and one of these has been taken away from us. - We are among a very kind hearted
people here, who, though they do not give us a fast salary, make us very comfort-
able for the time being, and we do not allow ourselves to be anxious with res-
pect to the future. I find enough to do here fully to occupy my time and thoughts,
and I can assure you, whether it from any right feelings on the subject or not, I felt as
if I had got home again, when I got away from editorial toils and public ag-
ony, and found myself once more in the regular routine of ministerial duty.
I hope, on the whole, you will not undertake to make me President of this
State, for I think I had rather be minister in Thompson; though I am willing
to confess I have the vanity to think I could manage some of our public con-
cerns quite as wisely as they are managed. Things are in a strange condition
now, and what is to be the final result it is useless to conjecture. If all who profess to
be Christians were to act decidedly and consistently, I should have no fears for the
final safety of our country, but when I see them carried headlong by political
zeal, and showing more interest for the cause of Zachary Taylor than they do for
the cause of Christ, my mind misgives me, and I fear there is not salt enough
to save our country from destruction. I suppose, however, that you will think I have
some right feeling around me, when I tell you that I reside in the Congressional
district represented by Joshua R. Giddings. - Now you must not retaliate
upon us for our long delay in answering your letter. So let us hear from you very
soon. We feel interested in your whole family circle, and shall want to hear from
them all. We had a short visit from Joseph at North Brookfield, just before I came
out here. He came up to deliver his sermon on the death of Torrey, and he called
and took tea with us. I have heard nothing directly from him since, give our
kind regards to Owen and Elisebeth, and any other of your children that may be
within your reach. -
Sincerely your friend Thomas Helmes,

We were surprised at the impudence of the slaveholders
But it ~~strengthened~~ the Antislavery cause for those practicals
that was hid in demagogues came out boldly to rescue
John & presume ^{you will deem} the account in the antislavery papers
our ~~it~~ ^{church} pretty well abolitionized although some of the old members
are at heart only & see men as trees walking
Dear Mrs Adams I have felt deeply for you as well as your
husband but how extensive the pressure all things shall work
together for good to them that love God. I must now tell you
something about my ^{family} by the way what are your sons doing
in Baltimore I presume you know as much about Joseph
as we do Sibyl and John are in as you know never
beyond the great Mississippi I have ^{not} heard from them since last
December Sibyl has two sons and a daughter John two
daughters and a son Elizabeth M^{rs} Wiswall with whom I
live has four fine healthy & sprightly boys good scholars
the youngest whom we call Clarkson will be six in Nov^r
Oscar was married six years ago last January to a widow
with three daughters he had born unto him three daughters
and two sons this first born son died at the age of eight
months they are ^{all} well ~~all~~ ^{all} ~~perfectly~~ you see the accounts of the
cholera we have had a few cases here which the physicians call
cholera one in the church a young man which proved fatal
but it is not sickly at present but we know not what day
will bring forth I sometimes hope I shall ^{see} you and in this
western world we have a new brick meeting house all finished but
the steeple I need not ask your prayers for all that love God
are praying for the whole Church of God and pray that God
would cut short his work and make a short work in the earth
I often think of your sermon M^r Adams from Daniel 4th
27th and rejoice & hope as Abraham rejoiced in the day of Christ
I am some time scribbling and I think you will be
reading Owen and Elizabeth with to be remembered
to you how glad we should all be to see you and hear
M^r Adams preach in our new house not impossible
we may but I hope and I believe we shall meet
in heaven where we shall see the Saviour as he is
your friend ^{hope} and remembers you with much affection

Re. Thomas

My (I can say truly) Dear Beloved and esteemed friend
Mr. 1

I Received your ^{joint} letter dated Jan 4 24 some weeks after its date
and I believe I need not upon such letter and a cordial
Although I feel I have christian friends in this place and
Dear children that are all to me that I can desire yet you
know I must have desolate and lonely hours I am a widow
of 77 and have felt the infirmities of age this last six or seven
months more than ever before I enjoy better health and have stronger eyes than
most of my age that I was ever acquainted with And you know my
friends God has carried me through great and sore trials yet he has
not let the waves swallow me up and when clouds and darkness
are round about him I am enabled to say of justice and judgement
is the habitation of his throne if I am not deceived I rejoice that
the Lord God omnipotent Ruler that I may not be deceived
I have been hoping and praying that God would be pleased to
pour out His Spirit it is a very dark time as respect the great
concerns of the immortal Soul how great the stupidity of
poor dying mortals but I hope and trust there are some
that do mourn over the desolations of Zion our Church
voted to attend to the fast appointed by President Taylor
if the Scribes and Pharisees sit in exalted seat and bid us
do what is right we must obey them and we ^{believe} it right to pray
for President Taylor although I always associate him in
my mind with Jacob a bloody man but God is a sovereign
and can turn the Lion into a Lamb Blyed be his name
We had something of an exciting ^{time} in this village the first of this
month a fugitive from injustice as we abolitionists call it
came into this village about or nine months since came into
this place hired himself out to labor clothed himself decently
and felt perfectly ^{safe} and so did his employers he was from Nipoun
but on the 3^d of the present month two kidnappers from Nipoun
came badly into this place found John at work in the field took
violent hand on him bound him with cords fastened to a stake
in the main street of the village but our protesting
friends was awake John was dragged bound to the
court house but his hands were ^{very} sore and he sat at liberty
and a warrant issued to arrest the kidnappers and confined
them in the court house till they got bond of one hundred
Dollars for their appearance at Court

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 Oct 30 1845
 My Dear Nephew
 Letter from you dated Aug 3 not far from the 20th of sand
 with which gave me great satisfaction as I doubt not you believe
 I should have answered it sooner but some things seem to render it
 desirable that I should ^{defer} it for a season one was ~~in~~ expected to
 see Mr. Jefferson Sinclair and hear from ~~him~~ ^{him} more recently
 than you had informed me that Mr. Sinclair has ~~been~~ ^{been} in the state
 but did not visit as he wrote from Rockford in the Rock river
 region but did not ~~informing~~ ^{informing} as he was on his way east in a great
 hurry expecting to move out into this western country this autumn but
 not into this state he calculates to settle in Wisconsin at a place
 called Marine near Milwaukee that promised to make a visit with his
 wife and to tell his eldest daughter a beautiful little girl upon I left
 Maine and last one I received a letter from your share in which she spoke of
 of your visit to Maine as giving ^{her} a great deal of pleasure to all your
 relatives she gave a particular account of her dear mother's health since it
 has been since you left her letter was written Sept 16 the ~~day~~ ^{day} was when
 bleeding from the nose about eight weeks before she wrote she says she
 bled profusely at several different times till her life was despaired of
 but they succeeded in arresting its progress she was very weak but was
 restored to a comfortable state of health but when she wrote she said
 her old complaints were returning Thus my dear Sir we see the
 uncertainty of all earthly enjoyments and your profession is
 calculated in a special manner to remind you of the frailty of
 poor mortals and that it is of the greatest moment to seek and
 inheritance in ^{that} world where sickness and sorrow can never come and
 all tears will be wiped from every eye we must likewise remember
 it is a holy place where sin can never enter nor any thing that
 defileth and in order to be prepared we must believe in the Lord
 Jesus Christ sanctified by his spirit now ennobled in his glory he promises
 to some here ^{him} ~~the~~ ^{in the} believe and dwell with him heaven of hope only ~~that~~
 if you have not ^{where} ~~you~~ ^{will} make this a subject of your supreme attention
 for ~~nothing~~ ^{nothing} of religion is any thing it is every thing and it is ~~something~~ ^{something} everything
 I will now give some account of my family Joseph's situation you know
 Selah is married in Iowa her two sons which she calls Charles Edward and
 Sarah Lucy of her husband's name is John Ray Blanchard a farmer and some times
 a blacksmith Owen married a widow lady with three little daughters she is one
 of the best of wives he has two children a daughter and a son and their grandmother
 has very promising children their names Sarah Eliza and
 Owen Glen James Elizabeth has four sons Austin Charles Ellen Wade
 James Joseph Clarkson has one daughter Mary Elizabeth