

I was going up
to open the
gate to him
we see it -
was not him
it was here
to help the
years ~~passed~~
it is such a
great treat to
see any one
from New-
York perhaps
I will come
yet my love
to your brother
that all again
my friend
a heartier
letter to William
Wells and C-
I will keep
a good share
for yourself
By J. Wells Par
a yours in
sincerely
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called, will not be very acceptable when the
writer was expected instead of the writing but Dear
M we cannot have every thing as we would wish
in this world. It is impossible for me to give you
any description of my feelings when I know that on
my own free will depended whether I should see
you now or not, to see you again would be happy
ness indeed, yet I think you ^{will} be apt to think
differently or why would I not come? I will tell
for months past my only wish is that my Heavenly
Father in his great mercy would take me from this
world, and then comes the thought, am I prepared
for death? Oh! no yet I hope for forgiveness for
my sins not for my good works but through faith
in ^{our} redeemer and ~~mediator~~ mediator Jesus Christ. A
glance at the date of my letter caused me to pause
and think four years ago to night at this very
hour I was by the bed side of a dying child little
Hersieah and Oh what mourning was there a fond
mother a doting Father sisters and Brother with relatives
and friends watching the expiring breath of a beloved
infant. Had I been taken when young before I
knew what it was to sin how good it would have
been. but is this right to murmur against the dis-
pensations of an all wise providence? and where I am
well aware that all is for the best - it cannot be

I will try to do so no more. I have wandered from my subject (you must pardon all imperfections for my mind is wandering as far as my pen) I have no wish to visit New York (as much as I wish to see my friends) Yet if Grandma insists upon it I shall consider it my duty to go though it be a painful one. I trust Uncle will explain it satisfactory and ^{thing} I will be permitted to spend the winter in Bucks Co. Dear M I have endeavored to make myself generally usefull and have succeeded so well that I do not know how they would do without and Uncle has quite enough trouble without having me go away just when they want me most. I have the care of the milking and churning but I do not think that I work hard enough to hurt one. I can feel independent that is the most not reserving more than I ought. We have had company to day Mr & Mrs John Shive to dinner and Mr & Mrs Peter Shive to tea quite a busy day it is half past nine and I must be up early in the morning so I will bid you good night and may Heavens blessings rest on thee this night and forever. Dear Love Thursday morning all is confusion as usual when any one is going away I have a good star deal to write but do not know what to say first well I shall have to write leave it untill I see you which I hope will not be long Give my love to your Father but I must tell you we have been looking for him every day Monday Aunt Lissy came running in and said if that is not Ben I will give up we all scampered to the door and