

Hallowell April 13. 1842.

My dear Mother, I do this day as I have  
in my days remember my fault in not  
writing to any of the family for so long a time.  
I think of your dear and make myself some  
excuse that you had always heard from  
me through the Liberator & A.S. paper.  
I know you see how gloriously you get  
along here in Boston. I hope these things may find you  
enjoying the same blessing. Lately we  
have had quite a weakening on the subject  
of the relation in the form and in many others  
of the paper. At Bath it has been won-  
derful - 500 have obtained copies of having paper  
sent to us. In Winstock the number  
is larger in proportion to the population -  
in Bangor - I think to be great interest.  
The busy merchants & the Universalist.  
And what is stranger, the Unitarian meeting  
and Unitarians are having political meeting  
seriously and discussing as they say.  
And some of the Unitarian Committee  
the town appear very well.

You will if could like  
to hear in order of family matters.

Mrs Moody retains her vigor at the age of  
77 - scarcely perceiving any change the last  
five years. Sarah is not quite as well  
as usual this Spring - the great Boy  
John Edward - nine months old takes  
some of her strength. Mary grows on  
potatoes yet - and eats them with as  
much enthusiasm as ever - talks much  
of going out to see grandmother and Aunt  
Lybil and Elizabeth. Saml is very active  
vily on horse back - walks up to An-  
gusta - and is as full of mischief as he  
can hold - easily subdued and of a  
pleasant temper - but rather given to  
teasing. Joseph is full of real grit - likes to  
have his own way - and don't hesitate  
to attack Saml if he abuses him.  
Little John is a good natured healthy  
boy - lives on his mother's milk and  
goes out occasionally to take the air in  
these fair April days - exceeding fine  
they are too - never knew such an  
April so far - nor such a  
winter in fact - so far -  
So much for the rest of them

now for poor self - my health is better than  
I think than it has been many springs before.  
I am busy clipping paragraphs and writing  
Editorial Squibs. How how do you all do?  
Beginning at the youngest - when is John?  
Does he get papers that we send to Edinburgh  
Iowa? Will a letter directed to that place  
reach him? does he want papers of  
different kind sent?  
How many children has sister E. are  
they good looking and bright or otherwise?  
How is dear Abigail? I want to see her  
exceedingly. Will she come on this  
summer. It is but two steps now to  
Illinois - one by Rail Road - the other  
by Steam boat. How is Brother Owen? Work  
out with labor and discouraged? I hope  
not. till better days may be coming. if  
he has had any bad ones - which I hope  
he has not? Where is Celia? and how  
does she do? and how is good Mother?  
You have heard of poor Aunt Brackett's  
sorrows. Husband and Son! What clouds for  
her weary spirit! Sarah unites in much love to  
all the family and Mr. Moody wishes also to be  
remembered. The small boy has been <sup>young</sup> down  
in Iowa - seven or eight years. J. C. Longory

Jona Edward Knook or creek Sept 21 1842

My Dear Beloved Child have do you do have is your precious little ones  
Dear little Austin how long to see him tell him about grandmamma Charles  
I suppose will soon forget me Eliza says she likes Charles as well as she  
does Austin I love the dear child but he does not lie so near my heart as  
Austin Eliza and I think and talk a great deal about you all And now  
I must tell you you will not see Eliza at Princeton at present she is  
not able to go (no eye that your own must see this) her health is very poor  
she was taken a fortnight ago last Sabbath with strong symptoms of a  
Mife you must guess what was very unwell and very much alarmed was  
confined to her bed for nearly a week and I have reason to believe if I  
had not been here to encourage her and do what little I could for her it  
might have brought on a premature — which you know would be very  
very dangerous she is better and her spirits in a measure restored but far from  
well <sup>dear</sup> suffer a great deal from the tooth ache has had a pretty severe attack of the  
Cholera Morbus that don't be alarmed about her I trust she will do well —  
I had about set the time for her to start for Princeton I was to stay  
and keep home but her sickness has settled that question in the negative she can  
not go  
I am as disappointed as she is I thought much of her being with you in your  
hour of trial but God has ordered it otherwise I do divine to rejoice that we  
are in his hands but my trial is that I am not in submission  
to his blessed will David says the good man is not afraid of evil  
tidings for his heart is fixed trusting in the Lord But I am in  
continual fear and anxiety about my dear children God bless them  
and keep them in the hollow of his hand guard them as the apple of his  
eye Tell Owen to watch and pray and be sober and remember he must  
watch for souls as one that must give an account to God I want to hear  
all about all your concerns you will naturally know what I am interested  
Owen must write I don't expect you will <sup>be</sup> while the other letter I intended  
directing to Owen but Eliza said most of it belonged to you and I should direct  
to you why don't some of you send me some papers I have not received  
one since I have been here John got the Standard occasionally I have not seen  
John very recently Margaret was here last week and her sister said John was  
very busy about building the cornucopious have given him a house lot they

want to keep him at the County seat I saw Mr Livingston and  
most of his family at Meeting he was very glad to see me & had not  
been there yet the girls said he was coming after me soon I told them  
I could not go till Sibyl was able to go with me we heard to day Mrs  
Livingston was failing just yet it is said to be very healthy through the  
Territory generally I am very well except the Rheumatism troubles <sup>me</sup> considerably  
I have been to Meeting but once a Mr Coler formerly from Connecticut  
preached at the Scotch grove as they call it is expected to move here this Autumn  
an excellent preacher Mr Emerson called here about two weeks ago he gave  
the first No of the Western Citizen I like it well tell Owen I wish him to  
send it to me I was pleased with his remarks on Abolition to that  
Now my dear Daughter I must tell you I expect if I live to spend the Winter  
in Iowa and want Owen to put my chest on board the Stage and direct  
it to Dubuque if you are able to see to packing up my things I wish you  
would the chest must be nailed up and hooped with iron hoops put in all  
my wearing apparel bags of stockings old shoes and all and every <sup>in</sup> useful thing  
that pieces up piece of carpet and bed quilt that was ready to quilt with the bedding  
there is a cold Winter coming and this cabin is cold compared to your  
house Sibyl wants that little waiter and little shovel and Sings was left at your  
other house I believe not the broom over them we do not want I wish you would  
put in the fourth and Sixth volume of that my little Bible that I believe  
is in Owen Buck care and the yarn to finish Owen's gloves tell Owen I wish  
he would send me <sup>some</sup> thread you will know what sort I need and some yarn  
to knit him some stockings I will knit you some if you will send me some  
you I want Owen to write when my chest will be at Dubuque Mr  
Blumhard will go there after it if you could crowd in a parcel  
of old papers I should be glad I want to paper Sibyl a bedroom But  
don't expect you can Elizabeth this is a beautiful place as nature ever forms  
I hope Mr Winwall will sell his property in Illinois and move up here  
and set up a store there is no taxes to pay in Iowa but had <sup>known</sup> me  
what is best for us all & that we may live to his glory remember to Mr  
Winwall and dear Harriet Miss Wale and all that enquire after me  
Yours Mother that you <sup>love</sup> you <sup>dearly</sup> Elizabeth Louisa

Dear Lizzy

I am disappointed and  
disappointed and we are all disap

The time was set for me to start  
They dare not let me go. Think the consequence  
would be fatal. But you need not be  
concerned about me am smart except that  
faintness you know I am troubled and I suffer.  
I shall do as well without a Doctor.

I don't feel any alarmed for those that  
know nothing fear nothing. Will you please  
send me a skene patten and a Cap.

I have but a moment to write for  
letter bearer is in waiting. Please send me  
box of my red shawl. The Matter is pretty  
well likes the claim much. Put the chest  
to the stage house in Dubuque.

Love to all  
Wm

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Messrs

Innat City Oct

1842

The Subscribers Secretaries of the  
Total Abstinence & Washingtonian Societies of this City have  
been directed & requested by the Total Abstinence Society, to  
correspond with the different Temperance Societies of the  
principal places in this Territory, for the purpose of ascertain-  
ing what can be done for the support of a permanent  
Temperance Missionary for this Territory. In performing  
this duty we are aware of the difficulties that surround a pro-  
ject of this kind — the pecuniary distress that now afflicts  
all classes of the community will interpose an almost  
insuperable difficulty to an enterprise of this kind.  
But it cannot be denied that the evils arising from the  
prevalence of intemperance require from the Philanthro-  
pist and patriot to exert all their powers to stay the  
devastating progress of this most dreadful destroyer of  
mankind. In this inde, the advocates of the cause of  
Temperance here are determined to raise a subscription to  
see what can be done for the furtherance of this object and  
at the same time to ascertain what our Co-workers can do  
to aid in this good and great cause. To accomplish  
this object it is thought advisable to make an appeal  
to the different Temperance Societies of this Territory to  
raise a subscription to support a permanent Temperance  
Missionary. For this Territory whose duty it shall be

to travel from one end of the Territory to the other  
And establish temperance societies in every neighborhood  
thereof. This cause to be permanently useful must  
be brought to every man's door otherwise our efforts  
must necessarily be disjointed and in a great measure  
fail to accomplish the great object in view. We trust  
therefore you will interest yourselves so much as to  
draw up a subscription to be paid quarterly to the  
Treasurers of the different societies to be appropriated  
under a joint regulation that hereafter may be  
adopted to the support of some individual who  
will undertake this arduous task. As soon as you  
obtain all the subscription you can, you will have  
the goodness to forward to the Post Master of this  
place the result of your labors, which will be given to  
the public through the medium of some of the  
papers published in this Territory.

J. Bowen S. T. A. S.  
Hartley S. J. C. M. S. S.

Princeton Nov 3<sup>d</sup> 1842

Dear Mother

You see that I am back once more. I found a good road to Dubuque & the country more settled than I expected. I think that there may be a settlement at Mineral Creek yet. It is a better place than some others where I found settlements. I think Mr Blanchard better not sell the your claim unless he can get something fair for it, as it costs nothing to keep it. It ought to bring from one to two hundred dollars in something equal to cash. I did not stay but on Sabbath at Galena. I felt on Sunday & Monday so much like the Ague that I thought I would come home. I feel better however & shall escape it. I found all well at home except Elizabeth who has one of her son throats. It is near breaking & she will be better. The little ones all well. Abundance of sorrow of course that you are not to return till Spring. Yesterday I read my answer to the Church in substance, 1<sup>st</sup> that I did not feel it my duty to change the conditions on which I was settled. 2<sup>d</sup> I was willing for the coming year to be

taxed any amount that the Church would vote  
provided the vote was taken in a full meeting.

After reading the communications Bro. Phelps  
remarked that I had mistaken the views of  
the Ch. - that they were contemplating a per-  
manent reduction, but only for the year. The  
Resolution however said nothing about the year,  
nor the committee that gave it me. The Br says  
that it was not the understanding at the time of  
discussion. But says - "Very Well - he was the  
moving in the affair, & if he understood it so  
& is satisfied the rest of us are". So that's over.

I found a letter from Jefferson Sinclair.

He says his mother is quite feeble - almost  
helpless, & will hardly be able if I understood  
him to remove ~~to~~ to this country. Aunt Chae  
quite well. He says nothing of Joseph.

Mr Sinclair - thinks he will be out in this  
country next winter. I feel quite well, so  
you must have no anxiety about me. It is  
getting towards the end of the work & I must  
stop. Give my love to Abby & tell her to re-  
ly on the promise, I forgot the Shapton & was but  
you will know. Many of us are sick I will  
write you so you must not be troubled.

Ever your aff. Son

Owen Lovejoy