

Harrison Friday eve Oct 14th 1842

Dear Margaret

As I cannot come this week (as I expected) I believe I will write to compensate in a measure my disappointment. It was my intention when I last saw you of visiting you this week but I am doomed to stay home three or four weeks longer. Sarah has gone to Bay again Aunt Brooks has gone to New York and she wanted Sarah to be company for Uncle while she is gone. I believe she is going to stay about a week. I saw Isabella a few weeks since she said you was going to Newark I suppose you have had a pleasant visit it is such a delightful place I shall always remember with pleasure our visit there. Mr. Parody called last Sunday afternoon he stayed about an hour and a half and then left for the Yellow Cottage. He said he heard you had a horse to pack with him. Well! Margaret I suppose you will soon begin to enquire if I have not any news to write but I declare I do not know of any that will be interesting to you but I will try to think of some. I believe the military of White Plains and several other towns are going to celebrate the battle of White Plains on the ^{Saturday} 28th of October I expect it will be quite interesting. We had Mr. Moody to preach last Sunday Mr. Harris was gone to North Castle where he preaches. They have organized a Church

these three they are going to name it St. Stephens. Margaret do you never
intend to write again? Why a letter from you would be a real
treat. But I believe you wrote last (but that is so long ago I hardly know
when that was) so it all my own fault. Sarah wished me to send
her love to you she has got over her snack fit but she says she
will not forget she wrote last I dare not that is the last time
either of you has written. How is Amanda? are you as comfortable as
ever? I suppose you are. She is a fine girl. I should like to have been in New
York very much to stay to have seen the celebration of the Boston water
I dare say it was well worth seeing. Aunt Phoebe & Uncle John and
Catherine Dick went down yesterday I suppose you have seen them.
What beautiful moonlight evenings we have had for a few nights past
I often imagine myself sitting by your parlor window conversing with
you even dear self as we were wont to do last fall and gazing at
the moon. I really believe we are going to have a storm it looks very
much like it required it very much the roads are very dusty. Mother
and myself went to Rye last Friday and spent the day. We left there
about half past five but did not get home until 5 o'clock the baby was
sick and screamed nearly all the way so that we had to stop several
times. I suppose you think there is great attractions in Rye there is
I can assure you there are several very fine young gentlemen but
one of them has been getting married. We called to Miss Barker's sister
saw them both last winter. Margaret I must tell you how very sociable
the ladies are. Isabella has not been here since you called here that
morning I have called there once and look around and since then
and Julia has not been here since the first of last April. Amanda
was here twice while she was up but she could not come much
time I do not know whether she is angry or not but I am de-
termined not to go there if she does not come in eight months

to longer if it was not for seeing them at church we would not
see them much oftener than you who live thirty miles off.

Mary Jane and Isabella are coming to New York next week or the
week after and I will send word by them when I am coming
I have made up my mind to come to see you if you will have me
provided you will come home with me as you promised.

Miss Child's did not make as long visit as she anticipated
her Mother and Sister were going to Michigan, they sent for her to see
them start. Sarah and myself were to the Yellow Cottage while she
was there and spent the day. I heard Reverend was there and spent
a very long Sunday evening with Charlotte.

The Country looks beautiful at present especially around the
Lake. the woods back of the lake are splendid. you can see almost every
variety of colour they take up very full. I have been gathering nuts
William and I got nearly three quarts this morning.

Margaret how does Robert come on has he been to see you
lately. I saw him pass the other day but he did not call. he was
so very attentive when you was up. I expect he has been down
several times since. Mary mother says as soon as you get
Bob she will have ^{the baby} christened, so make haste and get him
if you want the poor child to have a name. Mother and Father
join in sending their love to you. Mother sends her love to yours
Aunt Susan Bonnell.

I sat down to write a short letter but I think I have written
a good long one but you must excuse the unconnected names in which
it is written for I was in a great hurry.

It is getting late and I am rather sleepy therefore I must bid you

Do write soon

Goodnight Dear Margaret
Yours in sincerity A. H.

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