

Dear and respected Father Your very acceptable letter came the 16<sup>th</sup>. You mention your bereavement in the loss of our excellent Mother. Surely it is a great loss to us all, altho it is nearly impossible for me to realize that dear mother is no more, but so it is, and our loss is undoubtedly <sup>her</sup> gain. I sincerely hope we may so live in this world that we may all meet her in heaven, never to be separated, and also that we may be so happy as to all meet our several families in that happy place. Luther's wife and I have intended all summer to go east, and perhaps Luther and his wife may yet go, but money is so scarce with Harry, that I shall have to stay at home. We should be very glad to see you here I think it would do you good to travel.

The rail road is completed to this place and it is a journey that is very soon accomplished now to come from Niagara here compared to what it was 8 years ago. Time flies so rapidly that it hardly seems possible that we have been here so long. I should like to come down and dry a lot of peaches this fall, but as I cannot, shall have to wait another year. I have had but 3 or 4 ripe peaches since we came to Wisconsin, and they were such as we did not think of eating when we lived east, they were sour and withered. But we have black berries and tomatoes to dry, and watermelons and citrons to preserve, and cranberries to lay by for winter, so we need not complain. We are all well. Hiram remains where he has been now over two years he has a good situation

in a store some 20 miles from home he comes home  
as often as once in two or three months for a visit.  
Luther's family are well tho his wife has had a hard  
spring and summer having been afflicted with the rheum  
atism. but her health is now very good. I have not had  
a letter from Sister Emily in a long time. I had one from  
Luinice and answered it by an Ambrotype likeness perhaps  
she has not received it for if she did perhaps she did  
not recognise it and did not know who sent it.  
Please give my Love to Betsy ~~and~~ also to the rest  
of the friends and believe me your affectionate  
Daughter

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