

Home

Monday night Jan 29<sup>th</sup>

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Dear Sister Mary;

You may be sure  
that there were two glad folks,  
tonight when your letter came. Samuel  
has been talking of writing again, we  
had waited, it seemed to us so long.  
I will do to answer the question  
about making a visit. One thing I know  
He would love to go ~~to the~~  
visit as well as you would, to have us  
come. I sympathize with Julia in  
her school labors. I would like to send  
her a few scribbles, but perhaps she  
will come home and can see this.  
I certainly hope Mr H. is what brother  
Thos. expresses him a "kind man." Is  
he going to give us a call? I am glad  
you have so many good sermons to listen  
to. If you were to stay here awhile you  
would have time to appreciate such things.

I would like to sit down by  
the fire <sup>with you</sup>. I would  
talk such a streak that Ma  
would drop her knitting, but then I  
would be sure to let you all talk too.  
Mother is spinning flax. Eliza is not  
well, has a cough and headache, that  
stays from school sometimes to help.  
Mary is well again, she has weak  
lungs, the measles hurt her very much.  
Father is a little more crippled than  
usual by a scald on his foot.

My husband works away at our house.  
It will be a nice little house when  
finished. I don't know as there is any  
news from this part of the country to write  
you. Samuel is writing too, so he may  
think of something I do not. You  
have an advantage over us in finding  
material for an interesting letter, for  
yours come from our old home.

Stillman's folks were here Sat. I. They

are coming around this way to-  
morrow. Take Mother in, and she and I  
will go on to Sullivan leaving Eliza on  
the road to make a visit at Mr. Acker  
(you know them?) Mother is going to sell some  
chickens, \$1.00 per dg. Eliza Bullman sells butter &  
eggs. I don't know the price now. Every thing  
is pretty high yet. The folks are all  
gone to bed except Henry, & S. J. I wish  
you would know and writing yet.

I suppose you didn't ~~lose~~ ~~lose~~ any thing  
uncommon for Christmas, or New Year  
day. Saml, Eliza, Mat. & Mary were at a  
Christmas dinner at a neighbors.

I am really too tired to write more

We want to hear from you all often  
Sylvanus' folks included always.

With much love

I am not frightened about your Sister  
that Mr. Somebody taking Lucy A. Bartlett  
you were soon; for I remember you  
are going to tell me of your engagement a year before-  
hand. D. Lacey