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Mr. Briggs is elected, each  
the same with you left to Mr. Briggs

This is heavy work

Mr & Mrs Keller very, dear, friends—  
yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> we have received, and  
I assure you we were glad to hear from  
you. we had inquired for a letter from  
you often— at last it came. Samuel was  
working in the store at the time I  
got your letter. I told him what you  
said about his writing to you— he  
just laughed— well, Christmas has  
come, and gone— once more— and left  
a good supply of snow. the ground  
was bare yesterday, it commenced  
snowing last night about 8 o'clock and  
this morning we found the snow about  
4 inches deep. the most snow we have had  
at once this winter. Alvan & Charley are  
improving it— they are out with the horses  
and sled, <sup>after wood.</sup> after you left we had nice  
weather, we often spoke of you, we think  
you made very good time, and we are glad  
to know you got along so well— and also

glad you found a place before the  
cold weather - for it has been very cold  
here - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of this month I think  
was as cold, <sup>weather</sup> as we usually have  
since then, it has been pleasant, but now  
it is cold again - the weather makes  
me think of the ups, and downs, in  
life - we have got our hogs killed,  
took Samuel one and sold the rest of  
his - our cows are both giving milk this  
winter, I took six lbs <sup>butter</sup> to the store yesterday,  
35<sup>cts</sup> 1/2 - I dropped 13 chickens and took  
over last week - Eliza is weaving when  
it is not too cold, Mary & Charley are studying  
at home, I am teacher in the day time  
Eliza in the evening, O. Mary at last I  
have got my old pettie fixed up ready  
for painting - Mr Lattimore is living  
in Samuel's house, I have been there  
only once, the other morning, just before  
day light, somebody called, (or bawled)  
at the door, I got up, there stood Mr

Lattimore with a child in his arms, and two more by his side, he said his wife wanted me, so I got dresed and started. I got there, she was alone, Mr L, had gone for Mrs Clark, pretty soon she came and pretty soon a big, boy baby came — they call it (or him) Eli Samuel — now laugh — I have not been there since, nor don't want to — Every thing here is about the same as when you left, Phebe Clark is gradually failing not able to be up much Mr Carr and family have moved in with Uncle Austin — Mr Scott has been working 9 miles below Arlington — with his team he is home now, but is going back next week and take his family with him — We have just got a letter from Hattie — they are all much pleased with Kansas she says if we only knew how pleasant it is we would all want to come — Stillman is going to build him a house in the spring near town, and then Simeon will occupy

the one where they are all now living  
Wattie said Solomon talked of moving to  
Kansas next spring - I don't know a word  
about Plymouth folks, I want to hear from you  
as often as convenient, wishing you health peace and prosperity.  
I will stop writing and let Abner write a little -  
Affly - Aunt Harriet

It was Washington Simpson  
that died, Sister Martha  
is left with 9 children

uncle ~~Harriet~~<sup>says</sup> that I must write a word  
or line to fill up her letter. I have not  
much to say things remain about the same  
as when you left here - I have taken  
66 bu corn to Sullivan & got 90 to per bu  
Mr Scott is now at home he says that  
he makes clear of all expences \$17 per  
week and soon will be able to pay all of his  
debts, he is working with his team haul-  
ing dirt on the Rail Road nine miles  
from Arlington. He expects to take  
his family there and keep a board-  
ing house board is \$4<sup>50</sup> per week  
he says that his wife can make  
more by the boarding than he with  
his team

Samuel J B thinks that he can make  
more out of your corn by putting it  
in meal and sell the meal which  
is ~~at~~ at Sullivan and Lattimore  
will deliver it in meal at 8 for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents  
per bu yours &c O Finney



Mr H. Keller

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