

A.W.T. Papers

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Dear Sister

We recd your letter ~~the~~ the 23<sup>d</sup>  
under date of Feby 14. with mingled pleasure and pain  
and I hasten to return you an <sup>answer</sup> as speedy as possible  
~~allow~~ allow us to drop with you all the sympathetic tears  
over your ~~long~~ <sup>deep</sup> and continued afflictions and sincerely wishing that  
the mercies we have enjoyed in other years together with  
a knowledge that the hand that afflicts us cannot err may  
lead us to exercise that resignation that becomes stewards of the  
manifest grace of God. and may we not murmur that one by  
one we are compelled to follow our friends with whom our fondest  
associations linger to the verge of life ~~but~~ but rather rejoice  
that the pleasing anticipation may be ours that the day shall  
dawn when reborn in immortal youth we may meet them where  
grief disease and death can never mar our pleasure or drive  
us from their company but if advert to your letter here permit  
me to go back to the time we wrote by Mr Leonard I think  
we then wrote Louisa had been failing for some time but  
was then better she continued to recover untill the fore part  
of Jan'y and was able to do her work with a little assistance  
since then she has failed most of the time although not so  
she is now able to sit up more than half of the time during  
the day although she is very feeble her cough does not increase since  
she began to fail we even think that it is not so severe as it

was before she began to fail she is taken nearly every day with a  
chill succeeded by high fever and sweat sweats copious deal through  
the night she has not spit blood very lately her pain in her sides  
and across the stomach is severe and very constant with pain  
in the head at times, she dresses herself every day walks across  
the house eats with the family &c

Now ask do you take medicine? Does your doctor think you are  
consumptive? Have you good help, is your appetite good, and  
are you expecting to recover? She has taken medicine since  
about the middle of January her medicines have been few  
our Physician L. P. Kelley is very careful in giving his opinions of his  
patients he told me yesterday that her disease was tending to  
consumption but in the state it now was it was sometimes treated  
aside. We have a girl that work for us that is as good as  
quits in general, she has had a very good appetite nearly all the  
time. As regard to her recovery ~~and~~ she has many very many  
fears as to the result but with the rest of us ~~we~~ she thinks there  
may be still some hopes in her case but whether we have years  
yet to stay on the earth or in a few short days to  
depart we intend so to live and act as to be ready and  
found waiting. You say you should be glad to come out  
and see us your pleasure would not be greater than ours but  
we cannot anticipate any such pleasure. Susan says after she  
had started she looked back and saw Sarah standing in the door  
she had on her green dress she thinks she may never see her again.

I have thus I believe given through with your letter I have  
written as plain as I could you will know as well as I how some  
hopes can be entertained but the result is veiled in futurity its  
unwillingly may realize our dearest wishes or crush our fondest hopes  
I now turn to the other scenes we have had no snow  
of consequence this winter not exceeding 2 or 3 inches but any trace  
of the winter has been more like April than winter our changes  
from rain to cold have been very sudden which has rendered it  
somewhat unhealthy to say it is as warm as April but it looks  
as though it might freeze to night which has <sup>not</sup> been the case for  
nearly a week Mrs. Brown has left her farm to Alward Leonard  
son to Mr. Leonard that was in Pittsfield I hope it may be for her good  
but her choice I think but few would oppose I expect I shall not  
sell my farm Father has urged me to take his farm over some I returned I  
him some made him an offer and he says I shall have it if I do  
I also I and to pay him so much annually and have a deed of the  
if I do it I shall keep ~~my~~ that to Jacob you write do not let  
ever forget me the other evening I came home with a letter I was  
going to read it it was noisy I told him to be still as I had a letter from  
Grandpa folks he ran to the stam and says has Gabe write dont let  
ever forget me he says I must write to Grandpa and all Grandpa folks  
what a good boy I he tell Jacob that Carlow is so that he can  
back yet his letter Daniel Day and little came and Grandpa  
chance him he keeps with us <sup>much</sup> care as a miser does his gold he calls  
for them regular sets down and tells all their history and has them  
put up again himself has severely over scolded one of them and has  
name damaged one of them

but I have yet to the end of my paper before I anticipated  
 I have been looking over the scroll and I think you can hardly  
 read it it looks worse than being seen unless and in a hurry some one  
 I owe to all who feel an interest in our welfare and may be  
 kind and beneficent providence guide us to the pilgrims rest  
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 J. Winegar

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