

Williamsville Oct 6th 1841

Dear Friends

It becomes my painful duty to
inform you of the most severe trial and affliction
through which we have been called to pass which has led us to exclaim
in Providence how mysterious are thy ways and how wonderful
are thy dispensations to the children of men. a few ~~days~~ ago
since we were blessed with friends health and a measure of
prosperity but Oh how changed the scene those that have been
long with us have been torn by death's relentless hand from our
society and left a space that on earth can never be filled about the
last of september we received the news of the death of John S Brown
he was near his Annananda N. work he was taken with the bilious
fever was sick only 14 days the first of October Cyrus went to the place
where John died to settle some business was taken unwell during his
absence ~~was taken~~ but continued to be about until ~~the 4th~~ about
noon he was taken down with the bilious fever he continued to fall
^{rapidly} until the 5. Oct about 11 P.M. I had left the room for a few minutes and
was recalled expecting he was going ^{to} ^{his} ^{death} ^{bed} for amusement and
probation became extinct for some time but he soon began to revive
and continued to breathe until 11.00 before 8 o'clock ^{Oct 4th} Sunday morning
his spirit took his flight to God that gave it yesterday we attended
his funeral an ~~appropriate~~ appropriate discourse was delivered by Rev
P. Brown From these words Jesus wept he retained his consciousness
nearly to the last and always ^{expressed} ^{and} ^{manifested} ^{confidence} in his
the day before he died he told us that there had not been a ~~single~~

on his mind for weeks and we have every reason to believe that
his is his infinite gain that this stroke of divine Providence may be
sanctified to our good is our earnest desire and for which we ask an
interest in your prayers and here I must close abruptly to give sister an
an opportunity to write. Yours untill death

J. Winyear

Valentine Spurgeon Sr

P.S. Please say to Mr and Mrs Hoppitt that we had a letter postly
written which the sudden illness of brother Cyrus prevented our completing
thankful for their remembrance and give thanks especially thro
Lay Saline I remain Yours Respectfully

V. J. Sr

In this time of trial my mind is not enough composed to write to
you but I feel as though I wanted to write a great deal
Cyrus had been unwell some time when he was taken down
with a fever he told me before we got the Doctor he should
never get well he continued to think he should never
be well although his medicine seemed to have its designed
effect yet he got no better yet his mind was stayed on God
and felt a calm and perfect peace he said he had nothing
to say to earth but his family when he was first
taken sick he said he should like to live for their sake if
it was consistent with Gods will but he could say he had the
many promises that he would be with the widow and the
fatherless the last words he said were Valentines asked him
if his mind was at peace he answered yes yes yesterday
followed his remains to the grave and with him is buried
much of my earthly enjoyments the world to me is but
empty of all that can afford consolation but I still have

I shall meet him beyond the grave
Valentine has been very good to me in my afflictions
he was taken sick Thursday, Valentine came here Saturday night
and staid till Tuesday morning went home and staid till
Wednesday night then came back and staid with us till he
died and through the funeral he and they have been
gone more but a few hours he has hired a young man
to work for me a month and we think that by that time
we can fit on some flax for us to take

Bynes has left things in a good order so could be he owed nothing what
he had due is in good hands I should write more if there were
before the ink is out I trust I have an interest in all
prayers in time of deep affliction
Out of the
Claremont, N. H.

I have been looking over my letter and hardly think you can see
it you must make the best my babe is hanging round
disturbs me ~~and~~ some and other cares surround me

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