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Sabbath evening

Dear dear Emma,

Inclination has, of necessity  
yielded to Dustin's importunate demands on you  
I would have received one epistle from you direct  
by what Thomas visit. But I felt inevitable  
impelled to your side, what I might tell you  
how much more truth than ever I am Thomas  
sister, and getting more. I longed to receive  
those very sweet pledges of affection and con-  
fidence I feel assured you would give me,  
if I could only lay my head in your arms  
I can't receive them. Such loving things,  
were needed, and in great need, I would  
wonder my best tell the tale, while I might

patiently, if possible, await our future merit  
ing to receive Emma's affectionate demonstration  
Did he however, as yet has stubbornly refus-  
ed to do my bidding, except I supply the  
power of volition, and now I'll make it  
my toil for desperate execution, to pay for its  
long inactivity; for 'tis near, for weeks  
since I have written a letter.

I did enjoy my brother's visit highly;  
and tried to make it pleasant for him;  
but I felt distressed lest he would be reluc-  
tant to make his wants known, and we  
should not make him as comfortable as  
he is at home. He did not seem to be over-  
done by the ride, but apparently felt as well  
when he left <sup>us</sup> as when he arrived there;  
and upon his arrival home he wrote  
me that he was only tired out. I hope he  
had no reason to regret a visit which all of  
our household enjoyed, and which he seem-  
ed to, and professed to. Emma had you sent  
that letter to him which you wrote her, or written  
him anything of his mutual exchange of

confidences? He and I visited pretty late some  
nights, later, probably, than we ever shall again  
by ourselves. but I know Dear, you would be  
pleased with the result of these visits.

Allow me next things, relative to our past  
associations as you and I do, and wherein  
we have been weak, and have erred, & be-  
lieve we are forgiven by our God, and forgiven  
by the pure and noble one who, of all on  
earth, should blame us. It is not a sister?  
I am thankful it's a thankful Emma,  
that we have been preserved from greater  
sin; and I know we have learned lessons  
that will be invaluable to us for life, and  
purchase save us bitterer experience. I hope  
we shall be stronger than ever before. He seemed  
to understand something had passed between  
us; asked me what you told me, and  
what you said when I told you. He did not  
say what! I replied that you told me several  
things, but I could not tell <sup>him</sup> you what. Of course he  
said no more about it. He told me some things  
that you did; even that one idea of his that galled

in pride th as terribly, and has done more  
to change the nature of my feelings toward  
him than any thing else, because it is  
not true. I told him so, but of course he  
thought, and said, my pride was up.  
They say that I never could have loved,  
but, believe, to know, would gain quite as strong  
a hold upon my affections as any one  
ever was, and a part deal stronger and  
different. Just that I now yield to any  
one who can give me only a second place.  
He thinks would not be right after marriage.  
I know would have to be the marriage  
could never be. Don't you think it strange  
for him to say that to me? Now Emma dear,  
please grant me one request. Do not beg of  
you, or his sake, save for mine. do not  
ever mention to him that letter of mine  
which you have; never let him know you  
had it. Once it is sent back to me  
at once. So, so you know he'll never write me  
such a letter again, and what good will it  
do to make him unhappy over it. Oh! to wish  
I had never let you see it. It has made you credibly  
unhappy, and he will never do so roughly again.