

Thank you for the
letter sent by you
I find it very
interesting
I am sorry
I cannot
do more
for you
at present
I am
yours
Brattleboro

My dear friends, Mr & Mrs. [Name]
This being a rainy
Sabbath gives me good time to reply to your
last letter. Well I must say I did feel sad
after reading your letter on the 7th but after
all there was some comfort to be found
in it. I am so sorry I did not make my
utter plain to you. I did not mean by any
means to say I should refuse the offer made
by the Lady of Boston. I should of said if I did
not that I wanted to see if she would be willing
to have me wait one year. I regret so much

that I have the wrong ideas of independence - in
I think it can make a young man & quick
steps as I grew older to get rid of them.
I don't know of showing my independence
in but one way and that is in living de-
cidedly, to feel independent in that respect because
there are few of my position that are ladies.
Oh! well that will do for the subject of independ-
ence. I do feel much brighter than when
I wrote before - or there are not many girls
in my class & no not class for I haven't any other
positions that is the world that have had
such opportunities or improvement that I have
had. I was so surprised to hear what I did
in your letter about My M - but I have
been thinking many about her every day for
I know she was lame & was very near
worn all out. I shall if life last, in the future

try to do something towards supporting her
if I never graduate even though I may
have to labor hard for some has labored for
me when I could not get in myself. I have
\$3.00 in my pocket & I sent her a post office order
for \$2.00 on the 14th inst. I hope she will get the money
all right. I do want a home for our own & will
not feel content until I get one. She said
she was trying to get one home so I want
to do it - to help pay for it, & I want to send
money if I can. The reason I have told you this,
is because I feel near to you & Mrs. Y - I want
you to know all I do. If in time I shall marry
I shall take many & try to edify
you. "altho it would appear as if I might be able to do this
but I am so tired I could not do it."
I am so glad
you are feel good natured toward each
other for it is so much for the best.

I should be delighted to see those things
you are going to send out but, I am
sure I could not make them out I
know you will laugh soon. There is only
one thing more I could not make out
and that was Lodie had something
given her I should like to know what it
was till we in the next, wont you? Just
think if I have not seen to church for
two Sunday's now. I saw a man here
last S. - Rakeing having another today
working his garden but, they go to church
regular they maybe better than I after
that. Do you remember how you used
to say people up North have all their
cattle &c in their houses I never thought
there, I should see it - but I do every day
now, I suppose they have it in account of

the people were with them they said