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 My Dear Brother: [Howland ]

I improve this hour to address you. I thank the Lord for this opportunity. It is rainy today so that I do not mow or I should not write, I mow five days for unbelievers and Sunday for believers and rest on the Seventh day, therefore I have but very little time to write. My health is good, God gives me strength to labor hard all day. I have mowed eight days right off and felt hardly a pain. Brother Holt, Brother John Belden and I have taken 100 acres of grass to mow, at  $87\frac{1}{2}$  cents per acre and board ourselves. Praise the Lord. I hope to get a few dollars here to use in the cause of God.

Ellen is feeble. Henry is not so well. He is no heavier now than when we left Topsham. The brethren here have been passing through trials much like those which you have passed through but they are coming out straight. There has been some division as to the time of beginning the Sabbath. Some commenced at sun down. Most, however, at 6 P.M. A week ago Sabbath we made this a subject of prayer. The Holy Ghost came down, Brother Chamberlain was filled with the power. In this state he cried out in an unknown tongue. The interpretation followed which was this: "Give me the chalk, Give me the chalk." Well, thought I, if there is none in the house then I shall doubt this, but in a moment a brother took down a good piece of chalk. Brother Chamberlain took it and in the power he drew this figure on the floor  This represents Jesus' words, Are there not twelve hours in the day. This figure represents the day or the last half of the day. Daylight is half gone when the sun is south or half way from each horizon, at 12 o'clock. Now go each way six hours and you will get the twelve hour day. At any time a year the day ends at 6 P. M. Here is where the Sabbath begins at 6 P. M. Satan would get us from this time. But let us stand fast in the Sabbath as God has given it to us and Brother Bates. God has raised up Brother Bates to give this truth. I should have more faith in his opinion than any other man's.

I suppose you have seen J. Turner's present position as to the Sabbath, he now says the commandments are nailed to the cross and we who keep them are fallen from grace. But you are aware that Turner agreed with us last winter only he held that Sunday was the Seventh day instead of Saturday. Now he has changed his position. His present position abolishes his former one. Those who have any light have no confidence in him. March 13, Turner wrote Brother Bates a threatening letter and gave him three weeks to make an acknowledgment of what he had stated in his pamphlet or he should bring him to proper justice. Well his three weeks were out near three months ago and Brother Bates is not yet brought to justice. Turner has lied and reported ridiculous stories about us but most of them we have proved false, and thus shown him a liar. He told them at Britton that he should get out a pamphlet and expose Brother Bates and us. At Bristol Conference I told them what I knew of Turner. I also read a testimony from Mother Harmon and Sarah of what they knew of him. Some of his friends were present, they told him what I had said. Well, says Turner, I have concluded to leave them all with the Lord. He knows that I am his servant and the brethren know that the Lord is with me and that is enough. So he is finishing out. Well Jacob Weston has been tried by his nominal brethren on the charges brought against him by Brother Bates. He has confessed his forgery and says he is sorry and wants them to drop it but they say no. Perhaps J. Turner fears he will also be exposed. Since I have been writing the brethren have flocked in and Ellen has had a most glorious vision. She has seen in vision that we shall go farther before we return to Maine. She saw that you would have a conference in Maine but we must go west farther before we returned to Maine. Brother Bates will no doubt go with us. He is in the work of God. Just before he came to Bristol Conference was asked by his wife to get her some flour for she had only part enough to make a loaf of bread. Brother Bates had only money enough to buy two pounds of flour so off he went and soon he came in with two pounds of flour. His wife asked, what have you been doing? What will you do next? She declared that she would not bake it. Brother Bates is in the work of God. His last work

was right in the <sup>main</sup> ~~Maine~~. O let us work for God. I have covenanted anew with God that the strength of this body shall be spent in God's blessed cause. I received a good letter from Brother Edson, N. Y. They expect a conference there soon, and mean that Brother Bates and we shall be there. I think we shall be in N. Y. in a few weeks. Let me hear from some of you as soon as you get this. Don't fail. Direct as before.

My best love to all the faithful. Pray for us. Brother Bates said he would send you the Sabbath tracts. You have received them I expect. Ellen will write soon I expect.

In hope,

James White.