

Topsham, March 22, 1849

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Beloved Brother & Sister: [Hastings]

I haste to catch the fleeting moment to write a few lines at least to you. We were prospered on our way to Boston and found Brother Nichols at the depot. Called to see Sister Temple, the one Ellen anointed in the name of the Lord, March 8th. We found her well and happy in the Lord. She told us that she was well. You remember we told you that Sister Temple supported her family (by) washing. March 16th she did more than her usual amount of washing and was well, and strong as she used to be. She now is able to do her work, take care of a sick girl who has a felon on her finger, and do her washing, which supports them. This is a wonderful case. This case has strengthened Father Emmons and Brother Nichols' family very much indeed. We stayed with the family at Dorchester until yesterday morning. We came to Boston in Brother Nichols' carriage, took the cars at 7 A. M. arrived in Portland at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. Passed through the city to the other depot, took the cars at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ P. M. for North Yarmouth. (11 miles) then got into an old stage to ride 16 miles more. This was our best route as the boats do not run until April. Ellen stood it all well until we got into the stage. Here we were shock up and down, to and fro, for three hours in snow banks and mud sloughs. I began to pray to God for help and He gave us help. Ellen seemed to hold out well, but today she is weak and lame, but the Lord will heal her up if we trust in Him.

Henry is well and has grown wonderfully. He is a real good boy. Sister Howland cannot spare him. The brethren here are well, and stand well. I found (as I dreamed at your house) five letters here, and in them ten dollars for me. The money was from Ct. They want us to go to Ct. But I think we shall not leave Maine for the present. I have just finished a letter to Brother Bates. I shall wait until tomorrow before I finish this.

March 23rd. Ellen is quite smart today. She is up at work. I received a letter from Sister Sarah Harmon, Ellen's sister, who is at Fairhaven, Mass. She

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says Brother Bates is going to Vermont; before this time he no doubt is in Vermont. Sister Sarah gave him money to go. Some she borrowed to pay when she earns it. This looks like it. Labor working with your hands that you may have to give to those who need. Brother Bates talked of going on foot. He may call to see you on his return, I think. O! Lord open the way for us. The harvest indeed is great, and the laborers are few. "What is done, must be done quickly." Amen. Those who labor in the cause have much to discourage them also they have much to encourage them. It seems that those who come into the whole truth now will stand. This is encouraging indeed. Much labor and money has been spent in time past where no visible good now appears, but those who spend time, talent and money in the cause now are sure of a reward. One hundred dollars will tell more for the salvation of the remnant now than 10,000 in 1843 & 44. In these remarks I do not wish to press you to any step only to hold these things before your minds and exhort you to watch the opening providence of God with carefulness.

We expect to go to Paris soon. When we get light where to settle I will inform you. As for our wants at present they are all supplied. A door is open for us in N. Y. or Ct. Brother Nichols also thinks that he can help us, so don't bestow one anxious thought for us, No, no, not one.

Give our love to all the children of the Lord you see, or meet with in N. H. Love to your dear children and a large share for yourselves. I shall ever be glad to hear from you. My P. O. address is Topsham, Maine. Please write soon,

Yours in hope,

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