

*I have been putting it in order  
and got our bed made up and  
I think we shall be pretty comfortable  
and our room is beautiful  
and very convenient. I have this  
always prepared and  
I have been very busy*

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Dear Father Bro. & Sister

We came on safely the day we left you and arrived in Boston about dark We were in Hartford more than an hour and about 2 hours in Springfield. After we parted from you in Bristol it did not seem over 4 or 5 minutes before we were talking with Walter Hart. Albert felt bad before and after we arrived here to think we were going away from you He thought of his Grand Father, Uncle, and Aunt and especially of his little cousin Simon with whom he had so happily played but from whom he was now parted perhaps never to see again. He shed some tears and wanted to go back to you and have me go too I could have given way to sad feelings too. He is now more cheerful. We expect to sail to-morrow in the ship Esther May of about 700 tons We have a large stateroom

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- have got our bed made up and  
I think we shall be pretty comfort-  
able. We have our room below deck;  
some of the passengers have their  
rooms above. I preferred one  
below, those being much larger.  
We shall have the use of the cabin  
above as a sitting room. In a  
small room joining the cabin is  
the steward's room with a small  
stove which will probably make  
the cabin a little warmer - if the  
door between is kept open. The weath-  
er is cold in Boston - quite cold - the  
ground frozen hard. I hope Charles  
will get his turnups. I hope you  
are all well as usual. I hope  
Father will have a comfortable win-  
ter and yet see many happy days.  
I am greatly indebted to you for all  
your kindnesses - also to all the Brothers  
& sisters - to Elias Olive Lois Franklin  
and yourselves. Give them my love  
How strongly I feel my love and  
attachments towards you - all re-  
vived by having been with you  
for a season. Let us live to the glory  
of God so as at last all to meet in heaven.  
Farewell to you all.  
A. Gilroy

