

This Jan 10th 1852

My Dear Sister,

I am quite ashamed that I have so long delayed writing to you. But I scarcely find time to write to my absent children, much more to others. Since last August we have been more free from company than usual & I have felt that I must devote my time to my children who were really suffering from neglect. For more than 5 months I was able to attend to their lessons with scarcely an interruption & I can assure you that I enjoyed it. Rufus & I have just recovered from the fever & have resumed our lessons.

Mr. Putnam has been enlarging his accommodations & now takes lady boarders, which is quite a relief to the other families. Our children have good health, my own is pretty good & Mr. P. is able to keep his school in operation.

I believe that neither you or your husband have written us since this return. Will you not write & tell us about Albert's feet? Are they perfect now?

Mr. Armstrong wrote us that he had visited you & he spoke highly of your school, saying it was a better school than he had supposed.

And so you have really "been up to Jerusalem" & visited the school of the prophets. I wish you could



If you can procure one pair of the long dark spined shells, & as it is no more, I shall be glad to receive them. I shall be glad to receive them.

time to give me your impressions. I am glad you saw Miss Smith before she left. - I really feel sorry for the teacher at Lunahou. They do have trials. I hope that we are not there.

How much I thought of you & yours, after hearing of the death of P. Johnson. Had you embarked on the same vessel you wd have shared the same fate. On the contrary, if he had accompanied you, he would have been saved from so awful a death. What a trial to his parents to have him taken in so sudden and awful a manner, & yet the hand of God was visible in it all. I trust it has led us all to feel more than ever, the importance of having our children safe in the ark. - I felt extremely anxious about H. till we heard of his safe arrival, as he went down on a leaky vessel.

Mr C's family have all had the fever but are now well. Mrs Wetmore is an invalid & has been for months. - We seldom hear from Wainese, but often from Hae. - Mr Paris is about to build a large & expensive house. She does not write to any of her neighbours. - Will you please say to Mr Johnson that if there were land shells here of any value, I would send him some. You know what they are & if he would like any such I will send them. Our united love to yourself & family, with kind regards to your associates.

Your affec. sister  
S. P. Lyman