

I have not seen or ungrateful thing to my
 you have sent some back already. In the
 I think of the past it some but you will
 he now thinks of he can still and get a
 in not very good to see over the
 (Mr. Brothers) family are now in comfortable
 the baby Mrs. quite over her
 my dear sister Mary Dear my
 your acquaintance with some friends
 I have become better acquainted with some
 before the arrival of the ship
 the good and the bad
 the service has been to you

I hope you are now far from us

on the west coast sometimes delighted as new scenes open to your view
 but after I think weary of your noisy ever-rocking home and longing
 for a resting place on solid land and possibly sending now and then
 thought or two back on the friends you have left. But I have no doubt you
 rejoice in the prospect of doing much good in that far distant part of our land
 to which the Providence of God has directed you and that you will be kept in
 peace trusting in him who has the elements at his control. How much I think
 of you probably you have had a very different winter from ours it has been
 very cold here a great deal of snow we have had sleeping for 2-3 months
 It has been very healthy here this winter but very few deaths I feel the effect
 of the long winter which you know never suited me. I have not heard from
 you since the 16 Dec. I feel very anxious to hear from our dear parents I sometimes
 feel to regret that I did not go home with them but they did not seem anxious
 about it and indeed Father was so confident that he should sell and come out
 his next summer that he did not feel it would be best for us to go and stay
 so short a time and I could not think of going unless I knew something how Edward
 felt about it. But O if I could have seen you a few weeks! I did almost hope
 you would not go to Oregon until spring but come and spend some time here
 where good ministers are so much needed but you probably had better coun-
 sellors than I should have been O dear sister I never knew myself until the past year
 I knew not what a selfish self righteous faithless being I have been O would I see you &
 and tell all that I have discovered that is evil in my heart and rendered my past life
 worse than worthless you would be filled with surprise and pity. But I fear we shall never
 meet again in this life. But if through atoning blood of Jesus we are permitted to
 meet in Heaven how will we swell the stanzas of praise to him who died to redeem us.
 How many thoughts etc would write to you perhaps the day they talk some of coming back

and many of that sort where there are no ministers and no churches - of the same
I must close this century after I say for as that we may do and differ all the will of God
But I must tell you what has been done in this place since you heard from us I did not
write you as I should have done had I supposed you was going so soon ^{Bro. Edward} wrote to us
that he thought you would not start till January so I waited expecting a letter from you
or some one of the family so that I could know your arrangement in season to write again
but you know how it was and I will not dwell upon it. You know the difficulties which
led to a division of the church here Mr. Hays time as the minister of the whole
the middle of Nov. The Congregational part had the privilege of getting a minister
and sent to Cleveland for the Rev. John Story who has labored for several years in the
state of N.Y. and Ohio and also in this state and Illinois with very great success as a ^{evangelist}
He was requested to come and supply the pulpit for a few months but when he came
and saw the state of things he felt he could be of no use here unless the people would
settle up their difficulties and unite in efforts for a Revival of Religion. Mr. Story and nearly
all who now call themselves Presbyterians stood aloof from him and the greatest part would not at
first hear him but as they afterwards acknowledged felt very much prejudiced against him. Mr. S.
went to work preaching the naked truths of the Gospel sparing no one but showing all their sins
He labored some time before he could get Mr. Story to do any thing but at length he was led
to see himself and came and made the most humble acknowledgements to the church and to
the world as well as to individuals. His wife confessed her wrong feelings and doing and sought
another the different members of the church under the convincing power of the truth came
in and confessed their faults one to another and prayed one for another. A protracted meeting
was commenced which lasted 8 weeks preaching every evening and meetings for preaching
or conference 4 and sometimes 5 days in the week beside the Sabbath. I need hardly tell
you that the result has been the conversion of many souls. I should like to give
you an account of many individual cases of conversion both of those who made a
a profession and found it would not endure the test when the plain truths of the
bible were applied and those who have had opposers and Infidels many of these have
been subjects of the work also many youths and children I will name a few whom you
will recollect Mr. Austin who stood out in opposition till nearly the last of the meetings ^{meetings} Mr. Parsons
who married Mrs. S. Clark's sister Mrs. ^{Hays} who lived opposite to Bro. F.'s before the new church was erected his
case has been one of the most interesting and affecting as he has been a notorious sinner and never had

the stony boarded at Wm and I think it was a great blessing unlike Mr. B. and his private life corresponds with his preaching he is a Robt than an hourly Christian under his influence Castroville Christian graces have been drawn out and she says she never knew the clarity of the gospel before, she and Mrs. Tomlinson at first could not bear him and for some time could not bear such hard sayings but at last they yielded and came out decidedly and Mrs. T. now shines as a Christian her noble mind has taken an upward direction and she is as earnest for the truth as she was a few months ago for fashion. To give

You an idea of the work here would be impossible. When Mr. A. commenced preaching and for some time before we had room enough in the Church and usually much to spare for some time before he left it was filled as completely as possible with seats in the ^{and} aisles on the porch filled with those who could not find seats and on some occasions scores and ones hundreds have gone away who could not obtain admittance and still here has been the least of what we call usual excitement the most order that I ever knew where such a mass of human beings were literally wedged in together. There has been considerable of a revival in the Methodist and Baptist Churches Mr. Stone and the other ministers refused to cooperate with us tho many of their people attended and were converted. Mr. Dwyer and his wife have spent much time in this place during the Weekings they have since spent some time in Salsburg where Mr. A. is now laboring. But I must stop I shall not have room to say a word to you. I should I you cannot think how glad I was to receive your miniature yours is as perfect as any I ever saw every one who knew you recognizes it. Mr. Post and his wife were here 2 weeks ago they had their taken and I suppose you will receive one but I with such things ever get to you I feel almost as tho I was writing to an inhabitant of another sphere. I have not much faith and hope.

And now dear Brother I will with pleasure say a few words to you to assure you of my confidence and the ~~desires~~ I feel for you. The husband of dear Mary cannot be an object of indifference to me tho I may never see you. But dear brother is a minister of Jesus and especially a missionary I feel there is more than I can express to claim the respect the confidence and affection of all especially of those who are allied to her by ties which time or distance cannot sever. I hope we shall yet become acquainted by letter and thus feel the sympathy of friends tho very far distant. I think daily of your perils and exposures but trust that I see who controls the winds and waves will carry you safely to your expected port and enable you to work in this Vineyard with great success. I how much depends on the faithfulness of ministers. It is as Robt strikingly illustrated in this place God owns the faithful preaching of the truth by his servants and sustains them in it. Mr. A. says "a minister has no right to stand in the pulpit and show off his literature his beautiful style his eloquence but his business is to convert souls, whatever will tend to this great object is incumbent upon him. I do not feel dear Brother that such views are new to you but I love to dwell upon what seems to me the highest object of our existence & you will be gladdened by the success of your labors in the cause of Christ. Will you not write often and tell us all your prospects your difficulties your joys your joys your trials and successes. I rejoice that Oregon has so many advantages to warrant the hope that it will soon become a very interesting part of our nation I hope the race for California Gold will not retard its progress in wisdom which is better than Gold. I rejoice that while so many are pursuing thro every danger and sacrifice every effort to obtain the former; you are engaged in the work of carrying the latter to those who so much need it may you both long be spared to enrich the world with that priceless treasure. We expect you will write from San Francisco we shall feel intensely anxious to