



Union Falls, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> / 1882

Rev. H. Lyman  
Forest Grove, Oregon.

My Best Beloved

Yours of 1st. inst.

mailed 3d, is rec'd. For more than  
3 weeks I had rec'd. nothing from  
you, During the last week hope  
"deferred" had many times made  
my "heart-sick." But now  
that I have heard from you,  
I am once more happy. The  
same mail which brought  
yours, also contained one  
from cousin H. very kind  
& affectionate. Please thank  
him for it, & assure him that  
I shall answer it as soon

as circumstances will permit. Of course I am very thankful for your good letter.

As to the time you mention for our marriage, I shall endeavor to be ready, whenever you think best to have it take place.

If you should conclude that you could come, so as to have it the last of Sept. or first of Oct. so that we could attend the meeting of A. B. C. F. M. I shall excuse you, for coming after giving me very short notice.

In that case we should probably have pleasanter weather for our tour, the expense of which, I think I can meet. One other reason why it might be better, (in case you conclude you could, as well leave, then) is that

Mr. Merrill who has been our pastor for 12 years past, has resigned the pastorate, and will not probably be among us, very long. I should very much like to have him officiate for us. But, Dearest, you must not on account of what I say, decide, to come earlier than you think it best, for we will trust to that kind Providence, who orders every thing right, for weather for our wedding trip, (or we can be happy without taking much of one) for a minister to perform the ceremony &c. &c. Of course I should not have things in very great readiness, if we wait ever so long; but if you can come & stop here, awhile, so that I

shall not be obliged to leave  
Mother it - will be quite different  
from what it would if I was  
to start right off on a long journey.

I nearly always get your  
letters, in from 11 to 14 days after they  
are mailed, at Forest Grove, however  
much, mine may wander about  
before they reach you.

I think I am daily more  
& more thankful to ~~our~~ Heavenly  
Father (who orders even such  
trifling affairs) for putting  
it into your mind to take  
this step which we contemplate.

May you never have reason to  
regret it. May peace & happiness  
abide with you & yours continually  
is the prayer of your Margaret,