

Lenox, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1870.

Dear Brother Horace,

Ever since you left us yesterday, I have been fearing that you had or would have trouble in getting from Plainville, Ct. to Bristol. When you inquired of me about the trains & railroads two things were in my mind; — 1<sup>st</sup> that the up & down trains on the Northampton & New Haven R. R. passed each other at Westfield soon after the arrival of the Boston & Albany Express train from the West; — 2<sup>nd</sup> that this train left Pittsfield in season to make easy connection with either of the trains on the first named road. This I knew to be true of the up train by my own trip to C. H. at the "Family Gathering Meeting". But when Jurgensoll (the Stage driver) said that the Express train going East did not pass Pittsfield till "XII-36," — I instantly became aware that either the time the B. & A. Ex. train had been changed,

or that he had been misinformed. But by inquiry at the Hotel soon after you left, I found Ingersoll was right. And I knew you could not reach Plainville till about VII o'clock P. M. I then remembered that I had formerly had difficulty in getting from Plainville to Bristol at a late hour, & once or twice had been obliged to walk with a heavy valise; though I have also once or twice caught opportunity to ride on private conveyances.

I hope you too were successful in either meeting a late train, or some private team. — Also that you will have a pleasant & successful time at Bristol.

Love to all the dear ones at East-Hampton; And the same to you from us all.

Your own br.

J. Lyman.