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Dear Brother and Sister I have come to the conclusion to write to you although I have not heard from Thomas I wrote to him soon after my return from from the east but as yet have not received an answer I received a letter yesterday from Orenzo and Roxanne they state that Hermas expects to come to Ohio in the Spring I should think that they had better come with Samuel Goodale as he expects to go east some time in April (I believe) Orenzo and Roxanne write rather scarce news I remarked in a letter which I wrote to Orenzo that I could ^{not} look upon Father as Father that is as he used to be but that I attributed his doings to his weakness and to the infirmities of Old age &c or to that effect but Roxanne says that we have had no Father for fourteen years ever since Anselm married Penelope she says that Penelope was then Father's god and it seems to her that Father thinks us much of her as he does of his God it appears that Roxanne has a great struggle in her mind between nature and grace it is hard for her knowing all that she does to feel that affection for Father which we ought to feel she says that she overheard Anselm say one day when there at their house that they make a great fuss about it (meaning the Brothers and Sisters) But