

Allegany November 8<sup>th</sup> 1861

Dear Mother

We received your & Sarah's letter last week & were very much pained to hear of Naomi's afflictions. Oh how she will need the sustaining arm of our Heavenly Father in her trials; for without his aid and support how can <sup>she</sup> bear up under such heavy trials. I shall write to her in a short time. I cannot realize that James Samuel & Emily are dead, but so it is. I presume you will be surprised to see my letter dated Allegany, but this is my home for the present. Newton has enlisted & has been to Warren with his company but is now here on a furlough of