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Dear Sister

It is the Sabbath and a most beautiful day it is and having attended church this morning I thought I would devote a part of the afternoon in writing to you I received your letter of the 26 and was very glad to hear from you we had felt quite anxious about you because we had not heard from you we thought very likely you were sick and was very sorry to hear that if you had been but I hope that you are better now colds seem to go very hard with people this spring I have escaped thus far but all of the rest of the family have had severe colds Samuel came home sick with a very bad cold in fact there has been some one of us sick ever since Grandma died of course you have heard of her death, Jewel was taken sick two weeks ago last Friday and has been confined to the house ever since and under the Doctors care he requires all of his mothers attention I cannot tell you what is the matter with him there seems to be two or three different things but he has suffered a great deal Rebecca and I have been confined to the house most of the time all winter and spring so far it seems as though we never should get settled again

Jim carried the two girls out to Chatham last Thursday to stay through vacation it seems as though half of the house was gone Samuel goes east tomorrow he will be gone until next week sometime so you see we shall be quite alone I wish you could come and see us again while we are alone for we shall be very lonely Olevia was here one day last week to dinner how I do pity that poor boy I tell you he is heard