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Dear Sister. I received your letter last Friday and should have answered it before but was taken last Sabbath with the sick headache and have not been able to sit up since till today. I was very glad to hear from you but am sorry to hear that Father is so unwell. I should have written you before but have seen no time and today have left my work that needs very much to be done to answer your letter and now I have to sit with one foot on the cradle to keep that going in order to write any. By the way we have another little daughter which I presume will be news to you. She is six months old we call her Ida Maria so you may judge how much time I get to write or do anything else. Ara[?] has got to be quite a girl she has just gone out to walk with some little girls that came after her. Newell goes to school to Miss Crosby he has improved very much in his studies since you left here we think some of sending him to Cleveland this Summer but do not know yet. Mary is living with us yet but how long she will stay I do not know. She is trying very hard to get married but do not know as she will make it out. I have not much news to write as I do not go out any where therefore I do not get much news. Henry Burt and wife were here last week and staid[sic] two days. Clark is married and lives in Grafton. Samuel has bought him a shop and he is to work at his trade and I hope now he will see the necessity of trying to do something for himself. Uncle has moved to Amherst but talks some of coming back to Akron this Spring but do not think he will. Mr. Kent and wife went back to New Hampshire last fall. Your friend Emeline I know nothing about whether she is in town or not I do not know. Sarah Wheeler is married to a Mr. Starr that used to Clerk for Hall Mary Hines Father is dead where Mary is I do not know Saphronia Abbey had gone back to Connecticut so that is about all I can say of those that you were acquainted with but I shall have to stop writing for the present for our tea is ready we are going to have some boiled ham and potatoes. I wish you were here to eat with us. Samuel is gone most of the time as usual.

We have got through our supper and I have got my baby in the Cradle again now I will try and finish my letter we were going to move next week in the house where Mr. Finch lives you will recollect I presume where that is we did talk some of moving to Cleveland but have given it up for this year. You wrote in your letter that Sylvia was recovering but did not say how long she had been sick nor what was the matter with here. You do not write any thing that is satisfactory about Sylvia I cannot but feel that there is something wrong about them somewhere what is the reason you do not write all you know about them she never writes to me I suppose she has forgotten that she has a sister living in Ohio. I have not heard one word from Russel's folks since you left here.

Samuel was out to Madison not long since he called at the factory to see Hermes. He said he did not ask him to go up to the house he said Jane[?] had gone a visiting I suppose that was the

reason why he did not. I have been trying for almost a year to go and see them in fact I got started once and got as far as Talmadge then turned round and came back. When I shall start again I do not know but I have written enough and now I want to know what kind of a man you have selected for your husband. You say he is a Dr. Aurelia does Father approve of the match if so well and good I do not know but he is a young man but I must say I have no opinion of these young Doctors. Do not let him deceive you, remember Aurelia that it is not for a day or an hour but for life and as you value your future peace and happiness look before you leap but I suppose you will not thank me for my advice but you can have it for what it [is] worth but I must stop writing for the clock is now striking eleven. Give my best love to Father and Mother tell them I would like to see them very much also Sarah and Diantho and Sylvia when you see her do not wait long before you answer this and I will try to do the same but I must stop

So good night

R.B. Goodale