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Dear Father

It has been a long time since I have written to you and I suppose you think we have forgotten our old Father but that is not the case the name of Father is just as dear to me as it ever was and your image is ever before my mind and I often recall your prayers and counsel to remembrance and I feel and know that your prayers ascend daily to the throne of grace in our behalf and Dear Father keep on praying for we read the prayers of the righteous availeth much for we believe and know that God will hear and answer prayer if offered in faith

Dear Father I should like to see you and have a long talk with you I would say a great many things that I cannot write.

I suppose you would like to know how we are getting along in the way to heaven. I can tell you for one that the way sometimes looks dark and I am almost ready to give up in despair and think there is no use in trying to live a Christian life but I know that God is just the same now that he ever was he is just as willing to hear and answer prayer as he ever was the fault is all in me. I will not charge it upon God for he is still waiting to be gracious his mercies are new every morning and fresh every evening and it is because he changes not that we are not consumed.

Father I did not know till last evening what Newell wrote you in his letter he says you did not read his letter right he says he wrote you of Ida's [?] sickness and then he says there has been a death in Uncle Hermes family their [dog prince ??] it was all thoughtlessness on Newell's part he did not think how it would sound in a letter. I was very sorry that he should cause you so much anxiety.

Have you heard from Sarah this summer. We have lost all track of her but we learn from the papers that Mr. Burgess was sent to Covenant. We received a letter from Aurelia last week she wrote they were all well and thought of visiting you sometime this summer. Hermes and family are expecting to visit you in Sept and also Eliza I would like to go with them but do not expect to.

I would like very much to see all of my sisters once more together but when that time will be I know not perhaps never

How are Sulvia nd family getting along does S keep well

I wish you would write me all about them and the next time you see Sylvia tell her if she will write to me I will answer her letter.

Our friends here are all well as far as I know. Uncle James called here the other evening the second time he has been here he says he received a letter from Pittsfield not long since they were all well. Grandmother was quite smart.

Now Father as soon as you get this letter I want you to sit down and write me a long letter and tell me all the news how you get along and what you are doing and I will try and not wait so long before writing again.

My love to all

Your affectionate Daughter R