

Bradford Dec 11th 1837.

Dear S.

Every time I write, you see I am in a different place - However this shall be explained in the sequel.

It is some time since I received yours and I should have answered it long^{ago} had I remained stationary and enjoyed an opportunity sufficient for the duty: But since then I have been continually moving and my time has therefore been completely broken up - but no more for excuse - I will first give you a brief epitome of my travels - after assuring you that I received your letter with full as much pleasure, I will warrant, as you did mine.

It is just a fortnight yesterday since I left Andover for Boston - arrived there in the evening and so being at leisure called to see Miss Charlotte H. - found them all well - and at one at night left for Northampton - staid there the next night - saw some old classmates - and then left for Hartford - arrived at 7 in the evening - took a walk of about 9 miles and found my self at home eating a piece of mother's apple pie at just 10 - The whole route was very pleasant - friends at home all well - wish to be remembered to S. A. - he Monday last started for Andover - arrived in B. - at 1 in the night - remained there Tuesday saw all the good people and started for Andover Wednesday morning - when I arrived my roommate informed me that he was going to Bradford to spend the remainder of his vacation and invited me to go with him - so I agreed to go and Wednesday evening at 1/2 past 9 I found myself there where I am to spend two weeks and then I expect to find myself in Berwick - to spend one week with some one I know - guess who if you can.

already know the grounds of my opinion - I need not state them to you again.

I was in hopes of receiving some more explicit information respecting your family trials but I concluded that nothing had transpired aside from their moving worth relating or else that you had not entirely mastered your natural reserve in saying any thing on such subjects - but whenever you write never let any such feeling prevent you from unbosoming all your concerns as well as all your feelings. I do not think you have ^{been thus influenced} ~~been thus influenced~~ but I know your ~~are~~ naturally reserved on such subjects to most of your acquaintances and this may sometimes you know be extended to those to whom you would really be willing to unbosom yourself - I only mention it that in our correspondence we may ever have that same familiarity - that same oneness of feeling - that sympathy in each others ~~trials~~ sorrows or pleasures - and that tenderness of affection which have rendered the time we have spent together so pleasant and perhaps I may say profitable to both.

Yes let our feelings - let our adversity - our prosperity let ~~any~~ thing that is ours be one - If the waves of affliction beat on any one of us let us unbosom our ~~grief~~ ^{grief} to all and let the other calm the troubled waves - let us be free & unreserved and then shall the bonds of our affection be fastened firmer and firmer. Can shall we be one in heart & one in affection - then shall we know through our lives - what we have

already known - the value of an ardent faithful friend. And now in conclusion permit me to say one word on the request of advice I have given you as to your course of conduct - for instance your visiting the mansion & a thousand such little minor things.

It was always an unpleasant task to me - but as I once before told you I saw you alone & destitute of an adviser - and therefore prompted by the purest friendship and I ventured to assume the freedom to address you on those subjects and from the kindest manner in which you received my advice I was always glad that I did do it. ~~It~~ it was not I have often heard the remark that none but a true friend will venture to tell another his ~~own~~ feelings - nothing but the most sincere attachment, let me again assure you ever prompted me to assume the familiarity I did. I love you as I do myself - therefore I feel as much bound to watch over your interests and welfare as over my own - I wish you to do the same to me - tell me every failing - truly, faithfully.

... I shall be glad - I should be extremely glad to hear from you - I am ever at all your own service
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