

Middlebury Oct. 23 1844

My Dear Louisa,

Before this time I suppose you are either rejoicing in the prospect of your dear Brothers' recovery or are mourning their loss - I hope the former - In that case you will I know be very happy yet not so much so but that a little remembrance from me who claim an almost filial affection from you will be welcome. Yet should your heart have been doomed to feel the agony of a separation from those you love then I know you will feel the want of consolation - yet more than created beings can bestow. If it is so may the God of consolation himself fill your desolated heart and may his blessing attend the efforts of your friends to console you. You must consider my dear girl that you have a part to perform in case your Brothers no longer live that requires the exercise of fortitude. This is to console your father. - His loss would be much greater than yours - you are ~~not~~ young and probably will ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> have connections more tender than any you have yet known on which your hope and dependance will be placed. Such connections were your brothers to your father - if he has lost them no future worldly hope can fill their place - Yet Louisa it is for you to

makes him feel if he has lost them he has not lost  
all - Make yourself useful to him in every way  
you can - and endeavour to beguile him of  
his sorrows by ~~the~~ interesting conversations,  
and endearing attentions, but do not suffer your  
own melancholly countenance if you can  
possibly avoid it to be a perpetual memento <sup>to him</sup>  
of his bereavement. —

You perceive I write upon the supposition  
that your brothers are no more. I ~~do~~ <sup>hope</sup> ~~some~~  
they are still living and are better. If it should  
be so it will make the blessing of their ex-  
istence doubly dear to you, to realize  
what you would have <sup>otherwise</sup> felt to

Lucy Pearson has been called home since  
you left us to attend the funeral of her only  
brother - He died suddenly as was suppa-  
sed in a fit. Poor Lucy was most most  
unhappy - Our melancholly parting  
with her brought forcibly to our recol-  
lection the one we had so recently tar-  
nished with you - Indeed Lovisa the girl's miss  
you much yet I think not so much as I  
do - I often look to your place at the table  
and in the school room with a sigh. They  
are filled but your place in my heart my  
dear girl you shall still retain whether

present or absent. — Your letter to Sally  
Davis I have sent — Julia Pierpont and Susan  
Shimmer have arrived from Manchester. The  
former however does but stay to make a visit  
Five day scholars have entered my school  
since you left here — Mrs Schuyler and  
Mrs Burdham are both dead — Mrs. Lovin  
Foot is dangerously sick. —

I sometimes indulge the hope that you  
will return and spend the winter here — but  
I have found anticipation so often the har-  
binger of disappointment that I have learn-  
ed to indulge it with caution. —  
The girls mourn your absence more than I can  
describe much love to you — So no doubt notify  
the other girls if they know I am writing I will  
send particularly. — Write to me often  
I suppose you will have written before you  
receive this.

Affectionately your friend E. W. Weston

Julia Cambell is in town. —

Miss Lovisa Foot

Towne Rockwood Herd...

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E. M. Wells  
Letter

Miss Louisa Bates

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Mrs. Cassin