

Leicester July 1<sup>st</sup> 1844

Dear Mary

In accordance with my feelings this morning I sit down to fulfill the promise I made you of this, that I would write you. I do not remember that you gave me an invitation to do so, yet I hope this common situation may not be so great a bar upon your good feelings as to meet with an unfavourable reception. Indeed I should have written you before this time, if various circumstances combined had not caused me to defer until the present. I have heard nothing from Waltham since I left there, yet I often think of the people in that place, and a wish rises in my mind, that I could see how they are all situated. I suppose Mr. and Mrs. your father and mother have returned, and are again restored to their affectionate daughter, while you are abridged of domestic cares. How did you succeed in their absence? I should very much like to have a description of your house keeping, and also how your people were pleased with their journey. I enjoyed the time that I travelled with them very much, and feel greatly indebted for the kindness and attention they bestowed upon me. You was frequently the subject of our conversation, and would you have heard the regrets that were felt by all of us, that you was not present, you might have little fear of ever again being left by your parents.

Do you visit the Seminary frequently this summer? How  
are all things prospering there? Who are the present  
teachers, and how large is the school? Are Mr and Mrs  
Nelson well? Remember me affectionately to them, and  
tell them I am intending to write soon. Is Miss Anderson  
still teaching and how does she succeed? What has  
become of Julia Wetmore? I wrote her a paper a long time  
since, but received nothing in return except a comparative  
communication. Perhaps now this, she has entered into  
partnership with some Delaware Company, with which  
circumstances I have not yet been made acquainted.  
Please present to her my love, and tell her that a letter  
from her would give me great pleasure.

After leaving your people on their way to Baltimore  
I came directly to Gunton. Here I found Sister's family  
well and pleasantly situated. I immediately commenced  
taking lessons in music, and intended to have remained  
here through the summer, they unexpectedly to us Mr. Hiram  
was appointed Editor of Sabbath School Publications in  
New York City, consequently they are going to that place to  
reside. We shall leave here this week, but the weather is  
so extremely warm that Sister fears to take her children  
in New York at this time, and we are going to Squashanok,  
a small town in Maryland ten miles from New York at a friend  
of Sister's. It is a delightful place, situated on the Potomac  
River, and on one side on the east coast of the City, ready  
in the Fall Sister designs to take up her residence in New  
York and intend to spend the winter with them.

Will you not come on and spend a year in the city? I  
should be happy to see you there.

Please tell your father that I am anxious to get the  
money on the note I left in his care, and wish he would  
request the Trustees to pay it as soon as it is convenient for  
him to attach to the business. I do not wish to give your  
father trouble, but I wish the Trustees to be seized for the  
money, as I desire it for use now. (We may send a Draft  
on New York to the order of my brother in law Daniel S.  
Kiddier - direct it to his care 100 Mulberry St. N. York  
Remember me affectionately to your father and mother, and  
all my acquaintances who may inquire for me. I would  
write a much longer letter if it was now convenient,  
the boat is in an entire state of construction, every thing  
being turned about for moving. Now, dear Mary, I shall  
anxiously expect a long letter from you. Write you  
not write to me very soon & sister wishes to be remembered  
to yourself and parents; Please remember me to Caroline  
& Constance, and believe me

Yours affectionately  
Ed. Smith