

Dear & Absent Friend

It has ben some time since I have ~~ben~~ written to you not because I have forgotten you but it was through neglect and having so much to do I have ben thinking that I should write to you evere since I got home but time has past away untill this day and I thought that I would write a few lines and let you know how I do and how I get along my health is very good this winter it has not ben so good for some time as at this present time and I hope this will find you enjoying the same blessing a blessing which we ought to be thankfull for I have ben at meeting to day and have had a very good meeting I have ben at home all winter and have ben up to a little every thing and I have enjoyed myself first rate this winter all girls have ben at home and we have had a joly tim and a curious good time I dont know what I shall do when the girls go away I shall be very lonesome and discontented I expect I shall be starting away after they go away if I could worke in the mill I should go to Canton with them but I cant so I must give it up and be contented Oh how I should like to go up to Walpole and see you and the rest of the folks I little thought that when I left you that it would be so long before I should see you but I hope I shall see you and have a curious good time once more I often recall those happy hours that I have spent with you and your folks I dont suppose I shall see you and call you by the name of Eliza Clapp but I hope I shall see you happy and contented & it seems to me that I could picture you out in a neat little cottage sewing to your family fairs and singing the song of a contented mind Oh how I should just like to step in and see you and your Husband, husband how funny that sounds you just stop and think of it. I think some of coming up this spring or the first of the summer and if you ar at Walpole I think I shall go and see you I should be very happy to see you fond parents and George you ask him if John has got Polly for she run away from me and I do not know where she is I want you to write me along letter as soon as you get this for I want to hear from you give my love to your Father & Mother & Geo write to me and I will answer it from your friend Amanda The