

difficulty last spring - some then said - they hoped the house
would burn before a cent was expended on it - & so it did -
the next morn'g after the sat' morn'g it was burnt - the workmen were to
begin to repair the house - little doubt remained that it was the work
of an incendiary - I have been quite calm about it - for I think
it will not hurt my people very much in the end -

The worst that troubles me just now is the "like vermin" of Aban-
-tians - I have sometimes preached to them what I scarcely knew what
-ev. It would blister their consciences - or make them peevish & scorn with
-reg - it is dreadful to see Christians so stupid amidst so many economi-
-ties as we here have here - A few weeks since an aged man of more
than 80 years fell from under his sled & was dragged so a ho-
-rrible & the next morn'g found dead - & then have been some things
like to cases of the typhoid fever - Mr Buck's eldest daughter - a very
good girl member of the church 14 years of age - who was at Blue-
-hill when you was here - is now very sick of it - a week ago we
hardly expected her life - but we hope now she is better -

I suppose you have heard that Enoch Bond died Sat' morn'g
his remains to day, ^{widow} and on the way to Georgetown to be interred
his father & his wife attending them - He died in faith -
very happily - how short his period of labor - The remains
were carried to Bangor Inds - & I suppose then were funeral
services there yesterday - His wife sustains her loss with con-
siderable composure -

Now when I have heard I do not know but I
shall have you for a neighbor at Bucksport - While I remain
here - I should like it for my circle of friends now is
very narrow & must be while here - Mrs Buck I find