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Dear Children I take my pen in hand to let you know that we are all enjoying good health as common and was very glad to hear from you we received yours Saturday we received one from Elisha S on Thursday was glad to hear from him he did not know whether he should come home or not, we expect you have seen him before now if he comes home we expect there is one on the way, to Parsonsfield he did not much for he did not know whether he should stay or not Sally there is great inquiry to know when you are at coming home, time seems very long since I have seen you I cannot write much now for it is Monday morning and your pair is at waiting to carry it to the office and I have to hurry I can write I want to see you all we have not written to Smith for we have been looking for a letter tell him to write all the particulars write do or come and tell us all about it, we want you to, give our best respects to Mr Sands and Mrs Sand your parents want to see you all, we had a good meeting Saturday indeed Saturday night and Sunday morning there came five or six inches of snow the ground is white now with snow and cold enough, I must draw to it close it is almost eight o'clock, send word or come tell us hear as soon as you get this, I am glad to hear of your good enjoyment pray for us day long tell Joseph that there is still a land of rest that I sigh for I have got to draw to a close from your Parents Elisha and Mary Wainwright