Baldwin, Jeb. 14th. 1852 duly and gratefully received, when I do not see, hear from you for some time, I feel, desponding, and lovely, the winter his indeed been, long severe and dreamy, and most sinearchy do I rejuce, in the prospect of actuaring, Spring through surely, I, who am surrounds by so many mercies, ought not to complain, health independence, and their attendant blenings, ought to inspine gratified, and the comforts of a good home, of my own to compensate, in some measure an the went of society, which seems to be all, wanting, to render my situation, all I could divine, of your remomited kindness, is a source of gratitude, and exporpment to me in my solitade, and I unearly hope I shall never never do any thing to despirt your fraternal appear - ton, I am very ancious, from Ruth, the is now my only and very dear liter, In may god in his mercy nextone has to health, I cannot beel reconciled, to being left without, one own letter, I am going to hear of the ilness of Mrs Bandley. The has been a great suffere for there many years, I am glad your onfo can be with her, though you and her Daughters must, mis her Sadly, give my love to her, and all your Children

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Description: Hannah Pierce to Josiah Pierce

Baldwin, Feb. 15th, 1852

My Dear Brother,

Your kind letter of the 13th, was duly and gratefully received, when I do not see, nor hear from you, for some time, I feel desponding, and lonely, the Winter has indeed been, long severe and dreary, and most sincerely do I rejoice, in the prospect of returning, Spring though surely I, who am surrounded by so many mercies, ought not to complain, health independence, and their attendant blessings, ought to inspire gratitude, and the comforts, of a good home of my own, to compensate, in some measure, for the want of society, which, seemes to be all, wanting, to render my situation. All I could desire, in your unremited kindness, is a source of gratitude, and enjoyment to me, in my solitude, and I sincerely hope I shall never never do anything to forfeit your fraternal affection, I am very anxious, for Ruth, she is now my only and very dear Sister, Oh may God in his mercy restore her to health, I cannot feel reconciled, to being left without, one own Sister. I am sorry to hear of the illness, of Mrs Bradley, she has been a great suffere for these many years. I am glad your Wife can be with her, though, you and her Daughter, must, miss her sadly, give my love to her, and all your Children

who are with you I think I had a promise from Iwis of a wiest from him before his return to college, but have not been so happy as to see him and welleam grock, why did he stay so long at gorkane without virting his all land. my hear knother of it I were to whit no powow you would handly recognize, this serand as my production will you be go good as to send me by the first opportunity; some post affice stamps, for letters, as I am out of them, as you will present by the number of one cent stamps, on this small sheet. I am glad you have been to Tamil's, How can they live if he does nothing, ? fine dollars for week, is last a small pettance, to support, a samily of tender with hency Da, hills, to fear, my heart aches from him, but what can I to alan! nothing to aid him. my own expense, are more than I can meet. I have as get found no one to him on take my farm, and think I shall have to carry it on, myself. this year I suppose I can him the Man that I now have and I cannot, ottain a hetter, I am certain, but I want your advice my dear Brother, and withing tryes my prox eyes like trying to write, and must now close with the general wishes for your Spiritual and temporal happiness I am your touly grateful and affectionate likes aust- he by 20. & sent 10 stamps. Stannah

who are with you, I think I had a promise from Lewis of a visit from him before his return to college, but have not been so happy as to see him, and William Gooch, Why did he stay so long at Gorham without visiting his old Aunt? My dear Brother, if I were to solicit no favour you would hardly recognize, this scrawl as my production, will you be so good as to send me by the first opportunity, some post office stamps, for letters, as I am out of them, as you will perceive by the number of one cent stamps on this small sheet. I am glad you have been to Daniel's, How can they live, if he does nothing,? Five dollars per Week, is but a small pittance, to support, a family of ten. with heavy Dr s bills, to pay, my heart aches for him, but what can I do. Alass! Nothing to aid him my own expenses, are more than I can meet. I have as yet found no one to hire or take my farm, and think I shall have to carry it on, myself, this year. I suppose I can hire the Man that I now have and I cannot obtain a better, I am certain, but I want your advice, my dear Brother. Nothing tryes my poor eyes like trying to write, and I must now close, with the sincerest wishes, for your Spiritual and temporal, happiness, I am your truly grateful, and affectionate Sister

Hannah