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Description: Lucia Sanborn to Phebe Elisabeth Sanborn

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Dear Sister

I suppose you have long been wondering why I did not write you. There are many excuses I might make but will not stop now. I think you are very particular to wait so long. I thought we should have seen you in B. before this time. H & myself have scolded a good deal about it but it does not seem to do any good. You are so obstinate & seem so determined to persist in the course you are taking. I guess we shall be obliged to give you over, hopeing you will be led some time to see the error of your ways & turn from them. I have not written to give you another invitation to come to B but to find out where you are so that I may be able to pay my debts. I suppose however that you are in Baldwin perhaps have decide to spend the remnant of your days their

if so I hope you ^ grant us the privilege of hearing from you every few years. I wont set the time shorter than that for I suppose you have a great many <u>newspapers</u> to read & other things equally important to take up your time & attentions.

We are all very well excepting Pa & myself. Pa has a bad cold. I have been sick since last Oct. past of the time

have been confued to the house, have been directing for a long while but cannot get well, thought it is soil of despersion it changes my looks very much some lett me that they should not have known me. I am very weak the least experience at times about to chaust in Those to get better soon, but feel at times almost descouraged, I feel ancious to get well I have so much to to do. I before it is all for the best to try to feel so. I have often thought almost with transling of the many printeges to blessings that I enjoyed fear that I have not improved them as I veget I think it is well for us to be definised of all these slessings for a solute that we may know better how to appreciate them. Think it is my carnest desire to prayer, that I may profit by this seekness. In form seaduleons but how carely are they broken, it shows no one own meakness to depend one upon a higher power.

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I am one of the visitors of the Provident Association. I am expected to visit the families that I assist. I have a class of nine scholars in Sabbath School Those must be called upon every few weeks, together with sewing circles & the young ladies prayer meeting which we attend, take up a great deal of time. You may say this is too much for one to attend to properly. I do not feel competent, but think if I try & do the best I can the effort will be excepted. — It is very cold here, had

are improving it I think you might enjoy goes sily very much of you were here this Arister, me really think hard of your think of you wanted to come to B. you woulds.

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I will send this liker to I for perhaps your may be there if not it will be casies for you to get it them from Baldwin. Please Semember me affect tionality to all, Sell tanien I have not forgotter his

a real old fashioned snow storm here last week. people are improveing it. I think you might enjoy yourself very much if you were here this winter. We really think hard of you. Think if you wanted to come to B. you would.

I have not heard from Chelsea of late. [?] did the weding of Ms. Norton Thanksgiving Eve at aunt's house. I suppose you have heard an account of it ere this. They have a little girl at Erastus little more than two months old. Nicely kept house on Canton St. How does Nannie & Aunt Hannah do? I should like to see them very much. Charles made us a very ceremonious call when he was in B - & apologised for that. Do you hear from Limerick often? Perhaps you are there. What is going on? I feel sorry that I have neglected paying you that money so long. hope you have not needed it. I will send it if you will just let me know where you are. do not like to trust it in a letter without being sure you will get it.

I will send this letter to L for perhaps you may be there. If not it will be easier for you to than

get it there ^ from Baldwin. Please remember me affectionately to all. Tell Nannie I have I have not forgotten her.

I want to see you both very much I would usge your still to come if I shought it of my use I think you might enjoy yourself now as well as any leason of the jews, it is not be but getting about him as it is in the country I do not know as there is herely a day that pusses but what It . I might wish you were here I should be glad if Esther would come. Low, much I went to be grandme the children tall of the folks. All you not come? And soon He send and her love. Tours apply, It Sauton Remember your pronum in regard to letters do not lot way one see them. We wish you all a very happy Have heard from Chelsen, They are well this letter, looks News Tear So I do not like to send it do not feel as though I could write it all over a gain destroy it wont you, mile say loom I have been confined to the house for The week part, feel some better now, it was from the offerts of oil applied to my stomach that made me wasse for the line but her helped Some I think . This dear this looks to boil, he mother hade loom Comelon Remember, me to your mother Tell her how proppy we should be to recen a risit from him I went Samoh to If you are in I will you be beind enough to see that Charly has the Exiles paper this year I will pay you. Ihope I shall not forget to unte you to come to B. do not mind the snow often you get to Vaco the west of it is all over come soon come soon come loon, do not forget it now, Here you every som or heard onything from Bhus & Winter my soon, good bys. he called on us one I said he should come again, but he have not seen arything of him. I did not know as he had even, been heard from skile he was in B. If I think of anything more I can put it on to the out side.

I want to see you both very much & would urge you to come if I thought it of any use. I think you [might?] crying yourself now as well as any season of the year. It is not so bad getting about town as it is in the country. I do not know as there is hardly a day that passes but what H & myself wish you were here. I should be glad if Esther would come. How much I want to see grandma the children & all the folks. Will you not come? Write soon. H sends sends his love.

Yours afflty., L.A. Sanborn Remember your promise in regard to letters. do not let any one see them.

We wish you all a very happy
Have heard from Chelsea, they are well. This letter looks New Year
so I do not like to send it. do not feel as though I could write it all over again.
destroy it won't you. Write very soon. I have been confined to the house for
the week past. feel some better now. it was from the affects of oil
applied to my stomach that made me worse for the time but has helped
some I think. Oh dear this looks so bad. no matter. Write soon. Come Soon.
Remember me to your mother. Tell her how happy we should be to receive
a visit from her & aunt Hannah too. If you are in L will you be kind
enough to see that Charley has the childs paper this year. I will pay
you. I hope I shall not forget to invite you to come to B. do not
mind the snow after you get to Saco the worse of it is all over

come soon. come soon come soon. do not forget it now
Have you ever seen or heard anything from Chas F. Write very soon, good bye.
he called on us once & said he should come again but we have not seen
anything of him & did not know as he had ever been heard from since
he was in B. If I think of anything more I can put it on to the out side.