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Description: Letter to Mary from her sister, Lydia Patterson.

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9th It was very warm last night, but I rested very comfortably, and am now writing before breakfast, that I may send this by Gardiner. I have been so diligent of late that my eyes are growing rather weak. I did not attend meeting last Sabbath, the weather being damp, for the want of an umbrella, but was very well contented to stay at home. Miss Whittier still continues very pleasant. I think she must have received a lesson, while at home. I have heard that Mrs Kellog, is not the one ^{father} you supposed, but that

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