

Hannah & Martha
Jan 24, 1864

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loved, and the counsel that has so long
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Description: Pierce sisters to brother, Josiah

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to Baldwin this inclement season,
when the weather is more genial
we shall hope to see you, nothing
new or interesting, is transpiring here,
we have had but little company this
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as she seems to require quiet and
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if I am in need of any thing, surely
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I go to him for council, and assistance
as I should to you if you were
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