

Peterborough. July 25 1848 –

Dear Abbot,

We were very glad to receive your long letter; - to know you passed through your examinations, - Exhibition &c – satisfactorily; - that your Mother could be there; - and that you are enjoying yourself at Exeter. – Next week I hope you will be with us; - I wish you were here now: - the garden looks finely: - more flowers in bloom, I should think, than we have had for years. Pinks, geraniums, Larkspurs, Hollyhocks, African roses, London Pride &c &c. Strawberries, Raspberries and currants will be gone I fear, before you get here. I am sorry Boynton is ill. I hope he has recovered before this time. He or Allison sent us a catalogue and Langdell a catalogue of the Golden Branch Society for which we are much obliged. Our church has been shut up for three sabbaths. Next Sunday we expect Mr J. H. Morison: - who says he will give the society three sabbath days preaching. After that we may have Mr. Billings, from the Meadville Institution. It is uncertain however. Charles Scott was married to Sophia Fuller this morning: - After the marriage they took the stage to visit their friends at Boston, Mansfield &c. – were to be absent a fortnight: - Many of their friends thought it foolish for them to marry so young. Charles' health is not very good. Your Aunt Leonard remains ill yet: - not able to sit up much: - a slow fever often continues about one a long time. Esq. Walker & wife and child left home last Saturday: - It was their intention to be at Hamptonfalls yesterday: - where Mrs W- will pass a few days. Have you been at Mr. Cram's, since you went to Exeter - ? – if you could conveniently visit them while Mrs W is there they would be glad to see you. Mr. Walker intended going on to the West. Ariana is more feeble; the last accounts we had of her. – Mrs James Scott has been dangerously ill, but is now getting better. Little Catharine has a brother. Mr Tubbs too is sick: - and his beloved came and took care of him; - she boarded at Mrs. Snow's. Mrs Brown & child from the West and Mrs Scott from Westford are at Miss Sally Scotts. I am fearful you will not see my teeth in, when you come home without Mr Tubbs gets well, quite soon. We should be glad to see your Mother and sisters here this summer, but suppose we must not expect them, if she takes her journey to Farmington. Give much love to them: - hope your Mother will find time to write to me by you. I wish Uncle Abbot might be able to travel over our hills with you and make us a visit: give my love to him and Aunt. The early part of next week we shall expect you. I can then tell you what news I omit to write you now. Your Grandmother is in her usual health now; - was ill a day or too last week. Miss Seecomb is here yet and never tires watering & tending her plants. Miss Fisk does well, but is not very strong. all send love. Very affectionately your Aunt Abby –

July 26, '48

Dear Abbot,

I am sorry that your Mother has trouble & anxiety about Mr Crosby. The word punctuality does not seem to be practically well understood. Mr C's delinquency is probably owing to the want of punctuality of some person on whom he depended for the money. & his failure was occasioned in like manner. I esteem punctuality a great virtue. It is an important branch of truth, & necessary to the health & life of business. If your Mother goes to Farmington she will probably have opportunity of seeing a number of our relations. Sister Phebe A. brother Benjamin's widow passes some time with her sone abiel A. & with her other children at Farmington Dr. Perkins's & J Titcomb's wives. These nephews & nieces would be glad to hear of their uncle & aunts & cousins at Peterboro' & Wilton. Your Aunt Hannah may have become acquainted with some of them. They are good respectable people, as you know the Abbots generally are. If your Mother should meet with any of them, as I hope she will, I wish she would present

our love & very kind remembrances to them. There are some more distant relatives in [unreadable] as Rev S. P. Abbot, brother of the book makers, teaching a private school, & Alexander W. Abbot, preceptor of the Academy. I hope your Mother will have a pleasant journey & delightful visit. Farmington is a very pleasant town, which I visited more than 50 years ago, when all the houses, except two, were log huts. It grieves me that Boynton is sick; I trust he is better; patience & my kind regards to him & Allison & Langdell, thank him for his kind attention to them. Offer my respects to Mr Soule, inquire respecting the Peterboro boy. – Love to Dr. A. & Lady; tell him we are in pretty good health; that his sister continues to knit some in the forenoon. If he declines coming with you to P-, remind him that you will bring a letter. Mr Cutter was in town part of last week; has preached 3 or 4 sabb.s at Kennebunk; he thinks that the east wind there will not comport with his health. Love & to all – Yrs truly, Abiel Abbot

P.S You can go in stages to Lawrence & thence directly to Lowell

Grandfather & Aunt Abbey. July 26. 1848.

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