

North Bloomfield, April 7th, 1847

My dear Mother,

I have long been thinking of writing you a letter, but thought I would wait until I received one from you in answer to my last one from home, but as I have been disappointed this past week, I have concluded to wait no longer. Spring has made his appearance, the trees are filled with birds, among them the lark seems to me the sweetest singer, but I can assure you that in the concert we have every morning, it is hard selecting the sweetest songster. The roads are very good, and this week we are going to ride horseback again. On Thursday we were all invited with the clergyman, and his lady, Mr. and Mrs. Pitkin, to Colonel Green's to eat maple sugar. We went in a large lumber wagon, each took our own chair, and a jollier company seldom has gotten together. Oh, I do like this independence of fashion and forms. Cousin Elizabeth has been spending a few days in Warren, Cousin Anne and myself will go before long. We have disappointed Helen once this winter, as she got all ready to give us a party, when the boys returned from Pittsburgh. But the roads were so bad that we could not go. Three weeks ago there was a Liberty convention here. Judge King was here and spoke, as also Mr. Bradburn from Massachusetts, formerly a Whig member of the Legislature in that state. Well, after the convention here, there was to be another in Painesville, so Mr. King and Mr. Bradburn invited Cousin Anne and myself to go with them. So, we accepted the invitation and made a visit of for days at Mr. Harris'. While in Painesville we received much attention from Missrs King and Bardburn. We also received an invitation from Colonel Storrs- an Uncle of Henry L. Storrs- to visit his green-house, but it was not convenient for us to go. A friend of Mr. Bradburn's, a Mrs. Marshall, also invited us to her house, but we could only make a call. Thus much for our visit to Painesville, which I can assure you we enjoyed very much. But the principle object in writing today is to say that Cousin Anne has about made up her mind to go home with me- that is if I don't go until July,- and she likes it, will, I think spend the winter. Her brothers are very anxious to have her go, not only for the visit, but that she may see more society than she can here. It must be that Lucin and I have made a very favorable impression. But in my opinion, she needs but very little polish to make her appear perfectly at ease in society. The most will be to overcome her difference. I admire her very much. She is intelligent and as for good looks, in my opinion she is handsome, and a better friend I never found. As for the other cousins, I think it entirely uncertain as to their visiting New Hartford. I shall not place a dependence on their going. And, now, Ma, what I want to say is this: May we not have the back parlor chamber for our room, and if Anne stays all winter can we have a fire up there, and Pa and you and Lucin sit up there with us and one rad while the rest are busy. This is the way we have spent a great deal of our time this winter. Why is it that we never can have reading out loud at home? It is very seldom that we have it. And now, another thing I have to say, and I don't want to you to laugh at me either. I have always had the name "Lazy" at home, and know I have not been as industrious as I might be. Now to avoid being called so any more, I want you and Lucin to talk together and conclude what is my share of the work. I mean sweeping, &c... for I

never expect my hands to be well enough to wash dishes or bake. But I can do so much more sweeping, and I want you to write to me and tell me what you want me to do each day about the house. As for the sewing, draw, reading, and music, we can regulate that when I come home. Now, don't you and Lucin laugh at me, but write very soon and tell me what you have concluded upon. When does Pa think of coming? Persuade him not to come until July, for I am certain Anne cannot be ready before that time certainly. I am still very happy here. I cannot recall on unhappy hour I have passed since I came to B. but were you and Pa and Lucin here, I should be almost too happy. Give a great deal of love to Pa and Cindy, and accept a large share my Mother, from your daughter, Sarah.

Tell Lucin think that she uses Elizabeth and Anne too bad. They say they don't think she likes to hear from them. Any one that can write such good letters as Lucin ought not use her friends as she does. If Pa has not sent Mary's carriage yet, I wish you would send my sun bonnet, and some materials for making handkerchiefs and thinks to wear on my neck, and enough light calico for a pretty loose dress, and any other things which I may need when I go to Pittsburgh. There are reasons why I want to look very nice. You can do the things up in the bundle and put them in the carriage box. Charles has sold out in Pittsburgh to Marvin and Fayette and they are going on in their business in Pittsburgh, so Marvin will not come home to live. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Proctor and all the cousins send love. Give a great deal of love to Aunt Lydia and family to Margaret, too. Tell Lucin that I want her to send me the fashions; to tell me whether my travelling bonnet or my other one will look the best in Pittsburgh. Do they wear the skirts as full as ever? And if she has a good collar and underhandkerchief pattern to send them. Of course if the carriage is sent I can get these things. Do write very soon, and write as soon as possible after receiving this, as we think of going to Warren the first of May, and from there to Pittsburgh.