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Miss H. Angeline Lord (New London) fr sister Sarah (Lyme, Mehetable's Knoll) 7 Jan 1846; written on used paper as Sarah explains "There is but one blank sheet in the house and that is very nice for these times and I cannot afford to use it in writing to Angie."; making pumpkin pies; Miss Hughes and Mr. Date[?] to be married this week

Miss Sarah Lord (Lyme) fr (sister) Angie (New London) 16-21 Jan 1846; re school, "There is to be given this term a most elegant Bible, as a reward to those who are most punctual in attendance, recitations &c and though I do not expect to get it, it furnishes an additional motive to diligence. My only new study, Chemistry, I like very well so far. I have just handed in an odious composition. I am almost discouraged thinking I shall ever be a decent composer. Mr. Farnsworth's face was as long as 'my arm' when he read it."; spent Monday evening at the Seamen's Friend Society; spent Wednesday with Emma Weaver; re dancing, "Some of the girls have taken up dancing at recess. I enjoy it very well to look on, but should like to join them, it is not much exercise to see, but I do not suppose they would learn me for any sum., they are very choice of their knowledge in this particular."; death of Mr. David Ely; Addie & Leander; wants the following items sent, "the First Class Book, my old corded skirt, the old Accordion which A. wants very much . . ."; re religious faith

Angeline H. Lord (New London) fr Sarah, 29 Jan [1846]; re accordion; Carrie spending the week; "I presume the Mr. David Ely you noted was not Dea[?] Ely's son or they they [sic] would have heard of it ere this."

Angeline Lord (New London) fr Caroline L. Selden (Hadlyme) 6 Feb 1846; death of sister Mary's child (entire letter): "I regret dear Angie that I am compelled to send you this evening sad tidings. But so it is. Our dear sister Mary has in the mysterious [sic] Providence of God, been called to yield to its Maker, another dear child, My little

namesake has been taken from us and transplanted to the heavenly Paradise. She was sick about a week of the lung fever and was a great sufferer. Mother and Sarah were there a day or two before she died, and will remain there probably some time. The funeral was attended on Wednesday. Carrie Lord was beautiful in death's embrace, though she did not look very natural. Indeed I should hardly have known it was her. Little Ellen was then quite sick but I had a letter from Sarah today saying she was much better. Sarah wished me to write you dear Angie, of the death of our sweet little niece, and she will write you more particularly as soon as she can. Thaddeus Raimond has just come in to spend the evening so I will not be able to write much more. I have waited quite impatiently to receive a letter from you Sis but received today some music for which I am very much obliged. I hope you will find time before long to write me a good long letter. I have a great many things I would like to write but must wait till next time. Mother says tell Angie I remember her a great deal of affection and Lizzy sends love. My dear Husband also would have a nice little tender line for you but he is talking and laughing with his friend Raimond so you must take the wish for the deed. I would send a great quantity of love to you dear Angie while I remain your aff. Sister/ Caroline L. Selden"

Angeline Lord (c/o Mr. Farnsworth, New London) fr Sarah (Lyme) 14 Feb [1846]; death of Mary's child (Carrie's namesake) on 3 Feb 1846; "Dr. Warren said he never saw a child so patient. . . Sister Mary does not weep much but the deep drawn sigh and the look so disconsolate is as painful to witness as tears would be."; Ellen sick; visitors, "Mother and myself came home yesterday and brought Mary Eliza with us having been nearly two weeks at brother Griffin's."; Sarah has not yet sent to Angie the things she requested

Sarah Lord (Lyme) fr A. (Angeline?) 28 Feb [1846]; re death of niece (sister Mary's daughter), ". . . I had heard from Leander who was here the Wednesday before, that Sister Mary had lost another of her little children."; Angie babysitting Farnsworth's baby; deciding whether to continue school next term; received items Sarah sent; received 3 valentines, ". . . some got 20 or so. I probably should, had I been more acquainted, do not you think so? I wrote a few, one in particular to Ade [Ada?], which I meant she should think came from Leander, but I could not [?] it"; re clothes, "Tell mother I am afraid I shall have to get me

another pair of rubbers, these proved to be a miserable pair, I have had them mended twice and I begin to think it would be cheaper to get another pair. I hope she will not think me extravagant."; birthday, "My birthday has passed, and I am seventeen, it does not seem possible & you too are twenty, let us get some caps and spectacles to put on."

H. Angeline Lord (New London) fr Sarah (Lyme) 20-21 March [1846]; Joseph brought Carrie home Saturday; went to church with brother Griffin; Joseph returned to Hadlyme Monday and came back on Wednesday to get Carrie; with Leander attended wedding of Judah and Mary Beckwith; re burial of Mrs. Reuben Lord; re Angie returning to school, "If you conclude to return me think you had better not attend to any study excepting Latin and music if you like as if you do you will be obliged to pay as much as if you studied them all and judging from my own experience Latin will be sufficient to engage all your attending in your study hours. Me do not think it advisable to engage for more than a half term at first."; re clothes, Mother thinks Angie needs dress for summer and calico school dress; need to know how much money Angie needs; sister Mary's baby "grows fast"; re clothing, "Mother says have good rubbers by all means in all places where you will be in danger of dampening your feet."

Angeline Lord (Lyme) fr friend Ellen P. Rogers (New London) 24 April 1846; writing from school, "We miss you very much indeed especially Addy. There are 32 scholars in school now and there are four new ones coming soon. I have but three studies at present [?] Algebra, French and Botany. I wish you was here to study Botany with us, for it is so pleasant to analyze flowers, don't you think so?"; Adeline enjoyed visit [with Angie?]; Mr. F wants her to take Latin; Matilda and Julia just returned from NY; will take music lessons from Mr. Williams, organist of 2nd Congregationalist Church, "I suspect I shall get many a good scolding before I get through 26 lessons."; Betsey Ann not at school this term; school hours 8:30AM-12:30PM and 2PM-4PM; re romance, "What! Has become of that certain young gent you used to think so much of (don't think I am joking) do write and let me know about him."; re African Americans, "There was a fair held here yesterday by the colored people. Ada and me went after school, the tables were laid out with a great deal of taste. There was some of the most polite gentlemen and ladies of color I have ever met with present."

Angie Lord (Lyme), second half to Sarah, fr Rose Gillet (New York) 10 August 1846; (very small handwriting); re

Oliver?, sister Bell, Harrington; [on same piece of paper] to Sarah, ". . . Oliver is quite glad you are coming to Brooklyn to live, he says he intends to go over to see you very often. . ."

Sister Sa (Miss Sarah Lord, Lyme) fr Angie [30? Aug 1846]; re capes, ". . . I did not get any trimming for mine but scalloped it, so I shall simply get the silk for yours. . ."; re coming home on Thursday, ". . . We have talked some of coming home in a private carriage. Mrs. Farnsworth says it will cost but 2 dollars and a half . . ."

Sarah Lord (Lyme) fr "Sigma" (New Orleans) 17 Sept 1846; re flowers, ". . . enclosing a few flower seeds. . . These seeds are a species of Cucunbitacae and prodces a very large and fragrant flower the color of which is a brilliant orange. . ."

Sarah Lord (Lyme) fr Angie Lord [probably New London] 30 March [no year, 1846?], written on printed advertisement for New-London Female Academy, H.W. Farnsworth, Principal; re school, prizes, coming home, bills ". . . As to the sum of money necessary to pay my bills, I cannot tell you exactly, I should think about 45 dollars. I hardly think I shall come next term. Mr. F says one cannot acquire knowledge enough of Latin in one term to be worth studying it, but I think I shall need the dresses you spoke of at any rate. . ."

Sister Sarah (Sarah W. Lord, Lyme) fr Hannah (56 Rivington St., New York) 26 Nov 1846; visit from sister Mary, husband & children, and cousin (Miss Sarah Way) of Mr. Winn's arrived from Georgia, ". . . We sung, we talked, we visited, we read, and we prayed together as in the days of our childhood & youth. They were with us four months. . ."; piano playing; Thanksgiving; Carrie has become a mother; mentions brother Francis, sister Mary, "brother" Joseph, sister Carrie, Miss Ely

Angeline Lord (Lyme) fr Ellen (New London) 24 or 25 May 1946; school, not taking Latin but ". . . I think you show a great degree of bravery in studying it at home, yet I do not believe you will continue long enough to be perfected in it although I am fully aware that one of your most prominent [?] is that of perseverance. It is no wonder you are not sorry that you did not return to school this term for I do not think Examination is a very joyful subject for anticipation."; Angie horseback riding, "I should like to

take a ride horse-back very much provided I has a horse that was about 50 years old."; mentions Georgeana from East Lyme, Leander, Ann Latham, Mary Ann; Wallace B, "I heard that he had volunteered to go to Texas . . ."

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Angie Lord (Lyme) fr Adelia [nd, 1846?]; Ellen R going to grandfather's(?) funeral in Waterford; Emma(?) gone to Sag Harbor; ". . . Dr. Smith seemed quite surprised to think you did not call to see him."; Hiram received letter from friend in Alabama concerning war(?)

Angie from Adelia Farnsworth, 5 May 1846; re bedbugs, ". . . for my bedfellows are such uneasy little creatures, that I rather by far sit up all night. . . . But they are gradually diminishing . . . but Hiram has said 'they do not trouble me at all' until last week he was reading, put his hand down upon his pants, spat upon a bedbug, ever since then he has been their most bitter enemy, and has given them no peace, but doses them with quicksilver and other poisonous drugs."

Sarah & Angie Lord (Lyme) fr Adelia, 11 May 1846; re her brother going to China again, "He brought me a beautiful box, work box, and a very pretty white shawl silk, just right for a wedding, you get married and I will lend it to you."; re Adelia's beau, Jamie?; "Oh! girls, such an apparition as appeared to me night before last, what do you think it was?" it was none other than Richard in his shirt flaps, excuse me girls, but you have I presume heard of such articles worn by gentlemen, although you have no gentlemen among you. Well dear girls let me tell you all about it. I blew out my lamp and rolled up the curtain and was looking at the moon, when I saw Richard dance across the room with nothing on but the aforesaid article, he came up to the window the blinds were thrown open, and no curtains, and the windows are quite low, well he gazed for a time upon things without, then he cut back across the room on light fantastic toe, blue out the lamp and jumped in to bed, now what do you think of that? I blushed of course, and laughed to my self most heartily, and every time I see him I can but think of those broom sticks I saw peeping from under his shirt. Della says she supposes(?) if Richard should call I should all the time be saying shirt flap. . ."; "Caroline Barre goes to school, and she says the only lady like appearing girls in Mr.

Farnsworth's school are H. Bassett and herself, did you ever?"

Angie Lord (Lyme) fr Adelia, 19 May 1846; re Miss Ellen's party, mentions Wallace, Leander, "Another gentleman was present in that vast assembly he above all others took my eye, he is a stranger to me. His name is Fitch [Enoch Fitch Burr, possibly?]. I think you will fall in love with the name, and you certainly would with the person, he is the beau ideal of an [?], with dark hair, and eyes, handsome features . . .", also at the party Miss H. Coggeshall, Miss Harris, describes playing games, describes Wallace accidentally stepping on Ellen's dress bringing them both to the floor, ". . . Wallace was so cruelly mortified . . . he has in a fit of desperation . . . volunteered for Texas." Sarah

Sarah & Angie Lord (Lyme) fr Adelia, 25 May 1846; re playing backgammon with Mr. Emerson; mentions Miss Charlotte Coit, Cornelia Perkins; mentions student actor fainting; Sarah getting married (perhaps)

Angeline Lord (Lyme) fr Adelia, 10 Oct 1846; [very pale, hard to read]

Sarah & Angie Lord (Lyme) fr Addie, 20 (Saturday) 1846; mentions their cousin Leander; "I was very happy to hear of the conversion of your brother Joseph [brother in law?], now I see nothing to prevent your sister, being one of the happiest of wives. Surely she will not now regret the day she married him, no, I do not mean that she would, if it had not been for his conversion. You know Angie the talks we have had upon that subject? That of a professor marrying a non professor? I do think it productive of much good often times. Yet if I ever was to marry I think I never would marry one who is not a Christian"

Angeline Lord (c/o Mr. Geo. Lord, Lyme) fr D.L. Farnsworth (New London, Addie's mother), 10 Oct [no year, c. 1846?]; Addie left for New York, will return Saturday; invites Angie to visit; Mr. Sawyer in New York

Sarah & Angie Lord (Lyme) fr Addie, nd; new nephew; Ellen R has new piano

Sarah & Angie Lord (Lyme) fr Addie, Wednesday afternoon [1846?]; mentions Della, Emma, Savonia; "And you have made up with Leander have you, he does not feel so sheepish as I

should have supposed, after his disgraceful conduct."; Savonia gave her book of Burns works; ". . . I have com to the conclusion that New London air is not beneficial, and intend to steer my bark for the coast of Vermont as soon as possible"

Angie Lord (Lyme) fr "your old friend Add" (postmarked New London, Aug 20; Thursday, no year [1846??]); asks Angie to visit, expected her Wednesday ". . . as that is the [?] Lyme people generally take to visit New London."

Angie (Lord) fr Addie, Tuesday, August (no day, no year, [1846?]); photographs; mentions her children Kitty & Della, lonely, wants Angie to visit, "Seymour [probably Addie's brother; see May 1st letter] has gone; sailed last Saturday for China. He Staid [sic] so long here that now we can hardly do without him. I have his daguerreotype, how I love to look at [?] now. It is quite natural, all but the eyes. . . Your cousin, Mr. Lord, showed me his brother's daguerreotype, it does not look at all like him, do you think it does? Not in the least."; mentions Fanny Grey, Mr. Richard? Chappell ("a favorite he is with the ladies"); "Elisa Smith & Harriett B have just gone from here. They spent the afternoon. Both took a shower-bath."; etc.

Angeline Lord fr D(ella) L. Farnsworth (with added note from Addie on back), nd, Tuesday [1846?]; asks Angie to come stay with Addie while DLF away

Angeline Lord? From Addie, nd, Monday (part cut off); toothache; "Mr. Edwards called here this evening to see if Della would not go down to the Harbors mouth to spend a week for the benefit of sea-air and bathing . . ."; mentions Louisa, Della, Mr. Spooner, etc.

Angie Lord (Lyme) fr Addie, nd, Saturday, May 1st "I believe", [1846?]; health; sending this letter "to you by your cousin Erastus."; had "one of my blind head-aches"; Leander has bad cold; asks Angie to come to New London, "I will find a home for you here. . ."; mentions Adam Prentis; "Oh girls, my dear brother Seymour is in New York. We are expecting him today."; "Bedbugs bedbugs, so you want to buy any bedbugs? Such times as we have had with these interesting little things. They have almost eaten Kit up. Dainty little beasts they will not even taste of me. Hiram said I wanted a roommate and now I was well supplied. So I am. Major Williams wishes to build us a house next to Mr. Chapman's, a cottage. Hiram has not yet decided but I

presume he will build one for us. I should like that because I should be so near to Hutchins, my beauty. I would willingly move from Richard to be near him. I do not think Richard treats me with common civility . . ."; "I have been to the singing school twice . . ."; etc.

Angeline H. Lord (Lyme) fr Addie?, nd, Monday, April; (very long, 3 pieces of paper, over-written, hard to read); wishes Angie would visit; "Hiram & Della have gone to a party at Mrs. Brainard's, and I am taking care of Mary."; "Angie I am so home sick, that I have a mind to make way towards Vermont as fast as steam will carry me."; Mr. Desmond visited; homesick and lonely; mentions Hiram's school, 33 "scholars", including Jamie's sisters, "The school is below stairs, the room has been washed, new inkstands fastened to the desk, blackboards painted, dressing room cleaned &c &c. It does not look like the same room. As for my room it is the same old sixpence, and Angie about you believe I have 7 whole scholars to teach. I want very much to engage an assistant, if you know of any who would like to teach the young ideas . . ."; saw Ermina[?] sick with dyspepsia; mentions Leander, Martha Noyes; ". . . I have been reading a piece on the subject [of] marriage. . . it said that it was designed by Providence that all should marry, and a woman was not a woman unless she was married."; mentions Lavinia, Mary Potter; Mr. Williams "has made great improvements in our singing at church."; mentions Ellen Rogers; etc.

Angeline H. Lord (Lyme) fr Addie, postmarked New London, April 24; Thursday [1846?]; re African Americans; "I have just returned from the Black fair". The colored people have given a fair for the purpose of raising money to pay for their church. . . The little black children sang very well indeed. The Court house was dressed very neatly, and everything looked nice. But such a display of ivory I never before witnessed, and they would turn up the whites of eyes and look so commercial."; in love with Richard

Sarah & Angie Lord (Lyme) fr Addie, Friday morning [1846?]; re bachelors, "Last night one of Hiram's college friends spent the night with us. He is an old bach, Sarah, at least I should think so, and of all old baches, deliver me from him. I can endure a good degree of homeliness in a man, indeed I never wish for a handsome man, but I would like one whose face does not pain him. He has been preaching among the Mohegans, you may have him Sarah if you

can catch him."; mentions Ellen Rogers, Seymour, Richard, etc.

Sarah & Angie Lord (Lyme) fr Addie, nd; mentions Emerline Grace, Mr. Emerson, Richard, etc.

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Dear Mother fr Joseph (Hadlyme) 16 June 1847; entire letter: "Hadlyme June 16th 1847; Dear Mother; I take pleasure in fulfilling my promise of writing you a line in regard to Carrie's health. I am happy to say she is very comfortable indeed and is really improving quite rapidly under the care of Mrs. Wellman. She sat up twice yesterday the last time more than half an hour without suffering much fatigue. Little - shall I call him [?] - is certainly a promising lad being very quiet, and contenting himself in the land of Nod the greater part of the time. I am sorry to say that the youth more particularly under my care is not so accommodating but hope he will improve soon. Carrie sends much love to her Aunt, my Mother & Sisters and hopes soon to see them at our domicile./ In haste Yours Affectionately/ Joseph"

Angie fr Sarah, 16 Sept 1847; mentions Mrs. Henry Young, cousin Harrington, a wedding, Mr. Noyes, Mr. Goodman in Brooklin (New York?), Dr Cox, husband Edward, visited Gallery of the Fine Arts, "I had the pleasure of returning in an omnibus, the streets being extremely unfit for genteel promenading in consequence of the rain. I have had the extreme felicity of promenading in Broadway and in the Park where I saw the [?] play not- was not that a large pity? I walk through the Battery every time I go to Brooklin so I shall be able to sympathize with Styles in his raptures. Yesterday Edward took a fancy to have my hair curled to appear in a daguerreotype. So he took me to Martelle's the prince of N.Y. barbers and lo, in an hour the ringlets clustered on each side of my visage. I felt faint, but bore it with heroic cheerfulness for my dear husband's sake alone. Now let me tell you that I came under the yoke beautifully and you know you had a vast many fears that I should not. But this morning I was well pleased to hear an expression of his opining that my old way of arranging my few hairs was the cheapest and best."; going to Long Island next week, then to Baltimore

Angie fr Sa [Sept 1847?]; mentions husband Edward, Mr. Noyes, Mr. Moore, Brooklin (New York); having 4 dresses made in Brooklin; George Thomas visited; mentions Brooklin, Bowling Green, ice cream, mosquitos; visited Castle Garden "and I seed [sic] the Chinese Junk and the celestials walking on deck and I have met them in the street also. They are distressing looking objects . . ."; ". . . it is difficult to define the degree of my happiness, it is a good degree considering I am in the city - but I enjoy everything I can, for his sake. I am pretty well though the perpetual noise affects my head unpleasantly. . ."; address is 7 Greenwich St; "You ought to know how I need more corded shirts."; "Direct your letters to Mrs. Edward G. Hyde, No 16 Platt St."

Angie fr ?, probably with envelope stamped "5" and postmarked Baltimore MD; 10 Sept 1847; is Sarah married; ". . . I write to send you my daguerreotype. . ."; mentions Lizzy? Morgan, Addison

Angie fr Sa [12 Oct 1847?]; Sarah has been to Baltimore; saw Addison K. [?]; husband has been reading to her "Tired of Housekeeping" by T.S. Arthur; visited Radnor[?] Park; visited Greenmount Cemetery; "The country around B [Baltimore] is delightful."; saw Cousin Joseph in Philadelphia; visited Academy of Fine Arts [Philadelphia], "beautiful paintings", and Old State House, and "Returning we saw the Odd fellows procession of Negros - It was really fine - I noticed two among them with perfectly white skins and hair as wooly as possible."; visited Fairmount, Girard College, and Laurel Hill, "The rest of the evening was spent in listening to some Ethiopian Singers which was sufficiently amusing."

Angie fr Sarah (New York) 20 Oct 1847; possibly goes with loose envelope addressed to Miss H. Angeline Lord, Lyme, Conn; will be returning home

Annie fr "cousin" Rose[?] (Baltimore) 11 Oct 1847; visit from Sarah; "I have taken a class in Dr Plummer's[?] Sunday school; refers to Addison [Addie?]; "The reason I sent you this piece of music is because I think the picture looks like Sarah . . ."; thanks for sending book [probably Cowper poems]; sends love to Oliver

Angy fr [Sarah?, with PS from Edward?] (New York) 2 Nov 1847; arrived in the "big city"; mentions Addison; "cordial reception from Mrs. Hyde and her fair daughters"; mentions Marion Hyde, Jane Hyde[?], Caroline Thomas; walked through the India rubber factory "which was highly interesting."; mentions

Simeon [Hyde?] age 12; mentions ride to Colchester and to Newport; visited Norwich; "Mr. Thomas's house is beautifully situated on an eminence which commands a delightful view of the surrounding country. . ."
 [Norwich?]; Caroline Thomas beautiful, "The way she mimicked Master Huntingdon and his lady would have amused you . . ."; mentions steamboat? Cleopatra; recalls trip to Monson; arrived at New York at noon, "befogged in the East River"; visited Aunt Gillet; mentions "O.H.P.N."; mentions future trip to NO [New Orleans?]; going to Art Museum with Mrs. Payson[?]

Angie Lord (Lyme) fr cousin[?] Rose L[?] Gillet (Baltimore) 20 Nov 1847; depressed, "that most of all evils, despair", plays piano, misses Lyme, ". . . I have but one tye [sic] that binds me to Baltimore and were it not for him I should beg to go and live in Lyme away from the noise and confusion of city life."; joined Dr. Plummer's church; mentions Addison [husband?]; sister Mary sends love

Angie Lord c/o Mr. Peter Lord, Lyme, fr Rose [Gillet] (Baltimore) 10? Dec 1847; "I do love the country [Lyme], it is a glorious place. There you can do just what you please and it is nobody's business."; re health, "Mrs. Iddings has been very ill for the last two weeks with the inflammatory [?] rheumatism, it is a very dangerous disease, one that a person cannot have often, it is in his system and the Doctor says the disease is only lulled for a short time. The danger is that it might go to his heart, and when that does happen he will soon be no more, he complains now of a pain in his heart, but we hope it is nothing but wind [mind?], and that will give one violent pain whenever it collects."; sister Mary "dangerously ill with the asthma", "She was confined to her bed for nearly six weeks."

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Angie fr Sarah (Brooklyn) 4 July 1848 [in pencil by entire letter, "July 4th and yet Angie neither comes nor writes the reason why. My dear child I am very

anxious about you besides being very disappointed. In haste, Sa"

Annie (Angie?) fr Rosie? ["Lucretia"?] (Baltimore) 26 Feb 1848 "Leap Year did you know it"; death, health; "Sister Catherine is coming to live with us, her Mother died last week very suddenly. She was quite well at her supper and was a corpse in a few hours. Sister Catherine has been quite sick every since. There has been many persons dying in the city of the same disease. I believe it is paralysis. Have you heard of the death of Cousin John Q. Adams. We tried to feel very much grieved but we have such an excessive flow? Of spirits we could not, another think the connection is rather distant. I did not know he was my Cousin, not until after his death."; "Halleck has gone to Pittsburgh, ". . . we thought he was going to marry a great big fat girl, almost ten years older than himself. . . I disliked her appearance very much, cannot exactly describe her figure, you know she was one of these long, tall, short, slim, fat chunky girls, and those kind are always hard to describe well . . ."; asks if Angie doesn't agree that the picture of the sheet music doesn't look like Sarah; "How has Aunt's hand got, we were very sorry to hear of her misfortune."; "How is Carry and her babies and her fat husband.. If we judge the future by the past Carry cannot be very sociable[?] this winter. What has become of Cousin Mary . . ."; mentions O.P.H.N.; describes steamship launching accident in Baltimore "last week", described by William Haysen? Who ". . . went and not only saw the ship launched, but six? Persons were launched into eternity besides about thirty seriously wounded, most of them boys from ten to sixteen and some few men, many escaped with the loss of a leg or an arm but many have died since from their wounds. . . . I cannot tell you how it was exactly, I know a scaffolding fell down on them, they were standing under it to keep them from the rain. Everyone wonders that more were not killed. There is one reason why I love to be in Lyme or someplace like it, you do not hear so much of such things. In the city our hearts have become hardened, we see and hear such things many days, the newspapers are crowded with the account of fights and murders. I cannot tell how it is but I always have a disposition to read and hear the worst of everything, and would think I delighted in the miseries of others."; mentions "sewing society attached to Dr. Plummer's church, ". . . "We have been

very successful so far, during the cold weather we work for the poor. There has been one hundred and fifty good warm pieces of clothing given to the poor already. I think that is quite encouraging, now that the weather is somewhat warmer we are making up five articles to sell, the proceeds will go to liquidate the debt of the church, in the winter we will again work for the poor."

Angeline Lord (Hamburgh) fr Carrie (Hadlyme) 4 Jan 1848; asks Angie to visit "for a week or so", first because Cousin Jane Lynde visiting, and "In the second place, the students are home from Yale & cousin Hart Selden has brought home with him a classmate of his, who is going to give us something very fine, in the way of a Temperance address on Thursday Evening. He is a very find singer, as also Cousin Hart & Cousin Jane, and they have some very fine sings at the little partys [sic] we have among the cousins. . . But in the third, last place, Lizzie is coming home tomorrow to stay a few days. . . Joseph will try and sell your horse for you if you wish, and then he will carry you home when you wish to go."; "Little Eddie, your 'canary bird' appears to be getting better, and we hope he is not going to be very deeply afflicted as was his brother Sam."; "Angie please bring up your music books as they will be in demand."

Envelope, small, addressed to Miss Angeline Lord, Lyme, Conn; postmarked New York 24 Nov

Envelope, addressed to Miss H. A. Lord, Lyme, Con't; postmarked New York 6 Nov

Angeline Lord (probably), fr Sa (New Orleans) 27 March 1848; re New Orleans "This is a delightful place to spend a winter in . . ."; reading Cheever's "Pilgrim in the Shadow of the Jungfrau Alp."; "Edward expects to leave New Orleans the latter part of April . . ."

Angie fr sister Hannah W. Smith (Chicago) 5 April 1848; ". . . having been married according to law by dear brother L.A. [S.A.?] on the 17 Sept Mr. Smith & myself and Fredy? Bade farewell to our dear ones at Monson and arrived the same day in N.Y. where we spent ten days. At the expiration of that time ?S.R.? & wife joined us and we started 'Westward ho!' immediately. We were two days from Albany to Buffalo - arriving there on Friday evening. Here we took lodgings, and the following morning started for the Falls. . . my expectations were more than realized in visiting them. . . Leaving Buffalo we took passage in a large elegant Steamer and performed the tour of the Lakes in five

days, a distance of one thousand & fifty miles. We were highly favored with pleasant company & pleasant weather. No one of us enjoyed the journey more than Fred . . . [arrived in Chicago] . . . Brother L.P.? & wife staid with us about four weeks, and saw us ensconced in our own home. . . Chicago itself has not many natural beauties. Still I think it pleasant. It is prairie land for many miles around us, which does not afford much variety of scenery. The city however is regularly laid out with very broad streets, lined with trees, though small & with good plank sidewalks. The two streets running parallel with, and nearest to the Lake, are 150 feet wide with double rows of trees on either side. These streets are for residences, and are fast being built up. We are on Wabash Avenue next to the Lake shore which is one of the above mentioned streets. The business streets re compactly built for a long distance. The census of last Autumn gives seventeen thousand & six hundred –you must count two more for Fredy & I. I do not feel any want of the privileges of N.E. as churches, schools & social enjoyments abound. I have received every attention I could wish from the Ladies here, and already feel myself attached to the place & the people. In a few days more we shall have daily arrivals by Steam Boat from Buffalo, which brings us great many strangers to the place, and a constant increase in population. The Illinois canal from this place to the Illinois river is now open giving us direct communication with N.O. by water. Much of the travel from the South is through Chicago. Will not Sarah return by this route. Telegraphic communication is also completed to N.Y. from this place so that we get eastern news very soon."; friend Miss Mary Ely is visiting now; re husband ". . . I tell you that your new brother Smith (is not that natural) is all that I could desire as husband & father, and it is my firm conviction that you would love him as a brother were you to know him. Fredy is very fond of him and most affectionately styles him father. Charley & Libby my newly adopted children are affectionate and interesting. I think they are the least trouble of any children I ever saw. Their subjection to their parents is perfect."; refers to mother's ill health, accident, "Was it the same hand which had become so disabled before?"; invites Sarah & Mr. Hyde; mentions Elizabeth Hudnall married to cousin H.. Bartlett and gone to New Orleans

Angie fr Mary E. Ely (Chicago) 7 April 1848; been in Chicago nearly a month, 40 miles north of Chicago on lakeshore; weather less severe than past winters; likes Hannah's husband who "is known & highly respected in society. His two sweet children are well disciplined & Freddy appears to repay the kindness of his father with the affection of an own son." Etc.

Envelope addressed to Miss H. A. Lord, Lyme, Conn; postmarked New York May 25

Angeline fr E. G. Hyde, 23 May? [1848?]; arrived [in New Orleans?]

Angeline Lord? Fr Sarah (Brooklyn) 25 May [1848?], with envelope addressed to Miss Angeline Lord, Lyme, Conn, postmarked New York 30 May; arrived in New York Tuesday morning; "Edward says I may go home with you and leave the children with Eliza . . ."; Edward can meet her at the boat

Angie fr Sarah (Brooklyn) 31 May [1848?]; write or visit; [note from E.G?H., probably Edward G. Hyde, husband of Sarah Lord Hyde] urging Angie to visit

Angie fr mother M. Lord [Mehitabel Lord] (Hadlyme) 6 June 1848 [re visit], and on same paper from sister Carrie; re visit; mother visiting Carrie?, "If she gets homesick I shall write you."; "Joseph thinks cousin Reuben's boat is back on this river, and if so you will find it quite pleasant to return with him."; re newlywed Sarah, "I should love dearly to see how well sister bears the burdens & horrors of housekeeping."

Angie fr mother M. Lord [Mehitabel Lord] (Hadlyme) 21 June 1848, in answer to letter of Friday 17th, Angie visiting sister Sarah (in Brooklyn?); has been well and "have not had a visit from my old friend the sick headache"; asks Angie to visit. And on same paper from sister Carrie; weather very hot, "You know I was always very sensitive to the head and I have suffered exceedingly."

Angie fr sister Carrie (Hadlyme) 3 July 1848; Lizzie wants "a plain linen gingham dress, something like Sarah's traveling dress. . . Perhaps the plaid ones are more fashionable, but she prefers the plain. The general price here is two shillings per yd. I suppose it is about the same in New York. I have enclosed 4 dollars if it is not sufficient Joseph will make it all right when you return. Lizzie would like to have you get fringe enough to trim a fashionable cape. . . Lizzie thinks if you can find a good color perhaps she would prefer it to be Silver gray."; directions for Angie's return to "The Land of 'Steady habits'. The Steamboat

Champion stops only at Chapman's ferry, E. Haddam & the Hero[?] at the Ferry and also at the Landing. . . You must stop at the above named Ferry & I will see that you have a carriage to take you down to our domicile. You can say 'Goodspeeds Dock' if you prefer it to 'The Ferry'. . ."

Angie fr Molly Ann [?] 23 July 1848; reminisces about childhood with Sarah; mentions Dr. Stone a professor in a medical institution in New Orleans, perhaps "he knows something about Mr. Hyde, perhaps he is their physician, so I will make inquiries."; re sewing; re medicine, hydropathists, "It is quite amusing to sit by our window and watch the Hydropathists and the Paddies[?] as they pass by here day after day in one[?] continual stream. I am sure [?] you would have more than one hearty laugh in the course of the day. The Hydropathists [?] broad brimmed hats, (ladies and all) silver rings[?] and canes, the paddies with big cloaks, [??] and jigs, afford a great deal of amusement to the good people of B. I went into one of the shanties sometime ago (high-ho, a wedding party just rode past) and they had just had a grand [?] a son or daughter. (I should judge from the dress that it was intended for one of the 'pantalooned lace'.) [?] just arrived from the 'auld country' and was sleeping quietly in its mother's arms. . ."; re "shower baths"

Angie (c/o Joseph Selden, Hadlyme) fr "madame Hyde" Sarah (Brooklyn) 24 July 1848; sister Carrie had another baby boy; invites mother to visit in Brooklyn, probably not hotter in the city than in the country, ". . . and Edward laughs at the idea of people going from Brooklyn heights into the country to breath fresh air for their health thinking, and I imagine very truly, there is some? Better than the breeze from the Bay."; drove around Greenwood in Mr. Hoyt's "fine carriage"; "Edward went to the Art Union with a stranger from New Orleans . . ."; reading poetry by John Keats, "The Eve of St. Agnes" and "Endymion", and by Joseph Rodman Drake, "Culprit Fay"

Angeline Lord (Lime [sic.]) from Sarah (Brooklyn stationery) Saturday [probably 25-27 Aug 1848?] with envelope postmarked New York 28? August; ". . . now that the cholera is leaving the city so rapidly, will you not be willing to venture to come . . ."; Millie sick for a few days; gives directions from Fulton to house; reading "Pugsley Papers"

Angie fr Sarah [24 Nov 1848?]; "Tomorrow morning we leave for New Orleans in the ship Memphis

Angie (Lyme) fr Sarah (ship Memphis) 28-31 Nov 1848; seasick; captain of Memphis is member of Dr. Spencer's church; second mate is Norwegian, speaks several languages, "wears a beard of most exuberant growth"; "One of the gentlemen passengers is a physician in the army 'returned from the war' minus one lung . . . He is not handsome but what is better he is funny."; mentions Miss Mariana Hall; mentions Mrs. Folger, Dr. M. Kibbin; mentions Shakespeare, "Macbeth", "Hamlet"; poems of Bryant; arrived New Orleans Nov 30; friend Addie "has become a Christian."; mentions infant daughter Millie beside her [Emily born 6 Aug 1848]

Friend Angie fr Lizzie (Newark) 2 Dec 1848; re Newark "the only manifestation of public spirit I have witnessed was a torch light procession together with a grand display of fire works and a deafening roar of cannon a few evenings since in honor of Gen Taylor."; re school "My dreams of Newark have been fully realized as regards the city and the institution, but the character of the scholars sadly disappointed me; such a set of block-heads I never knew. I am speaking 'en masse'. There are a very few good scholars. I suppose this is owing to the newness of the school. . . the building is delightfully situated. The teachers are to my heart's content, and the arrangement for study good. I find it more pleasant than [?] at Mr. Chase's. The boarders are tolerable, and being the oldest and an old friend I am more privileged than the others by the society of the teachers, and I affirm there is not better society to be found.", describes school day, including chapel, "The lady teachers have little to do but keep order in their rooms, and attend to recitations, in Geography, Grammar, and arithmetic. The classes in the higher mathematics, Latin, Philosophy, we recite to the classical teacher, and Mr. Chase, these classes are very small, seldom more than two in a class and I have two recitations entirely by myself."; 200 scholars, 11 teachers in the institution, "We have exercises in social music twice during the week. . .", compositions read, music on the piano or singing to entertain visitors, exercises in chapel are public; no snow yet and "Tires are quite unnecessary. . ."; cannot afford to come home at Christmas; re men at school "Three of the teachers are young, and are very pleasant gentlemen indeed. They are the only ones I know. But

one is engaged, another is short, and the third is a sort of a widower, the lady to whom he was engaged to be married died last winter."

Angie fr Sarah ca 1848; birthday letter?

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Leander Lord (Hamburg) fr Aunt Charity (Lyme) 9 Jan 1849; entire letter: Lyme, Jan 9th 1849/ My dear Leander/ I am in the greatest possible haste. I am going on a voyage of discovering, but I could not go without writing you a few lines. You are a fine fellow, no one disputes that. A little more polishing would make you quite an exquisite. Cultivate a moustache [?] imperial. Cut your hair within an inch of your head. Flourish a cane. Talk superb nonsense and I have hopes of you yet. But you must get married. If you do not commit matrimony before I get back I shall never forgive you. Take care of the widows and fatherless and make yourself as comfortable as possible while I am gone./ Yr aff. Aunt Charity."

Angie? fr Sarah (New Orleans) 17 Jan 1849; reading [James] Thomson's "Tancred and Sigismunda"; shopping for trimming with Miss Peck

Angie (Lyme) fr Sarah (Crescent City) 13-17 April 1849; Millie teething, has diarrhea; re medicine & illness, doctor gave Sarah "four pills about the size of cannon balls. . ." for diarrhea; a boarder, graduate of Yale "if he speaks truth"; will not leave New Orleans until end of June due to death of Mrs. Henry Thomas and her husband wants to take his 3 motherless children to his parents; "The lady [Millie?] is decidedly improving . . . She is sleeping now very quietly but when she awakes I am going to dress her and take [her] down to Chartres St. and compare her with the Creole babies"

Angie fr Sarah (New Orleans) 7 May 1849; soon to embark for Louisville on way home; sister Mary has had baby and Sarah likes the name; ". . . Mr. Lincoln is with us now. He is still the same sort of person Mr. Peck described to your, 'straight, straight-forward, within his heart in the right place' - the last however is merely hypotheses . . ."

Angie fr Sarah (New Orleans) 30 May 1849; about to leave the city, "Edward talks of going by the way of the St. Lawrence", hope to be in Lyme by end of June; mentions flood

Angie fr Sarah (Brooklin) 19 June 1849; Edward wants Angie to visit in Brooklyn before they go to Lyme

Angie fr Sarah (Brooklin) 28 June and 9 July [1849?]; Cholera in NYC, maybe Angie should not visit although very few cases in Brooklyn; Sarah will visit Lyme, "Edward said the other evening that if Gertrude was well he believed he should send us all into the country."; Millie just beginning to walk "by pushing a chair before her."

Angie fr Sarah (Brooklyn) Tuesday 14 August [1849?]; with envelope to Miss H.A. Lord c/o Mrs. M. Lord, Lyme, postmarked New York, 16 August; re Sarah's return after visit; Millie's health, sick (vomiting), "I am afraid the milk was not good. This morning she seems to have some fever . . . It may be nothing but her teeth. Edward is complaining of constipation."

Wife (probably Sarah Lord Hyde) fr Edward (probably Edward Hyde), [1849?]; probably with envelope to Mrs. E.G. Hyde, c/o Mrs. M. Lord, North Lyme, postmarked Lyme, 13 Aug; entire letter: "My Dear Wife/ I write merely to say that the health of the city has by no means improved – and that it is advisable you remain in the country a week longer – If I can I will go up in a few days myself. A Mr. Ely an old flame of yours has called and spent an evening with me in hopes of seeing you. Write me how you are getting on and give me a [?] Letter – send it down to the boat – giving one of the hands a ?/? dime for bringing it to 23 M[aiden] Lane – if inconvenient to do so, put it in the P.O. requesting the P.M.? not to detain it over one week. Yours/ Edward"

Mother (with envelope to Mrs. M. Lord, c/o Joseph Selden, Hadlyme, postmarked New York, 13 Sept) fr Angie (Brooklyn) Wednesday [Sept 1849?]; re visit to Sarah in Brooklyn, Beacon's Hotel, mosquitos; health, seasick on boat, headache; walks every day; been to New York twice "to visit the paintings."; "Mr. Thomas the widower has been here most of the time since I arrived and I like it exceedingly (observe ma'am I say it not him) . . . An Italian gentleman spend last evening here and much amused was I by his conversation. . . Mr. Hyde is obliged to go to Washington on the 28th of the month . . . "; Sarah may go to Lyme if she does not go to New Orleans; Sarah's address c/o John M. Alcott, 23 Maiden Lane"; Millie has one new tooth

Mother (with envelope to Mrs. M. Lord, c/o Joseph Selden, Hadlyme, postmarked New York, 27 Sept) fr Angie (Brooklyn) Wednesday 26 Sept [1849?]; Millie's progress; cousin [?] Gillet visited from New York and

invited Angie to spend the day; Mr. Hyde going to Washington; American Institute fair; "Tell Carrie I find the study of the fashions rather difficult. If she has sacks for her '[Schlag?]' she will not get far out of the way. They differ a little in style but I cannot describe it in letter. Plain colours are more worn than plaids, blue & green [?] the most fashionable."

Angie fr Sarah (Brooklyn) 25 Oct 1849; cannot visit Lyme before going to New Orleans; returned shawl to Angie; mother and Carrie sick; mentions Mrs. And Miss Peck, possibly going with them on Maid of Orleans on the 15th [Sept?]; Marian visited; Mr. Goodman and family visit; Millie has another tooth; mentions John [perhaps Alcott?]

Miss Angeline Lord fr "your friend Wm. C. Spencer" Port Gibson, Claiborne Co., Miss.) Almont 7 Dec 1849; entire letter: "Almont Dec 7th 1849/ Miss Angeline Lord/ I experience some degree of embarrassment in taking my pen to address you for I do it under the impression that this letter may for the first time during the past year remind you that such an individual as its author exists; for while I have many familiar friends whom I have every reason to believe think much and often of me, I cannot reckon you among the number of them, and therefore am not to expect you to feel much interest in my welfare./ But if not an intimate friend you are an acquaintance and a desire to renew and continue this acquaintance has incited me to address you at the present time./ I shall be highly favored, and exceedingly gratified if you feel at liberty and willing to continue our acquaintance by corresponding - I shall esteem it a peculiar privilege if I can avail myself of the correspondence of a lady whose society none can but enjoy and whose character all must admire. Will you not shortly answer these few lines and may I not hope in such a way as will give me occasion to write you again, which I will promise to do at much greater length, and though I am far from holding the pen of a ready writer, yet I will try to make my letters just as profitable and interesting as I possibly can!/ Your friend/ Wm. C. Spencer/ My address is Port Gibson/ Claiborne Co./ Miss."

Mother (Mrs. M. Lord) fr son in law Joseph Selden [Carrie's husband] (Lyme) 6 June 1849; "Enclosed I send fifty dollars which I wish you to endorse on my note."; returned safely from Colchester; re family visits

Angie fr E.G. Hyde, 6 May [1849?] with envelope to Miss H.A. Lord, Lyme, postmarked New Orleans La, 6 May); Sarah going on steamer Yorktown to Cincinnati; delayed departure because Millie had the measles, "We hope taking her out from this malaria may produce a rapid change for the better."; nearly all the Pecks are sick, fevers, dysentery, etc.; invites her to Brooklyn

Envelope to Miss H.A. Lord, Lyme; postmarked [New Orleans?], 3? Feb

Envelope to Miss H.A. Lord, Lyme; postmarked New Orleans, 8 May

Envelope to Miss Angeline Lord, Lyme; postmarked New York, 10 Sept

Envelope to Miss H.A. Lord, Lyme; postmarked New York, 20 June

Envelope to Miss H.A. Lord, Lyme; postmarked New York, 6 July

Envelope to Miss Angeline Lord, Lyme; postmarked New York, 11 July

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Angie fr Sarah (New Orleans) 4 January 1850; Millie now has 4 teeth; Sister Mary sick; Carrie's health improving; reminisces about Thanksgiving; "Mr. Burr is with you it seems . . ."; re games, playing chess with Miss Peck; "Sister Smith has a daughter"; mentions Adeline; "Nevins is in Norwich at Mr. Abbott school and Gertrude is in New York boarding at Mrs. Bull's. Mrs. Thomas could not take her and recommended this place."; sudden death of Mr. Lord; gave presents for New Years; called on Mrs. Nichols and saw her sister Jane Wilson who was Sarah's schoolmate in New London, "We had a long chat on 'bygone days'. . . She said the New London girls did not seem to get married very fast. I think so too. So much the better perhaps."; "Edward has quit tobacco chewing entirely and says he begins to feel better in consequence even though he suffered for the want of it 'very considerably if not more so' for a while. The occasion of this decided step was on this wise. Two weeks since at the dinner table which is a great place on some accounts, Mr. Peck abruptly remarked - 'Mr. Hyde if you will quit chewing I will smoking, what do you say'. Here was a question asked you observe do you not? It seemed to require an answer and it received it in these words - Well, agreed - The ladies did not seem to have any great stock of faith in the fulfillment of this

engagement and did not fail to express it in full which did not give any particular satisfaction to the gentlemen and may have no little influence in causing them to keep to their agreement. I think I have the best of the bargain though I do not feel highly flattered by the recollection of the fact that my expressed abhorrence of the practice of chewing, which you I think will remember, was without effect. It's all the same to me now however. I have learned to take men's professions at a great discount, at what they will bring in fact, and that is not much I reckon. They 'are not what they seem' or rather 'One foot in sea and one on shore - To nothing[?] constant[?] never'. I would not like to have any of the fraternity peruse this - I trust they will not."

Angie fr [Carrie?; Joseph? adds note at end] (Hadlyme) 24 Feb 1850; went to Colchester via Brother Griffen's; mother sick; stayed in hotel because Maria says her children have scarlet fever; "Joseph visited the Piano Agent . . ."; he met John Hyde in the street; Eva Griffin beautiful; mentions engagement of Angie and "Brother Fitch" [Enoch Fitch Burr], Joseph "has had a long chat with him once or twice."; Joseph enjoyed visit with Sarah; "Joseph thought she [Lizzie] had made very good progress in her music."; Joseph called on Mr. Dickenson to inquire about piano [for Angie?]

Angie fr Sarah (New Orleans) 2 March 1850, No. 5; Carrie's children sick, whooping cough; sister Mary has a daughter; re Millie, "She is a good child generally and with a smart spanking now and then would be quite charming. . . She does not mind a moderate slapping at all, and I do not seem disposed to take her in hand in earnest - Well I do not do exactly as I thought I should I acknowledge. To come to the story, she had broken a glass bottle that I brought from Brooklyn with milk in it. Well I had the fragments to collect and to keep her from touching any of them and my hands were full I assure you, as often as I pushed her away back she came and I finally told her as decidedly as I know how to I would whip her if she did not keep away. She took up my tone in a minute and raised her hand threateningly. I thought it was a little too much of a demonstration so I gave her a tolerably hard slap on her naked shoulder which was temptingly exposed by reason of not having a dress on. She did not cry however, though her flushed face and pouting lip expressed her indignation. Then she turned round and walked slowly to the other side of the room. In a

minute she came back, looking as pleasant as a basket of chips and laying her hand on my shoulder peeked round into my face and commenced chatting like a monkey and about as intelligibly. I did the best thing I could do under the circumstances, I covered my face with my hands and laughed. Slapping had proved as ineffectual to keep her away I thought best to try something else. So I pushed her down into a little box just of the size of her [?] and left her to 'sound forth in tuneful numbers' until I had finished my dangerous employment. . ."; studying Italian

Angie? fr Sarah (New Orleans) 25 March 1850, No. 6; Millie "has a strong passion for horses. . ."; Eben Peck has had measles; Eddie had whooping cough; expect to leave New Orleans in April; Edward has business in St. Genevieve; "the Campbells have been here and we all turned out in a body to hear them. Edward laid aside his conscientious scruples long enough to go and hear them but they seemed to return immediately afterwards. [also perform in New York]"; encloses 2 newspaper clippings, one a poem, another "a scrap from the program of the Campbells

Mother (Mrs. M. Lord, c/o Mrs. Joseph Selden, Hadlyme) fr Angie? 11 June [1850], with envelope postmarked New York, 12 June; re her trip to East Haddam

Angie fr Sarah (Clintonville) July [1850?]; trunk recovered, "Fortunately Gertrude's trunk contained a few articles immediately necessary for my own use but Millie was reduced to one chemise, one flannel, two dresses, &c."; mentions book of poetry by Sir Walter Scott; Annie and Caroline Thomas visited; "During the past week we have been honored by the presence in our family of Mr. Poor one of the oldest of our Missionaries in Ceylon who has been spending the last two years in this country. I think he is the kind of missionary you would be willing to make sacrifice for. He is a cousin of Mrs. Thomas. I had the pleasure of giving him ten dollars this morning and that reminds me how glad I was that I gave you my fund of last month. By the way, let me inquire if Joseph has paid our passage."; Millie sick from eating too many gooseberries in the garden; mentions Angie's "fourth of July excursion"

Angie fr Sarah (Clintonville) 14 August [1850?], with envelope to Miss H.A. Lord, Lyme, postmarked New York, 19 Aug; "Do thorns and Burrs perplex the road!"; "Mrs. Goodman and family arrived last Saturday. Annie is still with us and we expect Jane Hyde soon.";

allusions to Burr; "I have cut off Millie's hair a little in the neck and I have saved one curl for you . . ."; "Poor Eddie, my heart aches to think what he must have suffered from his helpfulness. It is to be hoped he will be willing to let the medicine chest alone for awhile."; "I am grieved to hear no more favorable account from Sister Mary and her family. They are truly afflicted."; mentions Rose

Angie (Lyme) fr Shady (Sarah) (possibly Clintonville or New York, possibly Sept 1850); with envelope (mismatched?) postmarked New York; writes directions for visit via steamer?, Jersey City ferry, cab, Newark, Jersey City, etc.

Angie fr Shady (Sarah, Clintonville), 4 Sept 1850; with envelope addressed to Miss Angeline Lord, Lyme Conn., postmarked New York, Sept 4); with second page (blue) with additional directions; Jane Hyde visiting; directions for visit, arrive NY, carriage to Jersey City ferry, get ticket for Newark, get out at Market St depot, Edward will meet with carriage)

Angie? fr S (first page missing, probably letter to Angie from Sarah); how is family, etc.

Envelope addressed to Miss Angeline Lord, Lyme, Conn., postmarked New York, 25 July

Angie fr Shady (Clintonville), 16 Sept 1845 (re 1845 in another handwriting in pencil "obviously an error, 1850?"); begs Angie to visit, "I have some reasons for wishing you to come immediately which cannot be set forth in this epistle conveniently."

Angie fr Shady (Sarah); Sept (probably 1850); Angie has not written before because mother ill; Mr. & Mrs. Poor visit for a week; asks Angie to bring Ellen Griffin; has favor to ask Angie and mother when Angie visits; with envelope postmarked New York, 20 Sept.

Sister Angie fr Joseph Selden, 12 Oct 1850; house break in?, "For fear Mother would be very anxious to return I have thought fit to say to you that some one has been into your house in your absence and judging by appearances should think they had made themselves quite at home. They helped themselves to bread, butter, peaches, &c and besides all that demolished the balance of my [?!]! In addition to the work indoors they took and carried into the cellar some thirty bushels of fine apples. However I do not think your presence at home would help the matter now that the mischief is done so you had better finish your visit."; re delivering piano.

Angie fr Sa (Clintonville) 21 Oct [1850?]; with envelope
addressed to Miss H. A. Lord, Lyme, Conn't, postmarked
New York, 22 Oct; written after Angie's visit

Angie fr Sa (Clintonville) 11 Nov 1850; with envelope
addressed to Miss H.A. Lord, Lyme, Connt, postmarked
New York, 13 Nov; mentions Mrs. Bailey and her protégé
Miss Haddon; Angie may spend winter with Sarah;
Millie's sickness, "Before I put her to bed I saw she
had a spot on her arm that looked like the effect of a
nettle sting. Before I went to bed she awoke crying,
apparently in distress. I took her up and found she
was nearly covered with fine burning blotches. I
washed her in salt water but that seemed to increase
her affliction. Finally I applied the Pain Extractor
and in a short time she was asleep and remained in
that desirable state until the morning when there as
no appearance of anything on her."

Angie from Shady, 1850-52, possibly 4 Dec 1850); health &
sickness & medicine; Gertrude with nausea; "Marion has
been here since the middle of November. She took care
of Gertrude Sunday night but I slept where I was
disturbed nearly as much as if I had been nurse
myself. Last night I devised a better arrangement. I
had a bed made on the floor in the sitting room where
Marion slept. I slept on the lounge in the dining
room with the door open into my bed room where
Gertrude was. She did not have to take medicine only
every two hours but she wanted water so often that the
chance of sleeping was rather small.. I sent for Dr.
Annin[?] a homeopathic physician according to Edward's
wish, who I should have mentioned before, left a week
ago. [?] said yesterday that Gertrude had a mild form
of Scarlet fever. We are all taking belladonna to
prevent contagion; The following is a dose - Dissolve
10 pellets in two thirds of a tumbler of water - take
a tablespoonful twice a day. If it does not cure it
will not kill I think. Dr Ammin's[?] medicines have
acted on Gertrude precisely as he said they would
which is encouraging. I am surprised at the effect of
such excessively small doses. If he does prevent the
rest of the family from having the fever I shall think
very highly of the new practice. Dr. Ammin[?]
practiced on the allopathic system for 15 years and 6
on the homeopathic so that I fell very differently
from what I should if he knew nothing of any other
system than homeopathy. . . Maria says she shall not
leave me until Gertrude is convalescent . . ."; "I
have a Camp town mostly engaged which is an immense

relief. I have been to hear Jenny Lind. Edward took Marion and myself to attend a charity concert given in the day. I confess I was disappointed not in her voice, for I am sure nothing could be more rich or wonderful, but in her songs. Her famed Echo song failed entirely to charm me. I admired her voice more in singing a piece by Mozart than any other. I wish I could hear her perform sacred music. I think it would be heavenly. When she first came on the stage I thought her positively ugly but she has a fine expression and I presume in conversing she might seem really beautiful. Her figure is faultless and she is very graceful. When she ungloved her hands to play on the piano I thought they were exquisite but it may be that distance lent enchantment to the view. She was dressed in a watered silk of a certain shade of yellow trimmed with lace and sleeves of the same light material. I liked Bellotti exceedingly. The performance of the orchestra under Benedict was undoubtedly fine but I am not capable of appreciating such a melodious jargon. If it had burst unexpectedly upon my ear softened by distance I should have called it wild and beautiful but it did not strike me that way in Tripler Hall – En passant Tripler Hall is a gorgeous affair and must quite dazzle eyes unaccustomed to such splendors.”; etc.

Angie fr Shady (Clintonville) 18 Dec 1850; happy for Angie engaged to E.F. Burr by now; refers to “. . . brother B (I have learnt this fraternal style of address from my Methodist Sisters, so you will have to excuse it in the present instance, . . .”; sickness & health; did not get scarlet fever; “The second day after the rash appeared on Gertrude Millie’s was taken. She had very little fever compared to Gertrude but she has suffered more from other symptoms. The rash did not come out so well on her and troubled her exceedingly with burning and itching. Then she had a sore throat and the glands of her neck under her ear are swollen as though she had the mumps, and indeed Dr. Annin says they sometimes set in after the fever. By the way, he is a very kind, pleasant physician – quite a contrast to Dr. Wederburn[?] in N.O. – and the children like his homeopathic doses not a little. I think Millie took some cold in some way but Dr. A thinks it is a remnant of the disease and says these after symptoms are often more troublesome than the fever. In her case they certainly are. . . I asked the doctor last night if he thought there would be any danger of my

sending Nevins who has had a light touch of scarletina, and Gertrude up stairs to sleep and he said none at all so I had the happiness of sleeping in a bed last night and a very pleasant change it was. When one has slept on a sofa for a fortnight, one knows how to appreciate a good wide bed. . . [earlier felt miserable] but Mrs. Bayley, dear good creature, gave me some homeopathic pills which benefitted me exceedingly . . ."; Eliza sick; Margaret sick"; "I do not see as I can give you any suitable advice relative tot he interesting Ely case but I doubt not that your mother will help you to get out of the dilemma beautifully. I could not suggest anything better than an old song and surely nothing could be more appropriate. I am very desirous to have that mysterious passage in your epistle respecting your visit to Carrie's explained."; re sisters, husbands, family, "I believe that is the sweetest relation as you say. Children are troublesome comforts and husbands have too much authority vested in them exactly to suit our proud spirits. . . "

Angie fr Shady (Clintonville) 27-28 Dec 1850; Angie and "Brother Burr" to visit in February; Marion to return, "Edward invited her to spend the winter with me but I cannot say that I seconded that invitation."; Angie to live on Mount Arthur?; Angie & Carrie resolved misunderstanding; Millie's illness; Gertrude had dropsy; [Sarah probably pregnant at this writing]; reading Robin Hood?; " . . . shocked to hear of Mr. Abel Lord's death. He was a relative I sincerely esteemed . . ."

Angie fr Carrie (Hadlyme) Saturday morning; family & health; "Lizzie has not been up to Hadlyme yet."; "Joseph did not get me my dress . . ."; Eddie was very sick; "I had one of my hard headaches yesterday and my head is far from sound today."

22 6 Burr; Lord letters Jan-Feb 1851; Sarah pregnant

Angie (Lyme) fr Shady (Clintonville) 27 Jan 1851?; Angie to visit this week; Sarah pregnant, ". . . I think it would be rather pleasant to place my fine proportions in the attitude of repose . . ."; refers to "'innocent' Cousin Haldat[?]" ; refers to "Brother Fitch"; husband in New Orleans (probably); "Do not be alarmed if you find me more extensive in appearance than you have anticipated. So speak the truth, I think there is little reason to hope that Brother

Fitch will think these are my ordinary dimensions." ;
"Don't you be so anxious about Millie's bringing up.
It is first rate or it will be when you come to take
charge of her. You will be able to remedy any evils
in her training doubtless."

Miss [Angeline] Lord fr E.F. Burr (Hamburg) 4 Feb 1851;
religion, love, death; To Chester for monthly
Ministers' Meeting; "Shall I tell you a little about
our meeting at Chester, assuming that you will
interest yourself in whatever interests me? Mr.
Cheesebrough has just [?] his new house. His study
which is not a very large one was so full and the day
so warm and as large air-tight so generous of its heat
that one session of a few hours nearly made me sick.
We met at 10 o'clock. Our meetings are always opened
and closed with prayer. First each person gave a
sketch of the sermons which he had prepared during the
last month. Then a long essay was read by one
previously designated (Mr. Cook of Haddam) on the
bible doctrine of Providence. Its chief object was to
show that the Scriptures from the doctrine of Special
Providence - that God sometimes interferes directly
with the natural course of events to accomplish
special purposes. The reading of this essay occupied
till dinner. After dinner we proceeded to criticize
the production and discuss the subject of it. This
part of our session became quite animated. The
members of the Association are called upon in
succession for their sentiments but discussions are
apt to become quite interlocutory before we finish.
At this season of the year the Meetings usually break
up not far from 3 PM so as to allow those living at a
distance to reach home before night. Another essay
was to have been read but we exhausted all our time
upon the first." Visited sick people all apparently
near death, Bradbury, Stoddard, and Robinson; "On
Saturday I convened with Bradbury and found him
apparently sensible of his alarming prospects for the
next work, though I could get nothing from him but
monosyllables. Today he [?] unconsciousness and after
making two or three efforts to arouse him I was
obliged to leave him to his fate. And what a sad fate
it is! He has, I fear, lost both worlds. These are
sad scenes to one who ha any feeling but yet I
consider it a great privilege to have it in my power
to visit the sick and dying and at least point them to
a better life. I am every day more sensible of the
infinite importance of the work of the Christian

Ministry and engage in its duties with an ever increasing pleasure[?] There is no employment which seems to me so exalted and happy as this."; I prize very much the assurances which you have given me of your affection. I love you abundantly the more for them."; will mail the letter from Essex.

Angie fr mother? (M. Lord, Hadlyme) Friday morning 7 Feb 1851?; with envelope addressed to Miss H. Angelina Lord, c/o Mrs. E.G. Hyde, Camptown NJ; "My ride to Hadlyme was very comfortable with my warm foot stove and other fixings. . . . Carry is better than she was when you left. Mr. B. was here Monday on his way to the Ministers Meeting. Dea. S. saw him passing invited him to call as he was going to the ferry he would give him a ride."; advise on Angie ending engagement to Ely [?], "The other letter was from E.D. Ely which will be sent to you. I reads the letter and concluded you must write an answer & return the ring & see if you cannot put a stop to his writing. Joseph and Carry think so too."

E.F. Burr ("My dearest friend") fr Angie (Clintonville) 13 Feb 1851; with envelope addressed to Rev E.F. Burr, Essex, Conn, from Camptown NJ, 13 Feb; "I was going to address you by the most ceremonious title I could possibly think of in payment for that formal 'Miss Lord' which first met my eye on opening your letter. Now I ask it as a particular favor that you will call me by a name more agreeable to me. I may be Angie or anything you chose so it is not 'Miss Lord'. But notwithstanding the startling address, I read your letter with an avidity which had you seen it, would have been I think sufficient evidence of how much I prized it. . . . And whenever Michael, who brings the letters every day, came in, I found my heart beating at a most unaccountable rate and then stop most suddenly and painfully when I found there was none for me! . . . I have often wondered why with your high hopes, you consented to settle in North Lyme. I am reminded of a learning[?] society I once attended when this question was discussed by a little circle of gentlemen and ladies. One thought it strange you did not take the professor's chair, &c."; reading "Miss Sedgewick's novel 'Closence'[?]" ; refers to Alexander Dumas, etc.

Mother (M. Lord) from Angie (Clintonville) 14 Feb 1851; medicine; re Burr's visit to mother ". . . I did me more good than homoeopathy!"; "Really I do not know what to do with Mr. Ely's case. I am seriously

annoyed for I know of no agreeable exit from this scrape. As to sending back the ring that seems [?] to me, but I will try and mend the matter as well as I can."; I have done nothing about taking music lessons yet, partly because I did not well know to whom to apply and the parlor cannot be warmed[?] sufficiently for me to practice enough to profit by them. Do not expect much progress from me in this respect. I have been to the dentist's and had that tooth drawn which has troubled me so often and one filled. You would have admired my heroism Mother. I have considerable nerve about me although I am not thought to be [?]. Do you know anything of my interesting Cousin H? Joy be with her and may she find entertaining friends elsewhere!"

Angie fr EFB (Hamburg) 22? 1851; with envelope addressed to Miss Harriet A. Lord, Camptown, N. Jersey, c/o E.G. Hyde, postmarked Essex, 4 Feb; "There is that satisfactory, my own dearest Angie?"; "Your letter was received on Sabbath Eve in rather an awkward condition and under rather awkward circumstances. As I was entering the church for my third service Capt. Brockway met me at the door and with some confusion of manner told me that D. Brown had taken a letter for me from the Office in Essex and that in bringing it over in the rain he had unfortunately wet it and torn the envelope. He ended with producing your letter in a most sorry plight to be [?] - soiled and torn so that a person with a little curiosity and a little principle and a little dexterous manipulation could take out the sheet from its envelope without breaking the seal. Capt. B said that D.B. fell quite [?] at the questionable shape in which the letter had to be delivered and you know that when we are in trouble we sometimes like to have the sympathy of others and so tell them of our misfortune."; re Angie's letter ". .. I was very much gratified by it on more accounts than one but especially on account of its affectionate tone. I believe that I am able to reciprocate fully all the affection which you can spare me."; "As to my ambition of which I somewhat playfully forewarned you; it is not of such a nature as to prevent my being contented for the present in North Lyme or in any other place equally small. It is just large enough for me. I have my time more unbroken for study here than I could have in a larger place and I like quietness and retirement from childhood. I sometimes crave a little more refinement of feeling and language

in those with whom I am obliged to come into frequent contact but on the whole I am quite at my ease. I could wish for a little more intellectual sympathy and intercourse than I have had – someone who can sympathize with me in my much loved pursuits and who can talk with me intelligently of them. But this last [?] will not, I trusts, remain long unsupplied.”; church news (health, death, attempted suicide, alcoholism), Stoddard was buried, Martyn has delirium tremens “while others say that excessive religious anxiety acting on a weakened mind and body has made him deranged. For some days his life was in danger and he has once or twice it is thought, attempted to destroy it.”; “Bradbury died a dreadful death and Martyn seemed very much impressed by it. Immediately after he seemed very much disturbed and called up person’s night after night to pray with him. I seem inclined to the opinion that both anxiety and delirium tremens shave operated to reduce him to his present condition, as this disease is very apt to attack hard drinkers after they have been weakened from any cause.”; “I have just been looking at your miniature. As you may easily believe this is not the first time it has met my eye [?] lip since we parted. But the painted lip is very cold and makes no expressive return to my warm [?]. And I fear that all my [?] of love would fall unheeded upon the ear which I see peering out so modestly under the glossy tresses. But I know the original would not be so frigid and so I manage to comfort myself by the assurance and by the hope of hearing again one day the “ponderous strokes” of that great heart of yours.”

23 10 Burr; Lord letter March 1851 [Birth and complications]

Rev. E.F. Burr (“My very dear friend) fr Angie (Lord, Clintonville) 6 March 1851; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr; in answer to letter above (in box 22); enjoying being in sister’s company; misses EFB; “I spent an evening not long since at the Rev. Mr. Chapman’s. He is the principal of the Home Institute here, and has quite a number of lads and misses under his institution. I’ve been invited to be present at a small exhibition of their attainments. There was declaration and the reading of compositions after which Mr. C. called upon them to arrange themselves for a dance. It was a novel sight to see a clergyman superintending a dance and he seemed to enjoy it

nearly as much as those who participated in it. He took particular pains to apologize for the apparent absurdity of the thing and gave very plausible reasons for introducing it into his school. I have just glanced at Noel's[?] Union of Church and State and am perfectly astonished to find 'the church' so fettered and 'hand-cuffed' as we expresses it. I do not know but I should lose some of my anti-sectarianism, upon which I have always prided myself, if I were to become more acquainted with other denominations. I am more in love than ever with our uncorrupted faith as I am disposed to call it. . . .I was very much shocked to hear of the death of those miserable men. It is remarkable they should have accused? In so short a time and if anything could make an impression upon those who remain, a warning so appalling, I should suppose could not fail to do so. How is Erastus Lord? I have feared he would not survive the chilling winds of another March. He used to speak very gratefully of your frequent visits to him. He spent so much of his time alone that he seemed always grateful whenever his friends came to see him. . . My own faith is very weak sometimes and it is well you pray for me. . . The evening has flown apace and if I would not 'waste midnight oil' I must bid goodnight to you, to you who have called me 'your own'. And so I am. What will you have me do for you? Love you? I will indeed. And now will you do a thing for me? Remember me and write very soon for I am athirst for a letter already."

Mrs. M. Lord (My dear Mother) fr Angie (Clintonville) 12 March 1851; with envelope addressed Mrs. M. Lord, c/o Joseph Selden Esq., Hadlyme, Conn, return Camptown NJ Mar 14); birth of Sarah's son; medicine; servants; "The grand event has come off and though my hand trembles badly from my intense anxiety last night I feel desirous of giving you the first possible intelligence of Sarah's welfare. Be it known then that you have another grandson, born into this world of sin and sorrow early this morning, but thus far on life's journey he is taking[?] things remarkably coolly. He is a fine boy, that is not questioned and appears well for one of his age but what is of still more importance to me is that our very dear Sa is I think I may venture to say quite comfortable & everything I believe is going on smoothly. . . The children are all delighted. Millie is almost ecstatic in her demonstration over the little brother. You see Mother my responsibilities are quite increased now that I am a sort of stepmother, overseer generally, always excepting her ladyship Mrs Allen who is inducted into the office of nurse. Dr. Annin the physician

in attendance is so kind that one can not help liking him if he is homeopathic. . . May I presume upon your clemency so far as to ask you to remit \$25 or so to me. I have not seen the last of that [?] I brought with me, but I am thinking I shall soon and it would be agreeable to have another supply. If I come across anything pretty, may I not get it for our lounge. I am getting in such bad habits, sharing a sofa here. I am afraid I can not exist comfortably when I get home without something to take the place of it. . . And now as to the matter of an Irish girl - May I not bring on home with me if I can contrive it. Don't say nay. I want to go on with my music when I return and the less house work the better, for there's no use in talking of one of my limited strength, practicing when I am tired. . ."

Angie (Dear beloved Angie) fr M. Lord (mother) and Carrie (sister) (Hadlyme) 15 March [1851?]; engagement of EFB and Angie; Angie's other beau Mr. E.; "I paid Joseph at the shortest notice all he would receive."; "Mr. B [EFB?] called and told me he had not heard from you but once since you left which appeared to give him considerable anxiety and it certainly did me for I thought you would not neglect him unless you were sick."; "I hope you have written something to Mr. E to stop the shower of letters I have received. I have two come to hand since the one I sent on to you in the last one he mentions his coming to N.Y. the middle of April is desirous you should write[?] him before that time - while I was at Mary's she with her husband and Dea. Marvin & Wife visited to Mr. Sheldon Elys while there Mrs. Marvin in her earnest way said to Mary we have just found out Mr. B. is going to gratify us all so much as to take your Sister Angie for a Wife, so you see it has got out, - Mr. Bill has paid that Note if you want some more Money you must write immediately or if you are both sick get some one to write for you. There was one boat went up yesterday . . ."; Carrie visited Saybrook; from Carrie "O Angie I wish you had read Milton. I should like to know how you would like it. It is a great thing. 'Pollok' is small beside it. I have not had such an intellectual feast for a long time. I have not finished it yet but will endeavor to so before you will call for it. I must tell you how smart I have been this winter in the singing line. I have attended quite a number of the singing schools we have had here, and really have quite revived my musical powers, so much so as to convince Mr. Cholera? That I am a real? Singer at any rate to remind me of my young days to be flattered a little on that point. I must tell you for

your encouragement that when I first commenced I could not sing 10 minutes without experiencing severe pain in my chest and feeling nearly exhausted. But I persevered from day to day until I could sing nearly a whole evening. So I beg you will not leave off singing. By the way they have had a concert in Hamburg, but I cannot tell you how they succeeded. Joseph & I talked of going but we heard that Mr. Ayers was very unpopular there and fearing it might be a failure we did not attend."

Angie fr E.F. Burr (Hamburgh) 17 March 1851; with envelope addressed to Miss Harriet A. Lord, Camptown, NJ c/o E.G. Hyde, postmarked Essex, CT); misses Angie, "My heart has been yearning for you a long time - a very long time."; "Though there is perhaps no occasion to mention the matter to you, yet I cannot do justice to Mrs. Ely's kind feelings without telling you what she said tome a couple of weeks since. As I was passing down the street in the evening to my [?], I met her. She said she had something to say to me if I would not deem it impertinent. 'I wish you would tell Miss Angeline in your next letter, said she, that I give my full and hearty consent and I think she need have no fear the she will not a general consent.' So my commission[?] is discharged. I am sorry to say that Mrs. Ely is now sick and there is some apprehension felt that she will have the lung fever. She was however better last evening and I think she will escape. One or two other persons have very respectfully hinted to me that they know a mystery and very pleasantly and kindly. Your friend I am glad to find did not wait to be commissioned by you. I hope you will however give them a formal commission immediately for their own better satisfaction."

Mrs. M. Lord (My dear Mother) fr Angie, 19 March [1851?]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. M. Lord, c/o Joseph Selden, Hadlyme, CT, from Camptown NJ, March 22; music lesson; newborn; diseases; mail; Angie taking care of Sarah's other children; "But I was greatly surprised to find you had not received my letters. What is the trouble? On the 6th I sent a letter in which I enclosed one for Mr. B. and one th 12th another for you. I am afraid Michael spilled them out of his pockets. I have not the smallest confidence in that man, and for the future I should take my letters to the Office myself. It is a thousand pities to lose so many of my valuable letters. The first to Carrie was brimful, not to say anything of the one to Mr. [B?] and that for you contained news of the greatest kind which I am in hopes you may have received before this."; re Sarah's newborn son,

"He is a week old, and when aged three days weighed 8-1/2 pounds, has the jaundice now, but was considered remarkably well looking. Sarah we thought was getting along very finely when until a few days ago when she seemed to have some difficulties which rather retarded her progress, and today she appears to have taken some cold I think. She has not got a very efficient nurse, and she thinks all the while of Mrs. Baker and I imagine she would get along rather better if Mrs. B. was here even if she did not actually manage better. The imagination has something to do you know in a patient's recovery. I hope however this little fever and chilliness she has now will be off by tomorrow and I may be able to give you a decidedly favorable account before I close my letter. I have my hands quite full to rouse myself in the morning, dress myself and Millie in time for breakfast, get the children off to school, a clean collar for this one and handkerchiefs for that, brushing of hair, &c, &c, besides in general a vigorous and unceasing effort to keep them from raising Neptune. Every night I put Millie to bed away in parlor chamber, bring down the light and leave her to [?] sleep as she best can. To be sure I listen a few minutes in the hall and keep up a good degree of attention through the evening but except last evening she has never cried at all. I expect she will learn some fine habits under my tuition. Indeed Sa says she has improved already. She is a nice child of her nature, that is not to be questioned, and I think so all the more now that I have the care of her. A saucy young one too. She calls me 'Angie' as if she were ten years my senior, but I believe she has an idea she is saying Auntie and there is not much difference to be sure. She has more temper & spirit than the commonality[?] but of course I keep it in beautiful subjection. How I should like to see her with the other nieces & nephews. She say she is going to see little Georgia & Uncle Joseph. I wrote to Carrie an acknowledgement of my indebtedness to Joseph for looking after a piano for me and a few reflections as to securing one . . . If it is not asking too much, I want Joseph to inform Mr. D. that he may hold himself in readiness to bring one of Gilbert's pianos \$265 if you think it can be got nicely[?] into our parlor with a music stool, we will say by the first week of April. I may not be home by that time, but we can let him know a little more definitely before that time, and I am anxious to have it as soon as possible on my return. I am not precisely discouraged in regard to my music, but I had no idea it was such a labor. I thought of it as an agreeable diversion, but I assure you

it is anything else. If so many had not accomplished it before me I should think it deserved to be ranked as one of Hercules labors. It seems as if I had only been unlearning so far, I am only in my A.B.C.s yet. But I blunder on, my love of music and earnest desire to accomplish something in it, bear me up wonderfully. I would like to stay and finish my quarter. My practicing is a little interfered with just now but I hope soon to resume it in earnest. . . And you [Carrie] like Milton. I am glad you are reading it. It is refreshing to read something one really likes. Do you remember Bishop Heber's[?] 'Lines to his Wife'? I think they are very charming. I have not read much of late. My eyes are rather weak. And when I do it is generally a little from "Howe's[?] history of England."; re Angie's other admirer, "Truly Mr. E. is very lavish of his epistolary effusions. I think he must write from the force of habit. I thought a letter I sent him two or three weeks since would dispel any mist he might have over his eyes. But that does not trouble me as much as to think that my letter has not reached Mr. B (EFB)."; March 21, "I could not write yesterday for Sa seemed so very sick. . . She had a very high fever with chills, headache and all the appearances as I thought of a [?] fever, but this afternoon she has had a very sweet[?] sleep & the Dr pronounced her better and I hope it is so. . . "

Angie fr Carrie (Hadlyme) 20 March [1851]; re mail schedule; Mother has "gone to Brother Griffin's this afternoon and will spend the Sabbath. I find she has a singular fancy for attending her own church. Perhaps you can account for it. She has not been to hear Mr. Goodwin but one half day."; Joseph in Saybrook all week; death in family, "Our old Grandmother Kirtland died on Monday. She was a lovely Christian. I think she had more of the spirit of our blessed Savior than anyone I ever knew. Mother Selden returned with Joseph. She will remain with us a week or two. She feels quite broken up. . . . Lizzie will be home in two or three weeks to spend a short vacation. She wrote in her last letter that she was nearly discouraged with her progress in music and thought she would have to spend at least two years there, before she could teach."; more re Milton, "I am more delighted with 'Paradise Lost' every page I read and I do not think one perusal will satisfy me at all, and if you can conveniently purchase a copy for me before you return I shall be much obliged."; Joseph writing to Mr. Dickinson [re piano for Angie?]."; re EFB, "I should like to have you inform Mr. B. when you see him that his Hadlyme friends are quite

innocent of the charge of divulging his secret. Are you sure that Mr. Ely [Angie's admirer] still persists in the fancy he has taken to send you some remembrance of his affection almost every week!"

Angie fr M. Lord (mother) (East Haddam) March 21 1851; answering Angie's letter about Sarah and baby; servants; money; "About the lounge I do not believe Morley has done anything about it, if so think I had better tell him no0t to [?] and get one in Essex ready made - I wrote you in my last what I thought about the Irish girl. I still wish you to do something about it, Carry told me her Grandmother Kirtland was dead and also thought it very probable I might get the girl Mrs. Selden had if she should break up housekeeping. I enclose thirty dollars in this letter . . ."

E.F. Burr (My dear Mr. Burr) fr Angie (Clintonville) 21 March 1851; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Lyme CT, return address Camptown NJ, March 22; postmarked Lyme CT, March 24; Angie been away nearly 8 weeks; Sarah sick; "It is impossible that I should leave Sister Sarah next week. She is now very sick, a cold taken when she was already an invalid has produced a violent fever and I am afraid it may have a long course. For two days past I have suffered a most painful anxiety and feel all that depression which the suppressed voice, careful tread and the sight of suffering will produced in the most hopeful. Perhaps my solicitude is greater than the case demands. I know I should feel quite differently if I were home with tried friends, but here all are strangers and I do not know how much confidence to place in their skill in attendance upon the sick."; physician hopeful, Sarah improving; Angie must stay for 2 or 3 weeks "before I can think of leaving her with her little infant entirely at the mercy of servants and a nurse. . . I am very sorry I cannot avail myself of your company and protection on my return, but as there will doubtless be boats in the river by that time, I apprehend no difficulty in coming alone."; Angie's admirer Mr. Ely, "I am of course highly gratified by Mrs. Ely's approbation as well as Mrs. Marvin's which she expressed to Sister Mary, by the way perhaps I should have asked their consent. But how did the matter reach the ears of the public? Through that letter? Well, never mind."

Mrs. M. Lord (My dear Mother) fr Angie (Clintonville?) probably 24 March 1851; with envelope addressed to Mrs. M. Lord, c/o Joseph Selden, Hadlyme CT, return address

Camptown NJ, March 27; Sarah's health improving, but slowly, other symptoms, has not been out of bed, "The baby, poor little creature, has had the sorest mouth I believe anyone ever saw. One night he cried so as to keep Sa awake the whole night, not to say anything of Mrs. Allen, who did not bear the trial of her patience very well. But he has got through the worst of it we think."; nursing, ". . . she [Sarah] is afraid she will not be able to nurse the baby again. It is the natural effect of the fever, but the Dr. has always encouraged her to think it could be obviated. Poor Sa has got very weak, nervous & low spirited . . . This morning she took her first lesson in fainting, not on a large scale, but the novelty of the thing, did not compensate for the disagreeableness of it. I do not know what she needs. I sometimes think Lyme air. Could you not cook up a little of it, and send it to her? Then she has no appetite, and if she could have some of Mother's nice fixings, I believe they would certainly be potable."; thanks for \$30 included in last letter; Sarah out of bed for a few minutes, doctor [probably Dr. Annin] confident; There are several things rather trying to me, and what is worse Mrs. Allen says she thinks it is possible Sa may have a gathering of the breast. She does not tell her so, and the Dr. says he hopes not, and all I can do is to hope so myself. I wanted a little of your sympathy & have written this little corner [written at end of letter lower left] not to read to Sa."

Angie (My dear Angie) fr E.F.Burr (Hamburgh) 28 March 1851; with envelope addressed to Miss Harriet A. Lord, Camptown NJ); received letter; misses Angie; "Much as I wish to see you, I do not wish to purchase happiness at the expense of your duty to your sister."; re engagement, "I do not know how the North Lyme public have gained their knowledge of 'the matter'. I am quite sure, however that your first letter to me did not communicate it. Your Mother thinks that your cousin found the secret too mighty to keep without [?] assistance of Dea. Lord's family and that they felt the need of some additional auxiliaries; so the whole parish can now divide the burden of it among them. This is not your Mother's opinion verbatim but her opinion paraphrased by myself. I had supposed that your friends in Hadlyme had very properly given some intimation until I received your letter."; reading, "You speak of having read B. Noel's famous book. I am glad of it as I have not had the opportunity of reading it myself and yet should be very glad to know something about it. He has sacrificed much for the sake of his opinions on the union of Church &

State, and this fact adds much to their weight. We, in this country [?] having had, since the early days of the Colonies, any religious Establishment, are apt to look on the fact of its inexpedience as almost too slim and elementary to need the support of formal argument. But it seems far otherwise in the Father Lands. And Noel is doubtless just the man by his birth and talents for leading a crusade against the portly yet mischevicious old gentleman with his well-to-do-in-the-world look who brought him up. Speaking of books suggests to me quite a little loss which I experienced some weeks ago by a firm in Middletown. I had sent 14 or 15 books there to be bound; and the bindery took fire and they were all consumed. Some of them were French Mathematical books of great value. I am sorry to find that I am not alone in the [?] but that other ministers in the vicinity have lost also."; misses Angie, "I do not dream of you, for I do not possess the faculty of dreaming. But I think of you very much and love you just as truthfully and tenderly as if all my nights were dreams and all my dreams were of you. Do you know that you have a larger place in my heart than all my kith and kin, however near? Did you ever hear of a philosopher talking so cordially?"; perhaps meet Angie on her return home

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Angie fr Shady (Sarah) (Clinton) 27 May 1851; with envelope addressed to Miss Angeline Lord, Lyme, Conn, postmarked New York, May 28; re visit to Lyme; medicine; "Mrs. Goodman has been to see me and I believe I have made up with her. She had a severe attack of Rheumatism while here. Edward sent for the Homeopathic physician in Camptown and his medicine was 'beautifully triumphant'. I am prodigiously sorry that you cannot establish your faith in Homeopathy on the basis of a personal cure - Nevertheless I must be indulged in a hearty laugh over Carrie's tea[?] [refers to previous letter from Angie]. . ."; received the \$20; Mr. Chapman to have a "grand May celebration" on Thursday; Mr. Chapman's house beautiful, charming

Mr. Hyde fr Angie, 7 April 1851; part cut off and missing; Sarah's health after childbirth?, "I deferred writing, hoping every day to have something more favorable and consoling to offer you. The cold Sarah was so unfortunate as to take threw her into a violent fever but under Dr. Annin's kind and I am disposed to think skillful treatment of it, it left her in a few days. Hew was not however so successful in removing all the effects of it. And

superation[?] of the right breast was the final result. A few days since it broke, and Sarah has been much more comfortable, though not decidedly better since. Dr. A. is now apprehensive that she will have to suffer the same process in the other breast. We can not expect a very decided improvement till after that. The young what-shall-I-call-him [the newborn?] has been sadly afflicted with the worst imaginable sore mouth, and for lack of the kind attentions of his lady momma he has made no[t?] very commendable progress in growing good looking or good humored. He is however just beginning to mend his ways and I am not without a faint hope that he may yet be a prodigy."; re Michael [rest cut off]

Mother fr Angie (Clintonville) 8 April 1851; Sarah's health, "Our apprehensiveness was realized and Sa has had one broken breast and we are daily expecting the other will break and still more that the first will break again. Is not this a series of afflictions? I expect you are rady to exclaim 'how has she lived through it!' Well my dear Mama, much better than I feared. She has suffered and today suffers very considerably, which had us to think they will break very soon, but I do not think she has been obliged to endure the pain that many do from the same cause. She thinks homeopathy is the Godsend which has kept her so comfortable and why not! If the devil is to have his due, why not this new art of healing!. Sa sits up two hours or more every day and thinks she should be quite well if it were not for this difficulty. Of course we can not make any calculations for the future. Mrs. Allen tells of some one whose beast broke fifteen times, another five &c. But I confidently hope God hath better things in store for our dear Sa . . . The baby is doing as well as can be expected. It cries considerable, and who would not with no attention from dear mama."; inquires about Mr. & Mrs. Georgia, the Chap mans, Hallock[?], expecting visit from Mr. Peck; ". . . let me tell you what Nevie[?] says, 'What is the reason we don't take medicine to prevent our taking Mother's disease. Why when Gertrude was sick we all took preventive medicine at a great rate?.' Answer not given. Oh wht a torment Millie is! Here she is, squat like a toad on the table beside me, ready to upset the ink for me or anything else I may require."

Angie fr EFB (Hamburgh) 16 April 1851; "I love to tell you how dearly I love you but not so much perhaps as I love to hear from you the expressions of tenderness. I should be sorry to be such a philosopher as not to feel grateful and

happy and tender under their influence."; re preaching; re Erastus L., "I think however that he has been troubled with swelling of the feet, which is commonly regarded as a sign of approaching dissolution. . . I have just sent him at his request Dickens's Works; though with some hesitation as I do not think that such works are fitted for his condition. Yet he is so peculiar in his temperament that they may be harmless to him in circumstances when they would be hurtful to others. I purchased them to be taken in homeopathic doses at times when I should be depressed in spirits and overwrought by study and hope he will agree with me in respect to the way in which novels should be read and that the book will serve to amuse some of his lonely [?] moments without abating the spirituality of his mind."; will go to New York to meet with his brothers, "Anniversary Week", suggests Angie come home at that time; saw Angie's mother on Monday; misses Angie

EFT "dearest friend" fr Angie (Clintonville) 18 April 1851; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Hamburg, Conn; plans to return next week, "Sister Sa has improved in health during the last week so much that I think I may leave her by next Thursday if no unfavorable change occurs."

Miss Lord fr John N. Olcott[?] (New York) 19 April 1851; with envelope addressed to Miss Lord, c/o E.G. Hyde, Clintonville; entire letter: "New York Apr 19. 1851/ Miss Lord/ Dear Madam/ I have been quite sick or would have been on to see you before this. I have recd from Mr. Hyde a telegraphic dispatch enquiring how his family were. I would have been over today but my own health and a death in my brother in law's family prevent. I wish you particularly to send me word Monday A.M. by Mr. Bailey and at same time send over a letter which was sent to Mr. Hyde about Insurance on the house. I have sent to Evangelist office and they say that the paper is regularly (& has been) sent every week. I hope Mrs Hyde is better, but I wish to know particularly and you'll oblige me much by writing by Mr. Bailey. Give my regards to Mrs. Hyde and say to her I hope now[?] to welcome Mr. Hyde here./ In haste/ Your friend/ John N. Olcott"

Angie fr Sarah (Clinton) 6 May 1851; 2 pages, half of one missing; referring to Angie's apparently entertaining letter, "Have you received a new faculty or is it merely your old one sharpened and refined by intercourse with a superior being (referring to the clericus[?], ? In this

demonstration of curiosity I prove my descent from our Great Grandma so conclusively that Agassiz himself will not be able to make it out that I am of Monkey extraction. Therefore I flatter myself that you will not now hesitate to own our relation. I cannot but admire the heroic coolness and contempt of danger which you evinced in the midst, not of battle but of Wasps." ; "James Hyde spent last Sabbath here and read to me two of his sermons. Oh Anie, what a feast was that. It was in very truth soulrefreshing. The subjects were taken from Matt. 5-6 and John 21 from the 15th[?] to the 18th verse." ; re Angie's engagement to EFB, "James is perfectly 'au fait' (not in the sense in which we generally use it) to your engagement. He says he learned it from Mrs. Young who learned it from Professor Olmsted who, probably, learned it from the domine[?] himself. O Angie! What a world-wide renown you are destined to have! Ms. Young has met his reverence at the Professor's and doubtless is the lady to which he referred when the untimely rumbling (I wanted a word but that was not it) of the Carriage prevented me from hearing the interesting remark of the reverend Sir -."

EFB "My very dear friend" fr Angie (Clinonville) 4 April 1851; with envelope addressed to Rev E.F. Burr, Lyme, Hamburgh, Conn, postmarked April 3; Sarah still sick, "I am watching with a great deal of interest the effects of homeopathy, and hardly know as yet whether to place myself on the list of believers in that fanciful science or not." ; re Clintonville, "I am not enough of a traveler to be able to say that the hills of my native place are superior to all others, but I can safely say their equal is not to be found in the vicinity of Clintonville. I will admit however that there are some beautiful hills in or near Meriden, judging from a peep I had at them, from the window of the cars on my way from Hartford to New Haven - but that is in Connecticut and I am not disposed to quarrel with the towns, if it be admitted our state has the precedence in beautiful scenery." ; "Ah, I am so glad you are not a philosophic [see a previous letter] - what a waste of my affections it would be to bestow them on a calm, passionless stoic!"

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Angie fr Shady (Sarah) [Clintonville] 17 July 1851; with envelope addressed to Miss H.A. Lord, Lyme, Cont, postmarked New York, July 18; death of child, entire letter: "Thursday, July 17th/ Dear Angie; This morning we

laid our dear little boy to rest in his 'dreamless bed'. I should have said his mortal part for O how unlike my darling, warm with life and beautiful with intelligence, was the soulless clay we have this mournful day committed to the earth. O this is not my child was my involuntary exclamation every time I looked upon his lifeless form. Death never seemed to me so much like the king of terrors as when he came for my sweet baby. I am going to carry my sick heart to the home of my childhood not to make you partake of my sorrow but that I may become if possible a sharer with you in the happiness that I always fancy is to be found there. Edward proposes to accompany me taking Nevie along to return with him in two or three days. Gertrude is in Norwich. I hope we shall not occasion you more trouble than our visit will be worth. I am somewhat afraid of it even allowing it the greatest possible value. We think of leaving Monday but we may be detained here longer. As I have not been to bed for three nights I think I had better retire early, so good night to you and my dear mother. Shady"

Angie from EFB [Westport, 17 July 1851]; went to New York, via Westport[?] on railway, to visit brothers; "I am in prospect of being quite busy for a time. My interests here would have been in a better state if I had taken my vacation a little earlier. I am about to try my skill in managing a farm. As yet I have not been very successful in obtaining the help that I want. The labours having been all previously engaged."; misses Angie

EFB fr Angie, 21 July 1851; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Ct, postmarked Lyme, July 22; loves and misses EFB; re death of Sarah's baby; health of Mr. Ely's daughter; re Sunday service; "There is no parish news except Mr. Burr's mysteriously sudden disappearance! 'did you know that Mr. B. had left? It was very unexpected. I was very much surprised' &c &c. The ladies who discussed the matter at the sewing society, I was told, circumstances did not permit me to be present, referred I to Mr. & Mrs. Harrison's absence. Leander came in this morning desiring me to tell him the reason of your abrupt departure & when you were to return. He had heard you were coming back in about three weeks. How he came into possession of the information is quite beyond my power to guess even, unless birds have learned to talk."

Angie from EFB (Westport) 26 July 1851; with envelope addressed to Miss H. Angeline Lord, Lyme, Conn, postmarked

Westport, July 26; about his feelings, but handwriting difficult to read; mentions his brother, Angie's mother, Mr. Marvin

EEB (My dearest friend) fr Angie (Lyme) 31 July 1851; with envelope addressed to E.F. Burr, Westport, CT, postmarked North Lyme, Aug 2; "I have just finished a re-perusal of your letter, and have just closed the case which contains your miniature . . ."; "Sarah has been with us, and other visitors have made the week a somewhat busy and exciting one. Mr. Hyde expressed himself exceedingly disappointed in not meeting you and declared he would not have come, had he known you were not to be here. . . . In my fondness I will sometimes talk of you to Sa, and she has promised to think highly of you in exact proportion to your regard for me. Mirabile dictu! What an incentive to your love!"; regarding EFB's letter of 26 July 1851 above, "Now really I am quite disturbed over your account. I fear so much exertion and exposure to the sun will prove anything but beneficial to your health."; re Mr. Olmsted's death and funeral, "I have not heard anything in regard to his death. I had not thought he would die so soon but to one who suffered as he did, and who was, I believe, so ripe for Heaven, it must have been a joy and not a grief to die. But his poor family, they are indeed plunged into the depths of affliction. They are all old enough to profit by it and to obtain consolation from the highest, the infinite source and most earnestly do I hope they may. Have you ever noticed what a thoughtful face Ellen, the eldest, has?"; "My Sabbath school teaching is becoming very pleasant to me. I must confess that on the first Sabbath I wished myself in our Bible class again. Not that my pupils were dull, or that their recitations imperfect, on the contrary, their lessons were well covered by the head, but the heart had had nothing to do with it. This pained me and I felt somewhat discouraged. But now I only hope it may be as pleasant and useful to them s I feel it is for me."; re when Mr. Marvin will come, possibly refers for wedding arrangements.

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[Angeline's marriage]

Angie fr EFB (Westport) 9 Aug 1851; with envelope addressed to Miss H. Ang. Lord, Lyme, Conn, probably hand delivered by EFB's brother; re arrangements for getting to New London? (or Lyme?); re visit to EFB's cousin in Orange Co.

NY on the way; meeting of American Association of Science
in Albany (EFB a member)

Mehetable Lord (Lyme) (My dearly beloved Mother & Sisters)
fr Carrie (Hadlyme) 6 Aug 1851; with envelope addressed to
Mrs. Mehetable Lord, Lyme , Conn, postmarked New York;
Lizzie in Saybrook, will visit and bring Eddie; re upcoming
wedding

Mehetabel Lord ("My dear Mother") fr Sarah (Clintonville)
29 Aug [1851?]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. Mehetabel
Lord, Lyme, Conn., postmarked New York, Sept 1; re
furniture, servants[?], sun protection, health; entire
letter: "Clintonville, Aug 29th/ My dear Mother/ I was very
happy to receive a letter from you written with your own
hand and to know that you were getting along so well also./
I am exceedingly disappointed that Angie has not made her
appearance here - I hope she is well and happy. I am sorry
to say that I have been rather unsuccessful in obtaining a
bureau for Angie. I went over to New York on Wednesday and
was informed that it would not be finished before a week
but there was a mahogany one with three drawers that I
could have on Saturday. I thought Angie would surely be
here very soon and I would wait and consult her about it
but as she has not I believe I will have the mahogany
bureau sent over Monday. I did not think of having
difficulty in finding what I wanted for her and I am quite
disturbed about it. I am afraid Angie will be sorry that
she left it to me. I did leave my veil[?] but I do not see
how you can send it to me./ I hope your Peggy is not going
to be light-fingered. Millie is very well and I think has
bleached[?] considerably. I keep her bonnet on her head as
much as possible and long-sleeved aprons./ I have not had
much of the head ache since I came home but I am rather
hoarse from a cold I took last Sunday, how I can not tell.
Mrs. Goodman is here with all her children and I find some
difficulty in writing with so many around. I send Carrie a
box of Homeopathic medicines for her headache and hope she
has received it and is finding great relief from the use of
them. I shall look for a letter from Angie quite
anxiously. Give a great deal of love to Sister Mary and
Carrie and tell them I shall be excessively disappointed if
I do not see them before I go south. I asked Millie if I
should send her love to Grandma and she says "Yes - Do
write me to grandma". I thank you dear Mother, for your
remembrance of me in your prayers and remain your
Affectionate/ Daughter Sarah"

Mehetabel Lord (My dear Mother) fr Sarah (Clinton) 9 Sept 1851; furniture, sickness (dysentery); entire letter: "Clinton Sep 9th 1851/ My dear Mother/ I wrote you a week ago from last Saturday and have received no answer. Angie has not been here and I have not heard from her either so that I begin to be distressed. Do relieve my anxiety if possibly. I wrote you that the bureau would be sent on Monday because I was told that it would be sent then but the man told Edward that it could not be sent until Wednesday. I was so angry about it I would have given a good deal to have been able to tell him I would not take it at all. I hope it has not troubled you as much as it has me. I cannot think what has become of Angie. The dysentery is all about here and some have died from it. There have been sixteen deaths in three weeks which is a great mortality for so small a place. Give my love to Sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews and believe me/ Your affectionate daughter/ Sarah"

Angeline Lord Burr ("My dear Mrs. Burr") fr "Cousin Sarah" (G. Hill), [Sept 1851?]; with envelope in different handwriting addressed to Mrs. Angeline L. Burr, north Lyme; congratulations on marriage; ". . . Do accept my congratulations with the sincere wish that you may never have reason to regret a change so important - & be able in strength o God to even perform the difficult duties of a minister's wife in an acceptable manner with an eye single aiming at his glory."

Angie fr Sarah (Clintonville) 22 Sept 1851; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn., postmarked New York, Sept 23; "I am not a little disturbed when I reflect that it has been more than a week since I was so happy as to receive your letter. To say truth my heart was quite sick with anxiety and hope deferred. I had a violent fit of blues, 'horrors' perhaps you would say."; re Angie's sickness; asks Angie to visit before she (Sarah) goes south; re furniture, "The bureau which I ordered for you was a mahogany one with three drawers and a mirror on the top. The price was then dollars and it was the best I could do for you. I was sadly [?] from my accustomed serenity by the faithlessness of the man I had to deal with and if he has not sent the one he engaged to I say 'bad luck to his imprudence'. But I do not see as I can know until I see it."; "I have spent the last week at the 'Orange Mountain Water Cure'. Don't be alarmed. My health is very good. But Mrs. Bailey has been out of health for some time, and took it in her head to try Hydropathy. With

her fair speech she persuaded Edward to send me with her. I was obliged to leave Millie at home and so it turned out a poor pleasure. Notwithstanding, I contrived to enjoy it quite well. It is a very pleasant place with beautiful walks in the woods. My appetite improved wonderfully and I grew fat on graham breads and vegetables. I had all my old notions on diet rubbed up for me and now I intend to try the hydrophathic system in order to keep well for I think it is excellent for that [?] if I was sick I would prefer Homeopathy and Dr. Annin. There were all sorts of people there from all parts of the world. Good bad and indifferent. I became acquainted with Mr. And Mrs. Marvin, riends of E. and delightful people they were and I enjoyed their society exceedingly. If I should go into society more I should like it better but when I get home I like to stay there. I am losing a good deal of my aversion to making new acquaintances I think. Perhaps you would like to know something about hydropathic treatment. Well, at six in the morning jump into a bath of 72 degrees temperature. The bath maid rubs you as violently as you like. After two minutes passed in rubs and shakes you emerge from the watery element into a dry sheet and undergo another rubbing which puts you in good humor again. At eleven a sitz bath which is an amusing performance. At four a dripping sheet which is, as you would imagine, a wet sheet wrapped about your entirely exposed person - A thorough rubbing ensues, then a dry sheet, then another rubbing and the deed is done. At 8 in the evening a foot bath and you have done very well for the first day. After you have tried this for a week or two you can be indulged in a 'pack' after this fashion. A wet sheet is rolled tightly around you, pinioning[?] your arms to your sides in a delightful manner. Then 1 or 2 woolen blankets are added, then a comfortable. Your teeth chatter for 10 minutes then you feel excellent. When you get into a thorough perspiration you can be unrolled and take a good bath after which you feel better, or at least you ought to. Then there is the plunge bath, the wave[?] and the 'douche'. This is a stream of water pouring on the back from a height of 10 or 15 feet. Take moderate exercise before each bath and exercise afterward until warm. Are you a mind to try it?";

Angie from Sarah (Clintonville) 13 Oct 1851; with envelope addressed to Misses E.F. Burr, Lyme, Ct; postmarked New York; re hydropathy, "In my descriptions of the various kinds of baths in use at the 'Orange Mountain Water Cure,' which you are pleased to notice, I can not say that I spoke

from experience except in the case of the Sitz. I can testify to the agreeable and amusing nature of that. If you are skeptical I can convince you when I have the opportunity. I follow your excellent advice in regard to hydropathy and I think you will do well to take mine in respect to Gymnastipathy which I beg leave to say is a very nasty [?] for one so delicate as yourself. You are in danger of [?] your 'hopely' [?] to death literally. I therefore counsel you to take Homeopathic classes [?] at your new Pathy [?] if you find it agrees with you and if otherwise discontinue it altogether."; Carrie visited, sister Mary not coming until spring; "Your experience as a minister's wife amuses me wonderfully. So you are determined not to have greatness thrust upon you. I am truly glad the people are waking up. I suppose they will be making you a life member of the Bible & Missionary societies next. It affords me inexpressible pleasure to learn that you continue to be 'the only perfect family in town'. I am anxious the family characteristic should be kept up. Ah! If I could come in and make one of your number! But 'it's no use doing nothing at all'."; Millie had dysintary, now has a cold.

Angie fr Carrie (Hadlyme) 1 Nov 1851; re trip to New Haven via steamboat to Hartford and train, look for school for Lizzie, carpet purchase, etc.

Angie fr Sarah (Clintonville) 20 Nov [1851?]; disappointed that Angie did not visit; leave on Monday for New Orleans, "Edward having obtained a transfer to the Georgia which stops at Havana [?]. I dread the voyage very much for I expect my usual quantum of sea sickness, notwithstanding the three bottles of Homeopathic medicine I obtained from Dr. Annin, and what I am to do with Millie I know not. She, in her blissful ignorance, says she 'shall be 'lighted to go'."; re Millie and her doll, "She treats it as though it was as much a sentient being as herself and reminds me very strongly of bygone days when rag babies were my chief delight."; re photograph of Millie, "You will have to wait until Spring for Millie's daguerreotype."; re reading, "I have some leisure now and improve it in reading Robertson's History of Charles the Fifth. It is exceedingly interesting. What are you reading?"; Edward going to NY for last time before leaving; not certain if take the Georgia; Nevie sick; infant, "Young Lovemouth, (Ed's last name for baby) is getting along finely on Farina. He has gained two pounds in the last two weeks."

Angie fr Sarah (Lafayette) 26 Dec 1851; Sarah & family to going to New Orleans on the steamer Winfield Scot, 7-1/2 days, "I suppose we must call it a pleasant passage yet I think I never suffered more from the sea sickness."; Merry Christmas, "Santa Claus was very generous to me. A mother of pearl 'porte monnaie,' a gold thimble and 'Egypt and its Monuments' by Dr. [Francis L.] Hawks make up the sum of my indebtedness to St. Nicholas. . . Millie went into extacies at the sight of her stocking, Christmas Morning. She found in it a set of cups & saucers etc, a flute, a 'woolly dog,' a baby & cradle and a wash bowl & pitcher all rather 'wee' than otherwise. I am glad to learn that you duly observed the time honored 'festerval' of Thanksgiving day."; re reading; re New Orleans[?], "I went down this morning to Chartres St. to go with Edward to see Mr. Bell's paintings. He has three large rooms hung full of beautiful choice pictures and it is something of a feat to spend an hour in such company. The Art Union 'cannot touch it with a ten foot pole'. It was such a detestable walking[?] I wished myself at home a good many times. I am sorry there was not good taste enough in the Country to prosper the Bloomer Costume. Strange that ladies who are supposed to like cleanliness, should prefer to wipe muddy pavements with their satin skirts to wearing the dress of Turkesses[?]."; re Carrie's health, "Do her homeopathi8c doses do her any good? I have obtained a prescription from Dr. Sunderland which I want her to try if she is not benefited by Dr. Annin's medicines. I am sorry for your foots. I don't remember what you used for them but I will send you some to try. It seems to me it was Arnica that you used when at Clintonville so I will send some of that and Belladonna, if I do not forget it."; Sarah & Millie have bad colds, "I had chills and fever one night and had to take a seidlitz powder - bah! - and keep my bed one whole day. Dr. Sunderland is teetotally opposed to Homeopathy so I practice it 'sub rosa'."

Metetable Lord (My dear mother) fr Carrie (Hadlyme) 5 Dec 1851; disappointed mother & Angie did not come for Thanksgiving; "Mother Selden & Lizzie spend Thanksgiving week with us."; cold weather, "Yesterday we went up to Mr. [?] to attend the funeral of their little boy who died of croup and we found it very cold indeed. We called at Uncle Franklin's a few minutes."; re food, and sewing "Joseph is very desirous of getting the recipe for curing Beef, in your recipe book, and if you would get Angie to copy it off and sent it up by Tuesday's mailing you would very much oblige him. He says if you will come up the first of the

week he will give you a Ribspear[?] or spare rib. I am going to turn my cloak and I wish Angie would be so good as to advise me a little as to the manner or fashion of putting it together. I thought I would like to cut it like Angie's and quilt it like hers if I could. . . I have so much sewing to do before I can come an then I suppose I shall have to come along, for Joseph and I cannot both leave home together."; thanks mother "for making my sheets."; asks for "some white yarn. I want some to foot up two pair of stockings and to finish the pair I commenced last winter. . . If Angie has any little strip of velvet that she is not intending to use, I should like to trim some loose sleeves for my green dress, but it is not important. Joseph says he is going to suggest to Mr. Noise [Noyse?] the propriety of exchanging with Brother Burr . ."

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Angie fr Sarah (N Lafayette) 20 Jan 1852; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Con't, postmarked New Orleans, Jan 23; cold weather, 14 degrees, "Imagine yourself sitting in a room where the wind has perfect license to come in through crevices innumerable and there is only a small grate for fire and you will easily credit me when I tell you that I am shivering though I have my double gown on over my dress and my hands are nearly stiff."; re medicine, "Did you receive the pellets I send for your chilblains and have you been benefited by the use of them? Has Carrie discovered any effect from her trial of Homeopathy? If she has not I should like to have her try Dr. Sunderland's prescription. He is confident that it will relieve her and I am not so jealous for Homeopathy that I am not willing she should be cured in any other way. I believe that Homeopathic medicines would do it if they were the right ones. I called on Mrs. Goodrich some time ago and she said she had been greatly benefited by the use of Homeopathic medicines. She said she had been taking them a year for headache and now she can read all day when she has [?] which she could not think of formerly. Last week the synod met and Miss Peck, Mrs. Sunderland and myself attended one of their meetings. After a sermon by one of their members they proceeded to business and it was rich to sit by and hear the goings on. There were many men of many minds and I was not a little amused at their attempts to settle a question."; 8 infants baptized at church; Millie in good health; Marian Hyde married; re pregnancy & infant death, "Mrs. Goodman has had a premature confinement. The baby lived but a short time."

Angie fr Sarah (Lafayette) 3 Feb 1852; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Con't, postmarked New Orleans, Feb 5; has been reading Deuteronomy lately; ". . . have you the Night Thoughts. I should think brother Burr would be likely to have that in his library."; "Mr. Peck's health is very poor since Mrs. Peck's death. He has gone to Louisville on business and was three weeks on the way. I am glad that you are still happy and hope that you will always be so - Let me have that chapter of your matrimonial experience forthwith. It would interest me more than the most fascinating pages of fiction."; "Hannah is expecting to be married in the Spring."

Angie fr Carrie, Wednesday morning [12 March 1852?]; re sickness & medicine; Eddie very sick, fever, sore lungs, doctor brought him "calomel powders, with Nitre & Hine's [Hives?] syrup" . . . The Dr is coming up again this evening."; Lizzie "has at last found a school."; Mother Selden wants to visit; "I believe he [Joseph] has something on his mind about Mr. Burr. But he must wait till he sees you."

Angie fr Connie (Hadlyme) Tuesday PM [after 1851?]; her health, "My throat is much better, but I have had very little sleep for 4 or 5 days and my head is in a very unsettled state. It is aching badly today. I know not why it is but sleep has really forsaken me & I know not how to woo her back."; brother Griffin visited.

Angie from EFB (Weston? Conn) 2 Aug 1852; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Camptown, NJ; postmarked Westport[?]; "I have been reading to-day for a little diversion, sketches of fashionable society, and my gratitude and affection for you have been quickened by the thought that I am not afflicted with a companion who dislikes nothing so much as a quiet life and her own house. You see how very sentimental I am still!"; visited his brother who is apparently building a new house, "The house had been delayed by the absence of some of the workmen . . . Still my brother expects it will be ready for use soon."; "Your letters should be addressed to Westport which will be my head-quarters. I expect to be oscillating between the two places for a while but your letters will not be long delayed at this office."; farm[?], re cutting hay, thinning out grove of young trees, fences, "timber up the barn"; "I hope you will romp about with your sister all over Mr. Hyde's farm and get to be extremely rugged by the end of

the vacation. I am about to aim at a similar result. I am very well now. The country about here is swarming with New York people. The singing birds with which Lyme abounds have long since been siphoned[?] away and my own particular songs I miss very much."

Mehetable Lord ("My dear Mother") fr Angie (Mount Hermon) 2 Aug 1852; with envelope addressed to Mrs. M. Lord, Lyme, Conn.; postmarked ? NJ; " . . . Now Mother you must promise me you will not stay alone if Margaret goes away. You know you can hand Moolie[?] over into neighbor Latham's care and visit sisters M & C which will please them not less than it will me. About two hours after parting from you we reached New Haven, and after a fatiguing through pleasant day we went on to Southport and spent the night at Capt. Thorp's the father of Mrs. B. Burr. At eight in the morning we started for New York. Mr. Burr did not leave me till he saw me safely on board the cars for Newark, and then we parted. I with the tears almost in my eyes for indeed three or four weeks seems a long time to be absent from my husband. I reached Mount Hermon about two o'clock and got fairly into Sa's room before she knew I was there. . . . Indeed I was tired out, but I am getting somewhat rested now - only a sty on my eye troubles me a little and interferences somewhat with my writing . . . I do not find Sa very well. . . Millie is doing finely. Annie is here and John spent two nights with us last week. . ."; re vegetable garden, squashes and beets; Gertrude and Millie send their love

EFB fr Angie (Mount Harmon) 5 Aug 1852; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmarked Camptown; response to his letter; "Sa will be very happy to see you and so to Mr. Hyde if you will suffer him to take you over his farm and express unbounded admiration for his agricultural operations he will be perfectly satisfied and if you should let fall from your lips some strongly anti-Kossuth [see Lajos Kossuth] sentiments he would be delighted. . ."; re EFB letter, "Said Sa, playfully, as we rode away from the Post Office, 'Now see if your letter reads like those of old, before you were married.' She did not know how 'saturated it was with affection.'"; Sarah's health "quite miserable"; re EFB health, "I hope vacation will work wonders on your health and that with the aid of that 'remedie'[?] in those huge baths you will be in prime order for a visit to Root's Gallery and still more for your labors at home."; re church, "Our friends here are wishing to hear you preach and you must come prepared to gratify

them , of Mr. Bruin will give up his pulpit to a New School Congregationalist."

Angie (with note to Sarah at end) fr M. Lord (mother), 6 Aug 1852; visited Mary and Carrie; "Margaret is going to New York tonight and I am going up tomorrow morning to bring Ellen Griffin down to stay with me. She wanted to come when I was there but her mother wanted her to go to school another week."; Abizah Marvin and his cousin preached, as well as a relative of Horace Ely; "Carrie asked if you got a black silk dress before your left."

EFB ("my dearest husband") fr Angie (Mount Hermon) 11 Aug 1852; with envelope addressed to Rev E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmarked Camptown NJ; misses EFB, hopes he will visit this week; "On Monday I went to New York with Sa to call on Aunt Gillett. . . She did not even know I was married and was right glad she said that I was a minister's wife."; John Hyde visiting

Mother fr EFB (Westport CT) 27 Aug 1852; entire letter: "Dear Mother/ I am [?] just to write you a line. A gentleman is waiting for me at the door and I wish to send this by the first mail today. Will you be so kind as to ask Dea. Marvin next Sabbath to give notice of a preparatory lecture as 3 o'clock P.M. on Saturday of next week and the communion the next day? We expect to reach Lyme ferry at 7 o'clock PM on next Monday. Angie is now at Weston[?] or she would have written. I hope you are well and will excuse my brevity as my haste is very great./ Your aff. Son/ E F Burr/ Westport Ct Aug 27 '52"

Angie from Sarah (Mount Hermon) August [1852?]; entire letter: "Mount Hermon August/ My dear Angie,/ Agreeably to my promise I send you today a piece of my dress. I felt so badly about your coming up to Joseph's with Margie[?] that I regretted I had made you this visit but Carrie hushed me up so I c an say nothing but that I hope when I come again I shall not be so troublesome to my friends. I left Joseph's on Wednesday though I very much wished to remain until the next day and o in Parker's boat - but I was afraid Edward would be waiting for me as he was, in NY, and Carrie said she would take me to Goodspeed's herself as Joseph had gone down to Saybrook in the morning not expecting it would clear up sufficiently for me to leave. When I arrived in NY Edward did not come to the boat quite as early as he generally does and I too hastily, concluded he was not coming at all so off I packs for home - Arrived

in Newark I meet Nevie who communicates to me the intelligence that his father was in New York waiting for me. What am I to do says I – O says N, 'Father will take care of himself, let us go home'. Unhappily, I took this advice and in consequence Edward did not come home until this morning. What a goose am I. Write soon, please, to your aff sis/ Sa/ Love to all – hope dear Mother did not have a very severe turn of headache."

Angie fr Sarah (Mount Hermon) 2 Oct 1852; bookcase arrived; interested in "The Infant Pilgrim"; enjoys sewing in the day and reading in the evening; re fixing Mrs. Holmes watch; Carrie will have arnica plaster [medicine?]; "Thursday Oct 7th – I have been reading this evening in the Observer of today what a sad affair is this 'flare up' between Dr. Parker and Henry Ward Beecher or rather Mrs. Stowe. You have the advantage of us as you have both sides of the story. I should like to know what Mr. Burr thinks of it." [re abolition?]; "I went across the way this afternoon to get Miss Wooley to make a night shirt for my spouse to match the old one he has. She sews for the society."; "I have finished 'The Infant Pilgrim'. The termination was quite unsatisfactory to me."; "I have been quilting a hood for Millie today. The Bailey girls have been spending the day with Gertrude and Millie has been playing with them all day so that I have been quite alone and I enjoyed it exceedingly. The children have been playing in the garret and such racing and such screaming as there was reminded me of the days of my own juvenility. Angie, do you remember how we used to ride our steeds around that venerable chimney?"; "Monday eve – Mr. Bruin has resigned but intends to remain here I suppose, as he has purchased the house where he lives. We ought not to suffer for lack of preaching having two ministers in the place. Yesterday Mr. Taylor preached for us. He is recommended to us for our minister by Classis. Edward was exceedingly pleased with him and proposes that we should take him to board, as he is a widower. Ah me! I hope not. I went to Newark this evening and made one grand call – The lady is a minister's wife, like yourself, but unlike yourself she has three children, the oldest being about Millie's age. You cannot say but that she has prospects . . ."; re Angie's "epistolary diary", "It is strange Angie as you say, that we do not speak more often of heavenly things. Why it is I know not. He who knew what was in [?] said 'Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh' but it seems to me that I am an exception to that rule, but perhaps it is because I know so little of my own heart.";

comparing apples from Edward's garden to Angie's; re chickens; "My health is improved owing perhaps to my having taken my half pint of wind and six grains of quinine so faithfully. Was it not a bitter dose to take three times in one day? I have been making quince jelly and marmalade and I wish you could pronounce upon its quality."; "Do you know we have the greatest pet kitten agoing? She is charmingly playful and frisky. Millie had the tallest sort of a frolic with her before she went to bed. Perhaps you might have been as much amused in looking on as I was. I am making myself a calico dress with a border something like Mother's. I shall think myself pretty smart if I succeed well even with your pattern. I have made one slight mistake already."; re medicine, "I enclose an Arnica plaster to be applied by Carrie to the numerous wounds of her three boys according to a previous arrangement hoping it will prove very mollifying."; re Mary's child [born 1852], ". . . inform me when you write again if Angie is to be the name of her sweet baby."

Angie fr Sarah (Mount Hermon) [on blue paper] 2 Nov 1852; re work and health, "My head has troubled me lately some and my mood is exceedingly variable."; John Hyde marriage, "By the way do you know that John Hyde is - is - is married! There, I was in such a hurry to get through with that effort I neglected to furnish two r's to that big word. Marian is blessed with a boy. . . All true happiness in the world is expressed in three words - Godliness with contentment."; "Much obliged to you for your information regarding bee hives. Is Mr. B. as wrathy[?] as you describe him to be at the Observer. I do not like the spirit of it at all - in fact I abhor newspaper controversy on any subject, as I have seen it conducted."; "Nov 4th - This morning Mrs. Bailey wished me to go with her to Clinton Cottage and Edward seconded the motion so decidedly that I went. Found the lady out, was not particularly pleased with what I saw inside and do not think I shall go again. Mrs. Bailey calls her place Orchard Hill. You have never told me whether Sister Mary still endures Miss Joanna or no. I was thinking of her, is est, Sister, a long time today. Has she not decided upon a name for her youngest darling yet."; ". . . I am well pleased to learn of Carrie's improved health yet I think it somewhat alarming - Poor Mr. Selden! If it please God, I hope he will be soon released from his sufferings."; "Well, Pierce will probably be our next President - Edward does not believe the reports of his intemperance at all."; re plans to visit Tenton falls; re robbery, crime, "I wish I could bring you some

house plants in the spring. Have I told you that Annie is here attending school at the Institute while Gertrude is with her Grandmother comforting her during Annie's absence. Mr. Peck has been spending several nights with us. He has been to Louisville and returned by the way of Niagara. He had the pleasure of being robbed of fifty dollars on the journey." ; [probably continuation of this letter but on white paper] "Nov 18th - Yesterday I went to Mrs. Goodman's, having my merino dress made by her dressmaker." ; re slavery, "Edward and I have been disputing about the last slave case on the ta[?]is[?]. He thinks it was outrageous to take the man's slaves from him just for passing with them through a free state, while I rejoice in the escape of any from slavery. I saw the other day some sketches of the history of Mrs. Stowe which interested me exceedingly. I do not wonder at the strength of her opposition to slavery if that be true." ; re music, "Millie is learning to play Nelly Bly." ; reading Robertson's 'Charles the Fifth'; "I think it likely that Mr. Peck [Peck?] will come home with Edward. He writes that Miss Peck is suffering from quincy[?] sore throat. She is boarding with the children at a hotel in Hartford." ; religion, "Millie asked me yesterday after we came from church what Mr. Taylor said about 'Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife'. You know that the commandments are read every Sabbath in the R[?] D church. I was surprised at Millie's question for I had no idea that she ever listened to a word that was uttered in church." ; holidays, "Thanksgiving day is coming on apace. I have not made my mince and pumpkin pies yet. Tomorrow I intend to go into the kitchen and see what I can do in that line. Would it not be pleasant if we could all meet again around the parental hearth or stove on a Thanksgiving day? Ah would it not!"

Angie fr Sarah (Mount Harmon) "No. 1", 26 Nov 1852; holiday, health, "Mr. Peck spent Thanksgiving day with us. My mince pies were not very nice. Edward thought it might be called a failure but I do not think it was altogether my fault. Mr. Peck leaves for New Orleans on the 29th. I do not envy him the voyage. Nov 30th - Edward has come home sick this evening. I went to Newark after him. Millie was along and made rather a sage observation on the way. We passed a house which had no chimney. She says 'That house has not any chimney. Santa Claus can't get into that house, can he!'. Poor Edward, I am sorry for him. He has one of those terrible colds in the head which are so hard to be borne. He does not take cold very often, but when he

does it is quite a circumstance. Mrs. Thomas called on me yesterday and I was much pleased with her. I believe I shall have to call at Clinton Cottage again. It is not easy to drop acquaintances. I made another aggressive call, so to speak, the other day. It was on a family that came here last spring and as they attend our church and give quite liberally towards the support of the Domince[?], I was admonished that I ought to call on them. Millie has on a dress with a pocket in it for the first time and you may imagine her delight. Angie do you remember how our dear mother used to make us red flannel dresses with pockets for winter and how excessively pleased we were with the pockets?"; health, ". . . suffering from the worst cold I ever had in my life, or at least within my remembrance. Dr. Parse[?] says it is a kind of influenza. The most painful symptoms of it have been a very sore throat and distressing pain in the eyes. . . . On Tuesday Mr. Taylor was installed & I increased my cold considerable by going to church. I had no idea of going until the bell rang for I had a good deal of fever the night before but three of the clergy dined with us and they were so agreeable that I thought I could not miss the opportunity of hearing them preach."; invited to a christening but did not go; "Edward has had a furnace put up in the cellar and all the stoves cleared out. I was very desirous of having it done but I am afraid I shall not like it after all."; Edward going to New Orleans next week, for one month; re sewing clothes, "So you are going into the shirt-making business. Well I pity you. I do not mean to make any more for my husband, if I can help it. I think I have enough to do besides. I do not know of any new was of making bosoms as I never notice them. I make the fold containing the button holes, of the same width as the other plaits. As for the pattern of Edward's wrist-bands you shall have one of Mrs. Beman's."; "I am glad Sister Mary is going to call her baby Angelyn."

Angie fr Sarah (Mount Hermon) "No. 2" 17 Dec 1852; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked New York, Nov 22 [goes with a previous letter?]; health, recovered from cold; "I received a day or two ago a sweet letter from Carrie informing me of the death of Mr. Selden. She wished me to send her my black bonnet and shawl which I should have been well pleased to do but I had given my bonnet away. I concluded to go to Newark and get her one to send with the shawl. I am afraid she will not like it and I want you to write me what she says about it."; "Edward was going to New Orleans tomorrow but he has

been quite sick today with an attack of diarrhea so that he will not be able to leave before Monday now. We have been talking about seasickness until its horrors are all before me — O bah! I am thankful that I am not going to N O again. Dec 20 — Edward left for N O this morning and I am therefore in a manner disconsolate. I felt half inclined to have the blues this evening but wisely concluded to defer it to some future occasion. Millie has a bad cold. She has been complaining of a sore throat today and has been rather feverish. But as I have applied a wet cloth and flannel to her throat and administered a powerful dose of belladonna in the following proportions, viz, 2 pellets in four teaspoonfuls of water and 1 teaspoonful at a dose, I hope in the morning she will be nearly or quite recovered. She has been very well all summer and she never looked prettier to me than she does now. She has become exceedingly interested in Bible history of late, and I have to repeat my stories every day. She is quite acquainted with Pilgrims's Progress and says 'Mama I want to go [to] the celestial city — Won't you go'. See never sees any pictures of mountains but she asks if they are the delectable mountains. O for wisdom to win this precious soul to that Saviour, of whom she likes so much to hear. . . I pray continually that she may indeed seek Him early and find Him. Annie wishes to unite with the church at our next communion but I do not know whether she will or not. I hope she is truly converted. Dec 21 — I noticed with much pleasure the fact recorded in the Herald that the ladies of North Lyme have made the Rev E.F. Burr a life member of the American Board. I have before me the Family Christian Almanac for 1853. It is beautiful but I do not think it equal to the Presbyterian Almanac. That has some magnificent scenes engraved in it."; re Christmas, "Millie found her stocking filled with candies this morning and among them a cockadoodle doo and a man on horseback which when she saw she exclaimed 'O funny Santa Claus'. We distribute 40 copies of the Messenger here and Mr. Taylor says they are very thankfully received and everyone wishes to pay their shilling a year for it."; "Last Wednesday, which by the way, was a tolerably cold day, Miss Wooley and myself went to see some poor people at the Harbor, if you know where that is. I never before saw poverty and filth in such extremes as in the first room we entered. The Mother had about as much dirt on her person as I think I ever saw in my while life before and three half clothed children were rocking together in one cradle, the youngest about fourteen months and the promise of another in the spring. Their prospects both for this world and the next

were gloomy enough. The other part of the same house was occupied by a different sort of a person. There the mother was as neat?? as horrible and though she had five children she continued to keep them clean. I would that I could do them good, their souls as well as their bodies. May God help me."

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My dear Angie fr Sa (Mount Hermon) 10 Oct [1853?]; with envelope addressed to Mr. E.F. Burr, Hamburgh Conn, postmarked Camptown NJ, Oct 11; entire letter: "Mount Hermon Oct 10/ My dear Angie,/ I cannot tell you how sorry I am that I have not written to you before to inform you of my safe arrival and continued prosperity but it seems almost impossible for me to find time for anything. I beg that you will not measure your letters by mine. It is not fair for you to do so. What do you know of family cars and responsibilities? We had our darling boy baptized on Saturday at the preparatory lecture. Mr. Taylor preferred to do it at that time rather than on the Sabbath. The child now bears the very respectable name of Albert Gillet so that Mr. Burr cannot call him the Anonymous any more. I went to church twice yesterday as Mrs. Goodman is here and kindly offered to take charge of my infant. I will send your Medicine and that cloak trimming for Carrie as soon as I can. Millie sends her love to Auntie Angie and Grandma and is especially anxious that I should send it to Mr. Burr who I hope will be suitably affected by her regard. Somehow the lives of Goldsmith came into my mind 'E'en children followed with endearing wile[?],/ and plucked[?] his gown to share the good man's smile.' Please write soon. With love to Mother, Sisters, brothers &c I remain &c/ Sa"

Miss A. Lord ("My dear Confidant") fr Wilhelmina Dorothea Any..? H (Vale of Avonlea[?], 32 [sic] Aug 1853; re upcoming marriage, describes in flowerly language appearance of betrothed; [letter is perhaps a joke?, note from previous read "Sounds like Addie Farnsworth"]

Angie fr Carrie, Saturday Morning, [April 22, noted by previous reader]; religious sentiments and church; headache and medicine, "I have thought some of getting a bottle of Purrine[?] and brine[?] and trying that. I used to think it did me so much good but I have no chance to get any more so I shall hve to depend on [?] strength.";

Angie fr C.L.S.[? Carrie] (Hadlyme), 14 May 1853; entire letter "Hadlyme May 14 '53/ Dear Angie/ I received your sweet letter a day or two since & this morning hasten to send you a line by this day's mail, unless I have istaken the day which is not impossible for I never could keep in mind the3 various{/} arrangements off 'Uncle Sam's [?] convenience and I have no one to refer too.' I was expecting the pleasure of a visit from you most certainly during the absence of your '[indecipherable nickname]' & felt quite disappointed. I assure you I do feel very lonely notwithstanding the voices of my three boys. I could survive the absence of my husband for one week I think, but week after week & month after month am I deprived of the presence of my lord, so I think your trial is not to be mentioned with mine. However my cup s so loaded with mercies I cannot complain. / I have quite lived[?] outdoors this spring & you may expect to find me nearly of the complexion of the boys. But I think I may reasonably infer it has been for my health for I have not had a hard headache for two or three weeks. Is not that encouraging. / I should like very much to ride down & get my shawl but it is not possible & I shall be obliged to you if you will send it up by mail with any hints you can for the operation of 'scoring'[?]. I suppose my dear Mother has returned. I hope she will come up and see me as soon as she can for I want to see her so much. Yours in haste/ C.L.S."

Angie fr Mother (Lyme) 22 July 1853; visit from Joseph and Carrie; Joseph repairing house and barn; Margaret staying with her; inquires about Shelter Island visit; [note at end from Joseph Selden]

EFG ("My own dear good husband") fr Angie (Mount Hermon) 26 July 1853; "I am full of commiseration[?] fro you my poor E on account of the trouble you had in your efforts to obtain a girl for sister Mary. I know she will appreciate this. It s however just what I feared."; "And so you were glad that I did not go to the Chrystal Palace. Does that mean that you would advise me not to go at all? Mr Hyde expects to go some time during the first of August and said he would take me with him. Do write me if you do not think I had better go for I shall not know what to te3ll him. I am astonished that it is no place for ladies. I am sure there will be a great many there at all events."; "I have been careful t obey your injunction as regards exercise and have had one gand excursion to the grove with Sa and Millie.

They both took off their shoes and waded through the brook but by my superior agility I escaped the necessity. We staid an hour or two and I took the occasion to search for my name which you remember you carved on an ironwood tree. There it was as legible as on the day you wrote it."

EFB fr Angie (Mount Hermon) 3 Aug 1853; with envelope addressed to Rev EF Burr, Westport Conn, postmarked Camptown, NJ Aug 4; glad EFB in better health, "I was afraid your haying and harvesting might give you trouble."; re her routine, "I rise at six and breakfast at seven. After that I help Sa wash the breakfast dishes or something of the kind. The rest of the day is a medley. I walk on the gallery or through the walks to see how the roses progress, or read or sew or talk as seems most agreeable. Besides I have a daily walk to the P.O. We had a lesson in Chemistry every day for awhile, but Sa commenced read the "The Wide, Wide World" to me and the sciences were all forgotten. This is something of what I do. What I suffer is another thing and might fill another page."; Carrie hoped EFB would come for his horse

Angie fr Sa (In bed) 13[?] August 1853; [Albert Hyde born Aug 10, 1853]; childbirth, entire letter, "In bed, August 18 '53/ My dear Angie,/ I had my party the day after you left. I commenced nursing my little boy this morning and it promises to be rather a painful pleasure. But I would hope in the goodness of God, which hath not failed me though so unworthy. Yours as ever Sa

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Angie fr Sa (Mount Hermon) 10 Jan [Jun?] 1854; motherhood, altering clothes to fit the growing baby; husband Edward left for New Orleans 2 weeks ago; inquires "about your Telegraph stock"; "Annie received a letter from Molly Griffin yesterday. It was written in a beautiful hand. I was charmed with it entirely. She does not know whether she will return next term or not - I cannot help hoping she will."; "I hope Sister Mary has a good servant before this but I am afraid not by your silence. That reminds me that I am freed from those torments [?] and Sarah. I do not care for any better maids than those that fill their places. I begin to think there is some comfort in housekeeping after all."; childbirth, infant death, "Mrs. Goodman presented her husband with twin daughters between Christmas and New Years. She was not expecting till the

middle of February. One of the twins died about a week after its birth, the other is doing well. Poor Emily, she has suffered dreadfully since her confinement. I went down to see her the day before the baby died and let Gettie with Annie and Margaret the Maid. It was a sad sight: the poor suffering dying babe. It reminded me of my own little one that died in NO."; "Poor Eddie seems to be bearing the yoke in his youth. What has been the matter with him?"; re nursing, "I do not use the shield in nursing any more. I find it on the whole less painful to do without it. I am glad you are trying riding 'pony back' for your chest and I hope it will accomplish the end desired but in truth, I do not think it will."; "We have a funny pet here, a little tadpole which we keep in a tumbler of water. How we came by it is a little queer. Baby has awaked from his rosy slumber and I must take the darling."

Angie from Shady (Mount Hermon) 1 March 1854; health off baby, "[Gettie] He is not quite as fat as he was a month ago. He was quite sick with the vaccine disease and lately has had a bad cold and sore eyes but is much better now."; "I begin to breath more easily now as Edward is going to have another maid so I can have some help about taking care of baby and the sewing. Miss Peck and Hattie are coming to board with us during the month of June so I hope to make my visit to Lyme in May. Edward talks of accompanying me but he may change his mind. The honorable gentleman arrived at Mt Hermon on the 23rd to the great joy of his expectant household. [dangers of travel] He had a narrow escape from very imminent danger, down in Alabama on the stage route. The horses ran away in the night and after throwing the driver from his seat ran two miles when they dashed against a stump breaking one of the front wheels when the axletree stuck in the mud and brought the wild creatures to a stand. Thanks to a kind Providence no one was injured."; "Mrs. Goodman is getting along very well. The survivor of the twins is a wee bit of a thing, some considerably smaller than Gettie was. Do you know that they intend to do me the honor to name it Sarah Lord? My hitherto refractory members have ceased to afflict me for which mercy I desire to be most thankful. I do not know how I bore it so long. It seems to me I could not again."; re religion, faith, "I thought Harriet Brockway became a Christian some time ago while at school. I am sure you told me so."; "Listen! Mrs. Faull has a little boy!!! Now what do you say! How soon will you . . . well, no matter - - -. The little tadpole met with an untimely fate. One day when I was in Newark Nevie upset the tumbler and spilled him out and in

attempting to pick him up, wounded him mortally. Margaret brought him up to me in a pitcher of milk for the baby."

Angie fr Sa (Mount Hermon) 25 May [1854?]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. EF Burr, Hamburg Conn; "I have finished today a book which has been to me a treasury of holy and beautiful thought - The Royal Preacher by Hamilton. I wish that it may prove as profitable as it has been delightful. I sympathize with you in your emotions on reading 'Shady Side'. Edward said he could not believe it ever had its counterpart but my heart told me it was too true. Would God it were not! . . . After reading that book I felt as though I must increase my donations to the Ministers Fund which Mr. Chapman advocated in our Church sometime since."; re servants, "Our new girls do very well I think. I wish Edward was as well suited with them as I am. It is quite refreshing to me to have some servants willing to do just as I want them to even if they do not do everything exactly right."; garden/farm, "I asked Edward about the evergreen corn and he said he would send Joseph some."

Angie fr Carrie (Hadlyme) 6 May 1854; re preachers, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Loper; "I suppose your bridges are minus[?] as well as our. Joseph has not lost any of his buildings on the fish place, though they are very much damaged. He has commenced repairing them & getting ready to fish again."

EFB fr Angie (Mount Hermon) 19 July 1854; with envelope addressed to Rev EF Burr, Westport Conn, postmarked Camptown NJ, July 20; writing in a field, bees, antrs, butterflies, squirrel, "This is just the place to deam of you and were it not for some disadvantages just the place to write to you. Ah my dear, dear E. I had rather you were here, stretching yourself out on the ground after the old fashion. And you will come, will you not? To all the inquiries why you did not come with me, I have said, I think he will come on for me. Sa says you will have to bear her displeasure if you do not. . . You do not tell me whether you are 'eating voraciously' and getting fat. I hope so or I fear I shall eclipse you when I come to pass before you. I do not know that I have perceptibly expanded yet but I am sure I shall, I am getting so hungry."

EFB ("My dearest E") fr Angie (Mount Hermon) 25 July 1854; love letter; "The weather has indeed been oppressingly hot and I have had a great deal of anxiety about you. I thought if you were out of doors much, you would surely be sunstruck. Mr. Chapman is now suffering from that cause

and another neighbor. I wish I could send you a substantial and palatable dish suited to your fastidious appetite."; re visiting mother, husband, servant for mother; "You know how much I would like to he you come and make us a visit but I certainly would not urge it against your will and convenience. Can you not bring business matters to a close so as to spend a part of the vacation at home. It would be so pleasant. I have a great many things to talk about and I am afraid I should not find time to say them if you go right to studying. Prepare yourself for a great favor I have to ask of you. Promise me you will say yes, won't you?"; re death of Enoch Ely and his wife Pholera

Mother fr Angie (Mount Hermon) 26 July 1854; with envelope addressed to Mrs. M. Lord, Lyme, Con n, postmarked Camptown NJ, July 27; re visit home, Ely deaths, Cholera in NY, sickness, chickens; "I shall probably be at home by the first or middle of next week. But do not be disappointed if I should fail to do so. Mr. B. [EFB] may hit upon some other plan. I am afraid the hot weather will not let him recruit very fast. He says he does not get an appetite yet."; Mary "safe at home again"; "We are quite alone now. Annie & Gertrude are in Norwich, Nevins is in Hadlyme I suppose and Miss Peck and Hattie are in New York for a few days."; "Mr. Hyde talks of going up to see 'Joe' this week but of course it is doubtful. I was much shocked to hear of the death of E. Ely and wife. I suppose it is quite sickly in New York. Mr. Hyde speaks of cases of Cholera among his acquaintances."; inquires about Mrs. Similius Ely

EFB ('My dear E.') fr Angie (Lyme) 5 Aug 1854; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmarked Lyme, Ct, Aug 7; re summer fruits, EFB farming; entire letter: "My dear E./ I am again quietly settled in the old mansion. It is very still here. I assume you are somewhat lonesome. I am sometimes tempted to drum on a tin pan or something else to wake things up. But Dame Nature is not asleep if she is unconscionably still. She has been doing a great stroke of business since we went away. The late peas have sprung up above my head and the corn to twice that height. I am suspicious it is all leaf and stalk and no fruit. There is however no lack of sweet apples and pears. If you were not more profitably and perchance agreeably employed I really wish you were here to eat some of our blackberries. They are very abundant and a size larger even than the Weston blackberries. / I found Mother waiting for me at the station well pleased

apparently to have me home again. She has not been well a part of the time since we left. I flatter myself I can be quite useful to her as, owing to the great press of business with our neighbors, she is obliged to personate a hostler dairy boy, dairy maid, cook, chamber maid etc. / Oh, my jewel, what a business man you would make. Mr. Hyde would find himself in the background if you were to take the field. I have failed to carry out my hastily formed resolution not to care about you any more. I was rather suddenly impressed with the idea that my affection had been lavished too profusely, and felt somewhat as a kettle of boiling water may be supposed to when a pailful of cold water is dashed into it. I fell to musing on the peculiarities of delicate appetites. 'Salad for the solitary' looks very tempting in the distance but when it is placed before - bah! He can't touch it. The diet of jealousy came near taking full possession. I must have one of your sweetest letters before I shall be fully exorcised. / I am very much tried by the - - - laziness, parsimony - I do not know what to call it, of the people here. I do not learn that anything effectual has been done to supply your pulpit. Leander headed a subscription with \$3, two others put down \$3 apiece and that is the last of it. By some accident they had your predecessor Mr. Griswold last Sabbath and I suppose they will go on the strength of that until you come home. I wish I could go to Hadlyme to spend the next Sabbath, but I do not know that it will be possible. Miss Huntington has my class, so I need feel no uneasiness about them. Mrs. S. Ely died the week after we left. / Health and happiness to you, my dear husband, and success in your farming. I hope it will not press upon you so sorely that I should not get a good long letter very soon. Can you not direct it so that I can get it by going to Mr. Bill's? Mother send her kind remembrance and please accept from me just as much love as you wish for. We shall be most happy to welcome you home. / Yours Angie/ Lyme Aug 5th '54"

Angie fr EFB (Westport Ct) 9 Aug 1854; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Westport, CT, Aug 9; entire letter: "My dear A/ I [?] your note last evening, and according to promise answer it at once. / Amid my many thoughts I failed to think of the difficulty you might have at the New Haven station with your baggage until it was too latte to alter arrangements. If I had thought of it a much before your leaving as I did after, I probably should have accompanied you as far as New Haven. / Yesterday I went to see the little sick girl of

Mrs. Smith – the one who had a bone cancer. Her limb is one of the most dreadful objects I ever saw. She suffers constantly and without complaint. She seems very happy though, perfectly aware of her situation. She loves[?] everybody and tries to make herself useful by sewing and knitting. As usual I found it better to go to the house of mourning[?] than to that of [?]. / Last Sabbath I preached again at Weston. I am not expecting to preach again until I return to Lyme which I fear will be rather after than before the expiration of six weeks. The [?] day of my return I cannot yet settle upon. / We are in the usual bustle confusion here. Your quiet and my noise would contrast extremely. We are constantly meeting with events – which you can hardly say – but in my case one wave washes away the impression left by its predecessor; so that would be difficult for me to give much account of my vacation experience. / My love and duty for your Mother. / Yours EFB / Westport Ct Aug 9 '54 / I was at South Norwalk the other day when they professed much regret that you did not pay them a visit."

Angie fr EFB (Westport) Aug Tuesday [probably 15 August 1854]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Westport CT, Aug 15; "In usual haste I write you a few words – as I am now very busy in superintending the building of a granite wall smoke house for my brother [or mother?]" ; plans to go to Lyme next Tuesday

EFB fr Angie (Lyme) 12 Aug 1854 "The Anniversary"; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, Lyme Ct, Aug 12; health, "I have been capable of very little exertion since the first day or two after I reached home. I took my first ride to Hamburg yesterday and though very much fatigued have not felt the worse for it. I think I shall recover strength more rapidly hereafter. My faith and hope have been at times as weak as the body. I will not ask you to pray for me for I know that you do, and it is a comfort to me to think that other prayers than mine are offered for me. I will only ask you to pray still more for me, for I am most needy."; weather, "We have had scarcely a drop of rain since I came home and I fear our fine blackberries will be cut off for the want of it. I have almost lived on them and if they should happen to impart their color color to my skin, there is some danger that I might be 'sold down the river'. Had you not better hurry home to prevent such a catastrophe?"; re getting a girl [maid, servant] for mother; re miniature

Angie fr Carrie (Hadlyme) 30 Aug 1854; with envelope addressed to Mrs. M. Lord, Hamburg, Conn; health and faith, "Yesterday I was suffering from one of my headaches & though trying to the flesh I feel this morning how thankful I am that I am not prostrated by long & wasting sickness. I think there are few of God's creatures who have received so overflowing a cup of mercies as is given me. My prayer is that 'The goodness of God may lead me to repentance.'"; re attending meeting ["of the Board?"] in Hartford, what to wear, "And now if I conclude to go with you what shall I need to take with me. I should like very much to see you before we go, but I do not see as I can come down so will you please write me all that is necessary in regard to the fixtures. Do you think I had better fix that Tissue[?] dress or shall I be more likely to wear thick dresses. It will be too early for my Tan will it not! Do please make any suggestions you can think of. Does Mother think she could take one or two of my boys?"

Envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Westport Ct., Aug 21

Angie fr Carrie [C.L. Selden] (Hadlyme) 6 Sept 1854; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hadlyme, Conn; wants to go to Hartford next week with Joseph to "Committee of Arrangements?" if she can find "asylum" for her boys, "I heard on Monday that there had been only 800 provided for & more than 1000 names had been send it & they were still sending in 50 a day."

Angie fr Sarah (Mount Hermon) 16 Dec [1854?]; sickness, children, sister Mary's pregnancy, "Millie has had two illnesses since you were here and she has lost what little flesh she had. Her chin is so sharp it reminds me of what Mother used to say of mine - sharp enough to pick a brier out. Poor child, she suffered considerably in her last sickness and Dr. Parse was afraid she was going to have inflammation on the chest. She is quite smart again now. Before Millie was well Albert was taken with Croup to my great alarm but the disease yielded to medicine. He is much better yet far from being well."; Dec 18, "Albert is improving but he is very fretful still. Dr. P thinks worms trouble him. He is a sweet boy, Angie. When he comes to me with, Mama, up - it is hard to resist him. Millie seems quite well again and is looking forward to Christmas with large expectations as papa has promised her two little China dolls, a mother & daughter. My New Years presents

are pretty extensive. I went into New Y to call upon a cousin of E's and he bought me a cloak for 23 dollars and said it was my New Years present. That was rather nice, eh? Now I have the promise of a sewing machine on New Years. It is needless to remark I am very well pleased about it. How did Carrie like the fruit knives? When is Sister M [Mary?] expecting."; "Mr. Taylor is still an inmate of our house with little prospect of our losing him for some little time. We have two very good furnaces in our church which make it very comfortable. You know how comfortless it used to be with those miserable stoves."; "We are all invited over to Sister Bailey's this evening to see Brother Sam and his wife."

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Angie fr Shady (Mount Hermon?), 1855?; "I am intending to study French with Miss P. How far I shall proceed in it is rather dubious. She says I pronounce very well - encouraging - Cannot Mr. Burr teach you. There was a French beggar along here the other day and hearing Miss P talking with him put me in a fever to learn French too. Everybody is talking French around me. I would like to know what they say or I shall be as badly off as Dame Eleanor Shearing. My zeal will not hold out long I expect but if I have my sewing machine I shall have more leisure I hope."

Angie fr Sarah (Mount Hermon) 5 Feb 1855; "I am all alone this evening, the whole family even to Millie having gone to Mr. Chapman's to hear the dialogue which is to come off this evening."; 'The fire has gone out in the furnace through the carelessness of the maid . . ."; re French lessons vs. "profound subjects"

Angie fr Sarah (Mount Hermon) 25 April [1855?]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburgh, Conn, postmarked Camptown NJ; sickness, "I felt quite anxious about you on account of your sitting up with Mrs. John Bill; because she had the typhus fever."; re gardening, I do not think I shall be able to come to Lyme before June but when I come I will if possible bring you a queen of the prairie rose and to[?] things grow in the meanwhile I would prescribe plenty of manure. I consider that to be the most efficient means of encouraging vegetation. Mr. Peck intends to leave NO with his bride about the first of June. [to be married May 3]"; Miss Peck will keep house for her

in June; sickness, minor ailments, "Millie too has a sore on her head that threatens to be troublesome. She ran against Annie's pen one day. It was full of ink and made quite an incision."

Angie fr M. Lord (Lyme) 20 July 1855; re Europe travel, " . . . I also received one [letter] from Mr. Burr announcing his intention of going to Europe for a year which took me so by surprise that I have hardly recovered sufficiently to write. I hope it will be for his health . . ."; with Mary and her 2 children visited Carry

EFB fr Angie (Mount Hermon) 19 July 1855; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmark illegible; Angie's reaction to EFB decision to go to Europe for a year, money, entire letter: "My very dear husband, / It is not yet sunrise. The night has been oppressively hot and the air of my room doubly so on account of the heated range. Besides this I feel as if half devoured by mosquitoes. But these discomforts are trifles light as air and not to be mentioned by the side of that one great evil which stares me in the face. Are you really going off to Europe to leave me for a long year!! O I will try to be brave, but since I received your letter last night I have been literally almost sick. I have read and reread to see if I was not mistaken, but there it stands. So the matter is decided. I have before thought of it as distant and certain, now I feel as if hundreds of miles of green sea water were already rolling their cruel waves between us. O I wish I was rich - I wish I was strong and could endure like a donkey. I wish I could - you know what - more than all I wish you were well and did not need to follow such a long prescription. / But I must not stay to write all I ~~feel~~ want to say about this matter for Mr. Hyde has offered to take my letter to New York as it is too late to be mailed here today, and I must have it ready for him. We are to have no dividend from the Telegraph stock for reasons which I will endeavor to give when I see you. I am glad your crops are so promising but the weather is too hot for you to look after them much I am sure. I will do what I can to wax '[?] as a partridge,' but unless I become quite oblivious to what is now so engrossing I think I shall not be likely to. / I shall be quite ready to turn my face northward and eastward by next Wednesday notwithstanding Sa's protestations. She says she thought a brother was born[?] for adversity and yet I leave her to hear her inflection alone (the Pecks remain and are likely to through the summer.) Please write immediately and tell

me what train I shall take etc. If I should not get a letter I should come nevertheless and stop at Southport. I do not hear from Mother. / And now my dearly beloved and longed for (may I not say that?) I must bid you a genuine God be with you, which means heaps of blessing on your precious head. I must dress for breakfast. The sun is shining in [?] shockingly[?!] / Your Angie./ Mount Hermon July 19th at [?] Thursday '55"

Angie fr EFB, nd; re Europe trip, " . . . I expect that I shall find it a great trial to leave you and am very sorry that you cannot go along. How should I spend it a whole year without you!"; re meeting her when she visits

Angie fr EFB, 16 July 1855; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Camptown NJ, postmarked Westport Ct July 17; re Europe trip; entire letter: "My dearest A. / I have delayed writing a day or so that I might be able to tell you definitely about my proposed journey. B seems somewhat disposed to go with me & probably will come to some conclusion before I send this. I cannot say that my hopes for him are very strong. / You see that I marked [?] Westport in safety [?] and by the time I intended - though this last item hardly can be seen from such promises as I have just given you I found the hat store closed and see I was obliged to leave my veteran hats for another time. / Ask Mr. Hyde if we are to have a Telegraph Dividend and when; and you will yourself a favor and me also. / I find my hay crop very good and there are several men now cutting in. The oats are splendid - best I have seen for a long time, perhaps. Tomorrow my [?] which is to be started [?], prov. Permitting. / I preached for B. yesterday half a day. / Having nothing further to say about myself I will proceed to talk about you. And find I will express my most affectionate interest in your welfare by hoping that you are getting hearty and fat. Thus I may venture to advise my [?] to keep in the open air as much as possible and eat as much fruit etc as she conveniently can - by the way I meant to write judiciously. I am longing to see you as plump as a partridge. By the time you get ready to come on here, I shall be quite in a heat to see you, as I am well satisfied from [?] indications. Will you be ready by next week Wednesday? / B thinks he will not go. So if I go I shall go alone. Unlimited love to your [?]. EFB July 16 '55"

Mother (probably Angie's mother) fr EFB (Westport) 26 July 1855; [piece torn from page]; re Angie's arrival, "She came up from N. York with me yesterday."

EFB fr Angie (Lyme) 4 Aug 1855; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, illegible postmark; visited sister Mary, re Ecclesiastical Society, religion, money, clothing; "They met last Monday morning and decided that they were not ready to dismiss their pastor and would accept of his proposal to supply the pulpit. They groan[?] some and say 'can we get along with Mr. Noyes?' Some feel as if there ought to be a minister in the place. The Universalists are exerting themselves greatly. Poor Mrs. M. Brockway thinks it is a dark day. But no one finds fault with you for going away. They seem to feel that you need it and appear very sympathetic. I asked Mr. A. Griffin if he thought they would be able to pay you by the middle of this month. He said they would try to, but it was a pretty tight place for them. Privately, I do not believe they will, unless you are here to remind them of their duty. You know how intensely busy the farmers are, and what an effort it will require for them to accomplish it. / So much for parish matters, now for the things that concern ourselves. I am rejoicing in all these bright days on your account. I hope other things favor your progress as well as these fair skies, so that you may come home very soon. You may be sure there is a shadow resting even on this dear old home as long as you are away. I hardly dare think of the future. If it were not wicket I could almost wish to take one of Rip Van Winkles naps. But no, I would not either, for I hope to have some joy with the pain, joy which I would not lose. . . [list of things from NYC] . . . but of all things do not forget the daguerreotype. I do not want to tease you about it. I only want you to know how much my heart is set upon it. The failure might be irreparable. A good Providence seems to favor my wish in giving us an unusually large dividend from the Fishery. I am thinking that if all our dividends were to improve upon those of the last year in the same ratio, I would be pretty likely to be your companion in travel. I have not received any information from Sa in regard to the India rubber cloth. I will write as soon as I have. There is nothing of the kind at Hamburg. I wish you would take special notice of the India rubber capes - the length, how finished about the neck - have they standing collars - how fastened etc - also the knapsacks so that you will be able to give me written directions when I come to make them."; death of Miss Lucy Martin, "I am told she was very happy when dying.

Mr. Hillard preached at her funeral."; "Jenette Brown is to be married next Monday to a brother of Richard Beckwith and leaves immediately for a home in the west." 'An sister Jane it is said waits until the fall, when she expects to unite her fortunes with one Stephens, a friend of her father from the south. Is not this a precious bit of news for old Lyme to furnish?"; "Mother has not received the Christian Union yet and begins to fear you failed. What is to be done about having the buckwheat sowed?", etc.

Angie fr Sarah (Mount Hermon) Tuesday [1855?]; entire letter: "Mount Hermon Tuesday/ Dear Angie / An safely arrived at home. Found Edward waiting for me at Peck Slip. / Everything going on smoothly. Miss Peek seems not to have thought it out of the way my leaving as I did - like the new damsels amazingly; have not seen Catherine - headaches most unpleasantly therefore with a 'God bless you' for ye all I will close / Sa"

Angie fr EFB, Tuesday Morning; re arrival, money, "Give yourself no trouble about money matters any further. I have no doubt but we shall get along comfortably n some way. I so not trouble myself - so you must not. It is a matter of convenience to have a little more funds but I think not of necessity. By a turn of good fortune (may I say [?]) I saved \$30 yesterday. Still if you could ascertain in [?] judicious way how much Mr. H. dost? Think himself able to [?] for a Piano I should like to know."

EFB fr Angie (Lyme) 7 Aug 1855; with envelope addressed to Rev E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmarked Lyme, CT, Aug 7; re Europe trip, entire letter: " My dear, dear husband, / My heart is so heavy that I must unburthen it to you. You have so much to engage your attention that you cannot realize my utter desolation in the thought of your going away. I almost seems as if a few more such nights as the last would make me crazy. I have leisure to measure the length and breadth of the calamity and it seems to me that I can never endure it. I have wept till my eyes have seemed on fire, every day grows longer, how can I bear months of such days! Is it not possible for you to take me with you? I know it is a great thing to ask but do not say no until you have heard me through. You said with your own lips that you would like to take me with you and I suppose the principal objection is that it costs so much. Now you do not believe it would take what Mr. Thompson says to transport your wife. You have cut down his estimate for yourself one third, now do the same for me and see if it

cannot be met. In the first place, I would sell my piano for the purpose more cheerfully than I bought it. Then who knows but Kate might be made to earn something for her mistress. And you must subtract the sum that would be necessary to keep me at home. After all I know that it would be necessary to draw somewhat largely on our fortune, but dearest, have you not said you were laying by in store for me? Now is your time to prove it. Can you believe that the same sum would ever afford me so much pleasure or at least save me as much pain if reserved for the future as if expended for me now? You know that I have always been accustomed to a small income and it does not look at all terrible to me that it should be so for the time to come. Do you not remember how we promised four years ago to cleave to one another till death should part? It seems like a broad breach of that compact to go so far asunder. Of course I would not expect to go if there was anyone home who needed my presence. Who knows if Providence has not spared me the case of any little ones that I might be free to go with you? Who knows but I might so enrich my mind as to make it yield a little fruit? If a great taking[?] book were to be the result it might be a profitable investment. Perhaps I might be foreign correspondent to some Fireside Magazine which did not want strong meat. Or I might learn to use my pencil so well as to furnish a few sketches for your great work. / O how it has lightened my heart even to dream for a few moments of what might be! But I know there is more than one objection to my going. My health might not be equal to traveling continually. It certainly is far from it now. But with more pleasing thoughts and the benefit which might result from a sea voyage, it seems to me that I might take it in the leisurely way which would be best for your own health. I should be most afraid of being in your way and that you might wish me at home. I leave it for you to decide, only do not do so until you have thought seriously of it and tried to realize what it will cost me to have you go without me. I desire it so earnestly that I have ventured to petition to Him who said 'Ye shall ask what ye will in My name etc'. I hope it is not wrong and that I may have patience to take a denial if so He wills. / I think when Hettie has thought of it as much as I have with no husband near for whose sake to check sad thoughts she will feel as I do. If you can O do let us both go. We might sometimes be a trouble to you but you might sometimes be the happier for our being near. / I hope my letter will not trouble you if after all you do not think it best for me to go. I perhaps should not have written it if I had not been in spirit down to the waters edge and seen the

ship bearing you beyond my call. In my horror I said, 'that agoing must be spared, if words of mine can do it. So write to me as soon as possible and tell me what I am to expect. The idea has full possession of my mind and if it is to be exorcised, the sooner the better. / The last Messenger gives in its list of new tracts, 'A Friend of Christ.' Is not that yours? Ought not the avails to be forthcoming? I went up to the P. Office this morning hoping to get a letter either from Sa or you. I am going down to Lyme this afternoon to carry this and my perhaps hear from Sa. If so will tell you. / With a heart all too full of love I fear / Be pitiful to your poor / Angie / Lyme Tuesday Aug 7th '55/ A thought by the way. It requires but one passport for a family if I mistake not, so here the expense could not be doubled on my account sure. Heaven send me favor in your eyes."

Angie (My chere Angie) fr Sarah (Mt Hermon) Tuesday 7 Aug 1855; re clothing, "The India rubber cloth which Edward got for me was of no use whatever. It was black and stiff and cracked as soon as it began to be used. But Mrs. Bailey and Emily use the white soft rubber cloth and they say it wears very well. Mrs. Bailey says hers was more than a yard wide and a dollar and a half a yard but it comes of all widths black & white and may be found in Broadway lower part at Day's great India rubber store."; "Mr. & Mrs. Peek returned from Ne York Saturday evening. They expect to leave for their grand tour on Thursday."; re French lessons, "I am getting along in my French a little and I enjoy it highly. I wish you were as far in the grammar as I am and we could go on together. It would be delightful and I almost wish we were school girls again."; Edward in Newport last week, "I was quite alone for two days . . . But once in a while, I do like to be alone."; re Europe trip, "I wish your chandelle had burnt a little longer that you might have enlightened me a little more on the all engrossing subject of Mr. Burr's European tour."

Angie fr Sarah, nd; entire note [probably originally part of another letter]: "Dear Angie / If Mother does not like my French interpolations let me know and I will confine myself to Saxon expressions - Sa"

Angie fr EFB (Southport) 9 Aug 1855; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Southport, Ct; entire letter: "My dear A./ I have not heard from hyou but I suppose you have some good reasons for not writing. / I have concluded to leave here on

Saturday to reach Lyme at 1 o'clock – leaving such affairs as are incomplete in charge of B. I am writing at Capt. Thorp's and in great haste. [?] love to you and Mother. / Much Aff. / E.F. Burr / Southport, Aug 9 '55"

Envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Camptown, NJ, return address logo of Savery's Temperance Hotel and Telegraph Dining Saloon, 14 Beekman Street, New York

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Angie fr Carrie? (Hadlyme) 24 Oct 1855; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr c/f Baring Bros & Co., forwarded to Florence; re birth, "I will proceed at once to inform you of the fact that I am the mother of four boys. Perhaps you will be somewhat disappointed, as everyone close seems to be. But it is all right. The girls are for Sister Mary & the boys for me . . . My baby is now nearly 4 weeks old and I am getting quite well. Mrs. Miner stayed with me 2 weeks, and since then I have had the whole care of my baby. . . I cannot tell you what a comfort my dear Mother has been to me. But I have been afraid she would get sick, she has taken so much care of the children & family matters in general. I beg her everyday to sit down and let things go but you know our good Mother's propensity to have everything done decently and in order. I think she has found it more difficult than she imagined to keep Dinah & Kate straight and will not wonder if I should chance to be impatient sometimes. Joseph took Eddie and George down to Saybrook to stay the first two weeks to relieve Mother of some care. I think she will appreciate the quiet of her own home after spending a year with her older daughters & their noisy children. . . The boys are very desirous I should consult you in regard to the name for the baby. I would like to give him his father's name, but as he is not willing to have him called Joseph we must add some other name to it. Can you not send us one!"; "Mr. Hillard is indeed married & has taken possession of our new parsonage which is said to be done up in fine style. So far as I can learn Mrs. Hillard has been favorably received by the people. Mr. Parsons has sent in his resignation to his people."

Angie fr M. Lord and Carrie (Hadlyme) 2 Nov 1855; re Angie's safe arrival in London, " . . . how does Mr. Burr get along without his study and books. I hope his health is improving & yours too."; no headaches, getting along

with Carry, "She has a very nice Babe looks like George has taken him out riding today."; re letter from Sarah, Albert had severe cold; Francis & Mary visited with 2 youngest children; "Mary E said when I was there she would like to have the use of the Seraphone while you were gone. I told her she should have it."; "O the pumpkins cannot give you any information about them as Joseph sold all out the garden hens chicks & pasture to Mr. Bill."; from Carrie written on same page: "Joseph has gone to meeting and Mother is deeply engrossed with the 'Catacombs of Rome' a work Joseph took from the Sunday School Library . . ."; "It has been 4 long months since I have attended church and I feel it would be a precious privilege again to go up to the Courts of the Lord & one which I hope soon to enjoy. I have been highly edified during my stay at home by reading the sermons of Dr. Adams . . ."; "I was surprised at your account of the Sabbath on board ship. I thought it was an invariable custom to have service if there was any one present to conduct it. Most heartily do I sympathize with you dear Sis in all your trials during that long passage but rejoice in your safe deliverance from them at last & hope you will have a pleasanter passage home. I am quite shocked at your description of the state of our Seamen. I can hardly believe it to exist under our government. Perhaps you will prove their eloquent friend as Mrs. Stowe has that of the Slave. I am really anticipating some brilliant emanations from your pen as the result of this year's travel."

Angie [in Europe] fr Sarah, 8 Oct [1855?]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr c/o Baring Brothers, London, postmarked Nov 21 or 28]; "Every steamer that arrives now from Europe I am hoping to hear from you . . ."; family health, "Since I came from Hadlyme M & A have been sick with colds and Albert has suffered very much with the ear ache so that it seems as if I had done little else besides take care of him, but they are both quite well again."; births, "I had a letter from Joseph a few days ago conveying the intelligence that Carrie has another son and was very comfortable, considering - [making do without servants, etc.]"; Oct 10 inquires about "progress in French", reading "Maid of Orleans"; Oct 29 finally receives letter from Angie

Angie fr Molly [niece] and Mary L. Griffin [sister] [East Haddam] 2 Nov 1855; finally received Angie's letter saying they arrived in Europe; "I wish that you might be repaid for your good letter by a long one from Mother but the

multiplicity of her cares which are somewhat increased now that Sarah has left us render her time for letter writing very limited." ; seasickness, "Although we very much regret that sea-sickness made you so long and familiar a visit yet we are very glad that you were favored with pleasant weather all the way notwithstanding you were so long at sea. Though I know little or nothing of sea-sickness from experience, yet I can imagine enough respecting its horrors to give you my sincere pity. But did you not try to console yourself with the thought that it is said to be very healthy to be seasick?"; birth of Carrie's son; religious? Society, "The societies have been held every other week since you left, but I have not attended them so that I know nothing about the affairs of the society. They have changed the tract society to a home missionary society. Ann Parker, Maria Brockway, & Hattie Marvin were the committee appointed to revise the constitution. Rueben Griffin is entirely recovered. He has been to church several Sabbaths. The Consociation met at Millington the 2d of October. Father was a delegate and I think he said that there were quite a number of ministers there considering that the weather was so unfavorable. Mr. Russell was dismissed from the pastoral charge of the church in East Hampton. Mr. Parsons has requested a dismissal. Mr. Miner's son who has been very sick in Hartford has recovered." ; re suicide, "Perhaps Grandmother will not write you about the death of Capt. Daniel Chadwick of South Lyme. He committed suicide by cutting his throat a very short time after you went away. 'Tis thought he was deranged though he had the same day rode 3 or 4 miles and transacted some business in a perfectly rational way. When he returned he told some of the family that he was going to walk in Judge Waite's grove. As he went away from the house he met a servant girl to whom he said 'you will stay here always wont you and take good care of Mrs. Chadwick'. He then spoke with a boy who worked there and said very much the same to him. He went to the woods some distance away and committed the fatal deed with a razor which he carried from home. He had been very much depressed for some time and his relatives had feared that he was not perfectly sane but they had not become so much alarmed as to watch him closely. It was a severe blow to the whole community. What must it have been to the family! Capt. Mather Chadwick is married to Mrs. John Noyes. Dr. Ely is expected to be in Conn and return to Chicago with his long sought lady during the present month. Ellen Olmsted will probably spend the winter in Ripley yet she may return this fall. Dr. Babcock and Mr. Mosely Brockway have been taking

a bird's eye view of the west, but neither of them think of going there to reside. The western fever seems to be raging quite extensively among our good citizens. Mr. Jewett, Mr. Beckwith, & Mr. C. Start think of going, and I don't know but the countr4y will be desolated. However, I think not immediately. Mrs. James Marvin has come to Lyme intending to spend the winter. Mother called upon her yesterday at Uncle Marvins."

Angie fr M. Lord, 11 Nov 1855 [with above letter];
sickness, "We are all very well except Carry she would be very well for the time if it were not for the neuralgy that afflicts her."

Mother & sister Carrie fr Sarah (Mt. Hermon) 23 Sept 1855; arrived safely in New York Thursday morning, travel, sickness & remedy, "Joseph has related to you of course what a pleasant and comfortable time we had getting to the boat but he could not tell you how much obliged to him I feel for the good care he took of me and my little folks. I do not know when I have enjoyed anything of the kind so much as I did that drive to the ferry and the row over the river. The water was a smooth as glass and the moon shone so beautifully I was quite enchanted as were also Millie and Albert. While we were waiting for the boat we all three went to sleep and of course, the time went by without any weariness on our part but I suspect Joseph found it somewhat more tedious. After we were on board Albert commenced to cough very hoarse and two or three ladies spoke out 'why I should think that child had the croup'. One of them advised very kindly goose grease or any kind of grease. I was intensely anxious about him or a little while and very fervently wished myself back to your house again but I administered a couple of spongia pellets [homeopathic remedy] (I think I see Joseph's fine nose turn up a little) and he went to sleep and did not awake until morning. His cold has gone to his head and I never knew him so fretful. He was up every half hour last night and today his eyes are very dull and the lids quite inflamed. Millie was sick the night after we came home with headache and fever and kept her bed all day yesterday but she is playing about as lively as ever today."

Envelope addressed to Mrs. M. Lord, Care of Francis Griffin, East Haddam

Envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, care of Baring Brothers Co., London, various postmarks

Angie fr C.L. Selden [Carrie] (Hadlyme) 17 Sept 1855; Sarah visiting; mother has "cheerful and well", "Do you not think our Mother is a wonderful woman? I always knew she had very great control over her feelings, but she certainly bore the breaking up of her home, which we all know was so dear to her, & the separation from you & Mr. Burr far better than I could have supposed possible. She ever inspired me with a fortitude quite beyond my expectations. When Mr. Burr informed us that you were going with him & that I should not see you again before you left I could hardly be reconciled to it."; "I have enjoyed Sa's visit exceedingly particularly since Mr. Hyde took his departure for you can easily believe this just at this present time [childbirth?] I did not feel very much like entertaining gentlemen visitors especially. I was somewhat taken aback when I saw the vehicle drive up with our dear sister Sa & the children in it & Mr. Hyde walking quietly by the side of it. It was wholly unanticipated I assure you but we got along very well after recovering from the first shock. Mr. Hillard is expected to return this week with his Bride & so soon as the Parsonage is completed, which will be very[?] in a few days I presume he will be duly installed therein, much to his happiness no doubt."; suicide, "Capt. Daniel Chadwick committed suicide last week. How melancholy! It produced great excitement in Lyme."

Angie fr Carrie (Hadlyme) Sat morning [17 Sept 1855?]; re servants?, ". . . Joseph brought down from Hartford a very fair specimen of the Irish race."; "Did you ask Mother about Miss Benson? I do not feel like having Mrs. Miner at all & if Mother knows of any one will she please send me word. Lynde[?] Selden said they got along pretty well with her, though she had quite an idea of having things her own way."

Mother fr Sarah (Mt. Hermon) 5 Sept 1855; Albert sick; Angie visited a week before sailing; Angie getting to NY; deciding where mother should stay for the winter; re servants?, ". . . I lamented very much that she [Angie] had not begged you to write before she left for Europe that we might know how you were after all you had passed through with that awful ~~Margaret~~ Irish wench - I cannot sufficiently admire my dear Mother's courage at that terrible time . . ."

Angie fr M. Lord [mother] and Carrie (Hadlyme) 12 Dec 1855; with envelope [probably mismatched] addressed to Mrs. E.F.

Burr, c/o Baring Bros & Co., London, postmarked New York, Nov 3; Joseph saw Mr. Clark; staying with Carrie; Carrie's baby growing well; "the last time I was home I found Joseph had covered your strawberry bed nice & warm went into the study found the books all safe & free from mould & all things about the house kept safely. I expect to go over to Mary's tomorrow."; [the following from Carrie, 14 Dec]: "Joseph remarked at breakfast this morning that the more he saw of Mother the greater respect he felt for her. And I have become so used to relying on her judgment in everything that I feel quite lost without her."; "We are very anxious to hear whether you & Mr. Burr have grown fat, or your general health in any measure improved."; re correspondence from Europe, "The thin paper does not trouble us at all & you may write as hastily as you please, I can decipher it. We are surprised that you find such cold weather. I certainly thought the climate of Europe even in the same latitude was much milder than in America."; "We had a very quiet Thanksgiving, no one but our own family to east of the abundance usually prepared for this festival."; "I believe I mentioned in a previous letter that Mr. Parsons had sent in his resignation to the church of East Haddam. He has been duly dismissed & his place becomes vacant in the spring. Mrs. Holmes (Joseph Holmes' mother) came to Hadlyme in the Fall to visit her daughter, Mrs. Turner [Warner?] & was taken sick & died the first of Dec. Her illness was very much like [?] Selden."; "Mr. Hillard says he misses Mr. Burr very much, especially at the Ministers Meeting."

Angie fr Sarah and M. Lord [mother] (Mount Hermon) 10 Sept 1855; [fr Sarah]: Albert sick; decided to visit mother & Carrie; met Reuben Lord, his wife and eldest daughter in Hartford, "He did not recognize me at first but afterwards remarked that I had not changed in the face but was rather more stout than I used to be - ahem!"; expects to visit sister Mary on Monday; [following from M. Lord, 19 Sept 1855, Hadlyme]: by mistake opened letter to Mr. Burr from Mr. Case "requesting Mr. Burr to pay him seven Dollars for one Sabbaths labour out of two as he has not clothes to attend Church. I did not like to pay it until I had directions from Mr. Burr but will do so immediately on receiving them."; visited Mary last evening

Angie fr Sarah (Mount Hermon) 3 Dec 1855; "Does Mr. Burr condescend to speak in French or does he always recourse to la plume?"; "To proceed with the routine of my daily occupations after breakfast I trim the lamps and attend to

the dairy as formerly; after these somewhat active labors are over, a little reading, writing, either new themes ou des letters a mes amies, and some fancy sewing fills up the time that Bertie leaves unemployed, until dinner which important event takes place at half past four or five o'clock. Then when my youngest responsibility 'is fairly locked in the arm of Morpheus' I bring out my plain sewing and use my needle assiduously until bed time in order to keep up an appearance of industry before le pere de famille who likes so well to see ladies at work."; "Edward said to me last evening 'The next time you write to Angie send word to Mr. Burr that I insist (advise, he meant I presume) that he does not shave at all while he is gone and see if his health is not improved by a beard & mustache'. Edward has been to Norwich to see Annie who is there under the care of Dr. McLane and the medicine talked so eloquently in favor of la barbe that Edward is actually growing a beard & mustache - I hope he will not shave again until you see him. But what will Mother say when she comes here in the spring - I am afraid he will frighten her away. I am fully as anxious as Edward that Mr. Burr should eschew the use of the razor in future. I believe it would be more efficacious for the care of Bronchitis that medicine and I hope you will persuade him if he has not already done so to follow the example of the good old patriarchs and prophets. I think he will do so while he is gone, to avoid singularity, if for nothing else, and I hope he will make his appearance here in full European costume as far as le visage is concerned."; sickness, Albert recovering from chicken pox

Angie fr Sarah (Mount Hermon) 9 Nov 1855; sickness, Carrie has attacks of neuralgia; Mrs. Edward Olmsted's (Marion Hyde) child died

32 12 43-9 Burr; Civil War Letters[?]; [In Europe 1856]

Angie fr Sarah, 2 Dec 1856; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme Conn "please forward immediately important", postmarked New York Dec 4; another letter from EGM[?] on same page; both concerning arrival in Lyme

Angie fr M. Lord & Carrie (Hadlyme) 13 Feb 1856; received Angie's letter; "I must tell you how very much gratified I was to know that Mr. Burr was glad he had taken you with him & that you was [sic.] enjoying your trip so much."; has been with Mary 2 months, has not been to church due to weather, "Mr. Noyes preached two very good sermons there

was about the usual number the Universalists closed their meetings sometime last fall."; "Jane B. was married last fall has been boarding at Newport with her husband's brother. Kate Ely was married to Thomas Brockway Thanksgiving day morning, went to housekeepi8ng the next Saturday in the house south of Mr. Harrison's"; snowstorm, good sleighing; Sarah has another baby, "On the 12th of Jan 1856 our good sister Sa was safely delivered of another son so you may have as many nephews as nieces yet! She has suffered more than ever from nursing her baby, though she wrote she was getting much better. . . they propose to call him Walter Selden [?]

Angie fr Sarah (Mount Hermon) 23 Feb 1856, addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, c/o Baring Bros, London, postmarked March 5; Carrie received letter saying Angie had reached Genoa; re birth of son, "I have suffered in nursing him beyond anything in former experience but am now able to perform the office of nurse with comparative comfort."; "Last accounts from New Orleans state that Mrs. Peck has a bouncing boy, born on the 12th of February."; cold and severe winter; politics, slavery, ship lost, "The dark clouds gathering over Kansas portend a fearful storm. God give Freedom to triumph in the conflict. The Independent is battling boldly for the right and the Observer waxes more and more hateful in my sight. Last week one of its contributors came to the sage conclusion that 'the slaves of the south are the happiest and most contented people in the world'. What a blessing is the 'peculiar institution'. I think my nose must have been a very perceptible turn up when I read such stuff. The Pacific is supposed to be lost and perhaps there was a letter for me in it."

Carrie fr Sarah (Mount Hermon) 11 March 1856; entire letter: "Mount Hermon March 11 '56/ My dear Carrie/ I must break this long silence if you will not for I cannot bear it any longer - why & do you not know it is five weeks since I answered your letter? And not a word from Angie either. Are you all sick or oblivious or what is the matter! I have just finished a letter to Angie, the first one I have written since December. If you have heard from the dear child since she lefvt Genoa I beg you will inform me as soon as possible for I cannot help feeling anxious about her. As to the thin paper, I have not obtained any yet but Edward says if he can think of it he will get some and with this slight encouragement I repeat the promise I made in my last letter to send it to you as soon as I can get it. In the meantime I will send you another sheet of

that I have and will advise you not to use an envelope and then I think there can be no danger of double postage. That is the way I do. My sweet baby is lying in the crib by my side tossing his arms and feet in the most approved manner. He is as good a baby as one need wish for and fat enough and handsome enough to content his mama if not his papa. You know mamas can see beauty in their infants when papas cannot, do you not? I long to know if your own dear baby is not better. I wish you could write me oftener. I dreamed last night that Angie had returned and after the delight of seeing her had a little subsided I felt so disappointed that I had thus lost my share of our dear Mother's company - And here let me remind you that I am coming after her as soon as the weather is warm enough to take my birdling so far, that is, if I can get through house cleaning by that time and it should be convenient to you for me to come with my large family. So please to write me when Mother will be ready to return with me and you can accommodate me and my three children with a berth as I do not like to leave any of them not having any good Mother to leave them with. I have had the toothache [toothache] some lately and I was quite fearful that I was going to have a serious time of it but I took a ride one pleasant day last week and I have been better since and I think when I can get out more I shall not be troubled with it. We have had a very severe winter in these parts. The like has not been experienced within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Well, I have spun out a much longer letter than I expected to when I began as I do not have much leisure nowadays, here a little, and then baby calls, and then there a little and baby calls again and so on. Millie wishes to send her love to her cousins not forgetting the baby. My love to all especially to my ever dear Mamma. Yours truly/ Sa"

Mother fr C.L.S. (Carrie) (Hadlyme) 22 March 1856; haven't heard from Angie; sickness, Henry has a cold, ". . . I have suffered intolerably from a terrible boil on my arm. I have not had one moment's ease for a week night or day. I am poulticing it & hope it will be better in a few days. But no one can tell what I have suffered from being obliged to use it constantly in taking care of my baby & performing other duties. George has been sick since last Friday with pain in the head & considerable fever in the afternoon & night, but he next morning he would appear much better & we would think he was going to get along without sending for the Dr. Such so he has continued though we think he is a little better . . . He asked me one day if he should get as

sick as little Angie if Grandmother would not come over and take care of him. Sammy would like to have his Grandmother know that he has hurt his leg very bad with a nail & Eddie has a finger bound up which was cut today."

Angie fr Carrie & mother, 10 April 1856; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, c/o Baring Brothers, London, postmarked May 5; difficulty obtaining thin paper; mother spending time with sister Mary until Sarah comes for her; [letter very long and difficult to read]

Angie fr Sarah (Mount Hermon) 8 April - 2 May 1856; addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, c/o Baring Bros, London, England; "When does Mr. Burr design to be home? Four months seems a long time to wait . . ."; "I think I most wish to know how you liked Venice, that 'glorious city of the Sea.'"; ". . . it makes me shudder to read your account of perils by the way in crossing the Alps and I am thankful I hope that you are safely passed through them."; "I cannot help having some fears that your fainting away was caused by over fatigue as well as by a sore finger."

Angie fr Carrie (Hadlyme) 20 May 1856; with envelope, probably mismatched (other handwriting) addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, c/o Baring Bros, Liverpool; Sarah & mother have gone to Irvington[?, NJ?]; "Little Harry is very troublesome now with an account[?] of his head & also from teething."; "Do you know he [Sarah's child] has a humor coming out on his forehead? We hope it will prove nothing serious."; "Joseph is engrossed with the care of his Fish place as usual. If he were here he would like to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Burr letter which was duly forwarded to Brother Griffen."; "They have all been sick at Sister Mary's with fevers & colds, but are now pretty well."; "Ellen Brown is very much out of health. I believe her friends are afraid she will go into a decline. Maria Brockway presides over the sewing society."

Envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburgh, Conn; postmarked Camptown, NJ, July 7 [1852 (or after) 1855]

Angie fr Sarah, 30 June 1856; written in French; asks if Angie is pregnant?, "J'ai un soupçon que tu sois enceinte - N'est-ce pas vrai? . . . Mon enfant est charmant . . ."
[note by researcher handwritten on letter, "Edward Hyde (Ned) born Irvington NY Jan 12 1856"]

Angie fr Sarah, 6 August 1856; much in French; Albert teething

Angie fr Sarah (Irvington) 4-14 Nov [1856]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, postmarked New York, Nov 14; "I have a few facts to state for your serious consideration. Let me have your undivided attention. Are you ready? Well, It is a fact that mon mari has sold his house & farm, and he proposes that in case he should not find a house to suit him I should find a home for myself and my three children with my dear Mother until he can suit himself. But will she take me? That is question. I will try to make very little trouble and will keep my little folk as quiet as possible. Please let me know as soon as practicable what my dear Mother's answer is to my petition."

33 9 43-1 Burr Papers; E.F. Burr letters to Angeline
Lord 1857; [Burr's trip to Chicago]

Angeline fr Edward Hyde (Sarah's husband) Thursday 5th; entire letter: "Thursday 5th/ My dear Angeline/ I never open your letters but in the present case I have don so as I have the enclosed to send you and cannot see Sarah again in time to enable her to reply by this mail. I suppose I must bear the blame of my exit for carrying out the only feasible plan for visting[?] my family at their[?] only home. You will readily see how I would [?] with my children without their mother, who does everything for them - when I sent them all up - And if so, how [?] to have them return again before the hot season is over - All very well but Angie remember that I have not seem them for 7 months - and muse remain at my [?] of business. The friends at Norwich are equally loved[?] & have them visit there, and between both 'haystacks' don't you see that I am likely to spend my summer without the presence of my children - and [?]? Please state these facts to Mother and say that my plan was my own - that I laid out for a general gathering - and thought it [?] so clever - to invite you down and remain until August - and then all hands go back with you [? ?] for a short time. I think one month of the the [?] is pretty good she's out of my short[?] home at the [?]. We were greatly disappointed in not meeting you - both Mr. Goodman - one morning - myself and [?] the next - but most of all Sarah who not well herself has been nearly a week devoted to the care of Gertrude wick with a congestion of the bowels and still confined to her bed. We [?] you sadly - and when I get home I shall have to communicate the sad

news, which I would rather were anything else./ Yours very truly/ Edward"

Angie fr EFB, (Weston) 24 July 1857; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, postmarked Westport CT, July 24; bought hat; Prof Thacher of New Haven on the train to Green Farms[?] "I am inclined to think that I shall return to Lyme after 3 or 4 weeks – though I think I had better not speak positively before next week. I have as yet my comfortable quarters at Green Farms[?] . . ."

Angie fr EFB, Monday 11 o'clock; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, postmarked Westport, CT, Aug 4; "According to programme I went to N. York on Wednesday eve. I went to the lunar[?] oil shop and found the lamps very expensive, so postponed buying till I had ascertained the result of Mr. Hyde's experiment. Rained all day – nothing but my thin shirt – so had plenty of [? ?]. Went up next night to N. Rochelle. Walked through muddy lanes to Mr. Hyde's house, which is a very small and unpretending establishment. Nevins and the whole family had just come and two of Mr. Goodman children were there. However they managed to find room for me during the night. Sarah confessed that she should enjoy your visit better in October. I left early next morning. Yesterday I preached at Green Farms in the morning and at Westport in the afternoon – was rather more favored in delivery than usual in the [?]" ; I have just bought you 3 pairs of stockings at a [?]. Mr. Hyde's experiment with the lunar unsatisfactory. I have not paid Latham for the sleigh – he said he should ask nothing."

Angie fr EFB (Chicago) 3 Nov 1857; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, 9 Maiden Lane, New York, NY, c/o E.G. Hyde, postmarked Chicago ILL, Nov 4 1857; EFB in Chicago, expects to go south tomorrow; "The [?] allows 3 days of grace in the payment of notes so that I have been unable to bring matters to a crisis till today. As I expected my debtor is unprepared. He can be made to pay me almost any amount of interest for another year or rather to promise to pay; but he has shown himself unsafe to trust in drawing a new instrument, so that I have concluded to put the screws on and sell the property which must be advertised ten days before it can be put up at auction. I feel very sorry to proceed to extremities[?] as it will hurt the man very much though it will be probably great [?] advantage to me. Whether I shall remain West till after the sale I am yet uncertain, though the probability is strong that I shall

remain. The sale day is Friday of next week. You must not look for me home until some time the week after. If there should be delay in the sale through some injunction etc. I shall not wait. My security is said to be all right, but the debtor may if he tries hard & swear falsely may get a little delay. Tell Mr. Hyde that Mr. Peck[?] says he has not proved[?] up his claim perfectly as yet. The time set for the final winding of the affair is about 2 weeks hence but parties are trying to get a still further extension."

EFB fr Angie (New Rochelle) 6 Nov 1857; Millie has fever, etc.; uncertainty of mail, ". . . I am afraid I shall never know when you are coming home - letters are so much longer than individuals in traveling."

Angie ("Dearie") fr EFB, 19 Oct 1857; just arrived at Dunkirk

Angie fr sister Mary, nd [1857?]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. Rev E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Lyme, Conn, postmarked ...tport, CT; entire letter: "My Dear Sister Angie/ Your letter of the 7[?] has only increased my apprehension of some evil that has befallen our beloved husbands. Mr. Hyde was in here last evening, he said it must be that Enoch has returned home; your husband is engaged in some speculation so I think said I for he designed to go west for something of the kind before E came on, he mentioned the fact to E, he replied he should dispatch business & return home as soon as possible. I have felt exceedingly grieved that I received no letters. I received a hastily penciled note when last Monday wk from Chicago in which he stated he had been delayed 15 hours. My children are continuously watching the approach of every carriage to see if their Pa has come I have not sent to the Depot but I send to every Mail. I am writing to my Brother in NY to make inquiries & in case Mr. B does not make his appearance there today to write to Winchell the Land Agent in Palmyra for information. My little Willie goes around saying 'Papa'll come again Papa'll come again' it sounds too full of good to b e realized my apprehension tell[?] me[?]. I wish I could send you one ray of comfort. If Mr. Burr does not come tonight what should I do. I trust you will see your husband before you receive this. Adieu from your affectionate and anxious Sister Mary/ Greensfarms Sabbath[?] PM

EFB fr Angie (Hadlyme) 19 Nov 1857; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, c/o E.G. Hyde, No. 9 Maiden Lane, NY; in

answer to EFB's letter; "The notice which you promised to enclose was not to be found, so I am ignorant of the day of the sale. We are intending to get away early enough tomorrow morning to catch the dawn[?] mail. I wrote to Mr. Nichols today. By your sending for him I am afraid you scarcely hope to be home this week. Patience and hope are having a sore trial. I hope they will hold out till you come within the clasp of my arms."

Angie fr EFB (Chicago) [1857?]; "We reached here on Saturday Eve. I am about starting for Quincy opposite Palmyra on the Mississippi. We were detained by the troubles on the Erie Railroad, being more than 24 hours between N York and Dunkirk. I shall do my best to reach home on Saturday, but the prospect is darker, the further I go. If I do not come let the deacons be informed before church time on Sunday. I would [like?] very much to be at home on the [?] and shall strain every nerve to accomplish it. The Ministers' meeting you must entertain with my regrets for not being able to be present."

34 7 43-2 Burr Papers; ~~E.F. Burr to H.A.L. Burr, 1858~~

Angie fr Sarah (New Rochelle) 9 Feb 1853; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, postmarked New Rochelle NY, Feb 9; re family health, "The account you give of our dear sister Mary's health is very gloomy and I must confess I am much depressed it it yet I desire to be thankful for her freedom from more suffering . . . I shall wait anxiously to hear Dr. Knight's opinion on the swelling of her feet. Do you mean Dr. Warren byt 'the doctor does not seem to think much of it'? I received a letter from Emily a few days ago in which she says there is a lady living in Brooklyn who 18 years ago had disease of the heart so badly that her friends thought she would not live but she is in very comfortable health now. Emily had a miscarriage some three months ago and was very sick. Her health is still not good."; mother has a cold; "The children are playing 'church' and the little rogue [Bobbie] is singing at the top of his voice with his somewhat large mouth stretched to its fullest extend and looking like a big O done in red ink. Albert has just given out the hymn, 'Sing' he said, 'the page on the 15 hymn'. Ned is certainly a happy child and as sweet as any rose."; cannot come for visit at this time, "Sometimes when I think of you and Carrie taking so much comfort together I experience an emotion which is I think something more than a painful longing to be with you and partake of your enjoyment. Do

you think it can be envy?"; "I am weaning my baby. I do not nurse him any more during the day parce que je suis si malade. J'ai le mal de Coeur, beaucoup, tous les jour - Comprenez-vous? N'etes-vous pas fache?"

Angie fr Sa (New Rochelle) 4 March [1858?]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, postmarked New York, Mar 8; mother sick; "The prayer meetings are more fully attended and I think our pastor is somewhat encouraged to hope that we, who need a revising most of all as he says, shall yet see good days. . . It I is refreshing to read the numerous accounts of revivals in different parts of the country . . ."; "I am thankful to learn that our dear sister Mary is so comfortable notwithstanding those severe attacks."; re pregnancy?, "Am I sorry that I am getting more fish to fry? Well, I cannot deny that I am - Even if the end were desirable the way at present is decidedly uncomfortable. Still, I desire to be resigned and hope I shall be. I do not understand exactly what you mean by my 'argumentum ad hominy' but I advise you I do not expect to wait until 'the catastrophe is over' before I come to see you."; I trust Mr. Burr's multiplied labors will not seriously affect his health."

Angie fr Sarah, 25 March 1858; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, postmarked New Rochelle, NY, March 27; "I am grie4ved to learn that our dear Sister Mary is not as well as she has been. She is greatly afflicted but I hope the consolations of God are not small with her."; "and so our dear Carrie is going to Saybrook. Well, I should think it was the best thing they could do under the circumstances and I heartily wish for them all manner of prosperity. Give much love to her and tell her my great sympathy and affection constrains me to attempt something to assist her a 'trifle in this new call for her exertion' and I have accordingly purchased some diaper."; "Nevie's vacation occurs on the 14th of April and lasts three weeks but I expect he will spend the latter part o it in Norwich. I should like to go to Lyme as soon after he leaves as I can but I have not spoken to Edward about the matter. I presume he will not object. If Mother's health should not be good enough to allow such an addition to her family I trust you will inform me with all frankness."; Millie sick but well now, "Ned is fat and fair . . .", Albert well

Angie fr Sarah (New Rochelle) 1 June 1858; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, postmarked New

York, June 3; "the little folks do not show any symptoms of Mumps yet . . ."; visiting Nevie at college, "I had not proceeded far when a young gentleman accosted me with the inquiry, 'Is this Mrs. Hyde'. Having replied in the affirmative he informed me that Nevie had requested him to meet me and take me to his room as he had a lameness which prevented him from leaving it. I went and found the poor boy in a sad case. His knee was swollen considerably and was quite painful. He had called Dr. Knight who ordered leeches and told him he must not use it for a week or two. I felt quite melancholy at seeing him in this condition and anxious as to the result. We have heard from him once since and he was a little better."; Edward went to Norwich Saturday

EFB fr Angie, [30 July 1858]; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmarked New Rochelle, NY, July 30; when will he visit; "Mr. H [Hyde] says he wants to see you very much to help him concoct a plan for visiting Egypt another year. Cincinnati prospects put him in fine spirits."; "I feel decidedly unlike doing anything today and if my letter is dull you must attribute it to derangement of the body not of the heart. I have been in bathing twice and enjoyed it highly but the walk home after it is very fatiguing. After coming out of the water I feel as if I have hardly strength for it."

EFB fr Angie, [3 Aug 1858]; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmarked New Rochelle, NY, Aug 3; waiting for EFB to visit, rain, "Your hay does not progress these rainy days I fancy. Why not run down and see us. If the skies light up you can run back in the next train."; "I feel pretty well now myself notwithstanding Mr. H [Hyde] insinuates that I am distressingly pale & think. I think your suggestion good to rest after a bath but I must exercise enough to keep off chilliness. Alas, this weather puts a veto on baths. Nevie is anticipating a pleasant row (I do not mean an Irish row, but a row on the sound) with you. The Doctor has forbidden his rowing very much on account of his lameness, which is now pronounced chronic . . ."; "Mr. H leaves today for Cincinnati."

Mother fr Jos Selden (Saybrook) 13 Aug 1858; childbirth, Carrie's baby, "I know you will be happy to hear that Carrie has passed her confinement and is as comfortable and perhaps more so than with any of our previous children. The affair came off last night at about 12 o'clock, the baby will date his birthday on the 14th. My hearth goes out

in gratitude to God for all his mercy and yet I feel that I have trusted Him so little. I could not tell you how much anxiety I have felt for our Dear Carrie. Such trying scenes as she has been called to pass through during the last few months would naturally cause us to anticipate trouble. God has not only brought her comfortably through it all but has given us a sweet little Daughter, fat, plump, weighing eight lbs and as 'good as pie'. You will rejoice with us. Do come and see us as soon as you can."

35 18 41-8 Burr; Sarah Lord Hyde letters ~~1856-1870~~ 1859
[Letters 1859, Sarah in Cincinnati]

Angie fr Sarah (Cincinnati) 17 January 1859; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, postmarked Cincinnati, Jan 18; "Indeed it is next to impossible for me to write at all such constant occupation does my baby give me - he is a dear sweet little child nevertheless but if he would sleep in the bed a little more he would be still more charming. I have been quite troubled about him today he has such a very bad cold. . . after I laid him in the bed tonight so I thought I would commence a letter to you though I find using my eyes by gas light not at all beneficial."; asks Angie to direct letters to Mosely and Company; Ned has earache; "Our house is a new one and pleasant enough could it be set down in the midst of some lovely garden or better yet some wild wood but there is little to be seen except brick and mortar. From some of the windows we get a glimpse of some distant hills which is somewhat refreshing to my country-loving eyes. . . The weather is very mild generally but last Sunday we had a cold snap the thermometer down to zero and we all shivering before the fire. . . My acquaintance with Porkopolis [Cincinnati] is not very extensive as yet. During the two weeks we were staying at the hotel I did not go outside of it. That part of the city which we passed through when we came to our present quarters looked very respectable and we saw some very fine shops. Since we came here I have been out into the street but once and that was only to call on a lady two doors off."; Edward sick, "His face has been swelling for two or three days and today I succeeded in persuading him to see a physician and he says it is erysipelas [cellulitis]. I cannot help feeling some anxiety about it."

Angie fr Sarah (Cincinnati) 11 Feb 1859; "I received your somewhat spicy communication of the second instant with immense satisfaction. I do not object to a little pepper

and mustard occasionally and 'the sweetness of our disposition' was not affected by the tartness of your reply to my amicable epistle written under difficulties which out to have secured for me your profoundest sympathy. What do you know of war? You recommended a cradle for my darling to aid him in obtaining a needful portion of 'Tired Nature's Sweet restorer' – Supposing 'an indulgent husband' had an unconquerable aversion to cradles and moreover supposing your room contained already no less than three beds of various sizes, two bureaus, a washstand, towel stand, and slop jar, over half a dozen chairs, a coal scuttle, tongs, shovel and poker &c. what then? Now add to this a cradle and tell me how a lady with hoops is to make her way around such an apartment. To remove the mist which seems to envelope my 'surroundings' in your mind, allow me to introduce you into a room about the size of the one I occupied in New Rochelle. The same furniture is in it and that in Millie's room besides. Baby is sleeping quietly in bed, young Edward snoring in the crib beside him. Albert occupies the iron bed, myself the baby chair before the grate, in which the Youghiogeny coal blazes cheerfully, writing on the little stand I had to place my work box on, voyez-vous?"; "What do you mean by saying that 'Mary narrowly escaped a course of Typhus fever'? Has she been seriously ill?"; refers a recent death; Edward's health improved, is going to St. Louis; "I have had a spell of nervous headache lately. To cure it I tried riding in an omnibus taking the four children along. I did not put on rubbers thinking I had only a few steps to take but I found the pavements very damp, the natural result of a two days rain. The consequence was I took cold, had a chill in the evening followed by a good deal of fever. After that my headache left me but I was much troubled with vertigo for a few days. I feel as well as usual now and I intend to go out more as I have now a nice carriage for the baby and Millie is very anxious to take him out in it. My poor little Albert is troubled with rheumatism again though not so severely as he was in New Rochelle. He has not been confined to his bed but he suffers a good deal when it gets hurt as it often does when he is playing around."

Angie fr Sarah Hyde with note from "Niece Millie" (Cincinnati) [22 Feb? 1859, per previous cataloguer]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn., postmarked Cincinnati, July 24; re visitor and family health; "Poor little Ned is quite sick to night and cries every five minutes."; expecting Alfred Thomas to spend the night, "Unfortunately Edward [husband] is in St. Louis and

Annie and I must manage to entertain him somehow. Albert is still lame and I have much anxiety for him. The doctor thinks it is of the nature of a white swelling brought on by rheumatism and is also afraid of scrofula. He has no pain in the knee and he bends it without difficulty but it remains swollen and he walks lame."; note from Millie, "My Dear Auntie Angie", "We are all almost sick with colds. Mama had a very bad head-ache and sore throat but she is a little better now. I have been vaccinated and Bobbie and baby but our sores did not give us any trouble."; "Mama feels very sorry for Auntie Carrie's misfortune in having all her dresses burnt up."; "Have you received a piece of music called Marion Lee Sister Annie sent you?"

Angie fr Carrie (Hadlyme) 11 March 1859; re family health; "Thinking you might have heard of the illness of our little Eddie, I will send you a line to relieve your anxiety about him. He was [?] with the first symptoms of the Croup on Monday night. The Doctor was here the next day and seemed quite alarmed about him. He grew worse at night then we again sent for him & he remained through the night. Towards morning he breathed easier and we hoped the danger was past. He has been gradually recovering since & we think if he does not get cold he will soon be quite over it. I cannot describe my feelings on that sad Tuesday night. I desired to be resigned to God's will whatever it might be and think I had some faith to believe that his grace would be sufficient for me."

Angie fr EFB, 7 Aug 1859; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, postmarked Westport, CT, Aug 8; disappointed Angie not coming tomorrow

Angie fr Sarah, [20 April 1859, previous cataloguer]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, Cincinnati, April 20; temperatures in April 32 degrees one day, 70 the next; "Edward seems to have no idea of my going East this summer, yet somehow I cannot give up all hope of it. Millie and Albert seem to think as much of it nearly as I do. It is pleasant to me to have them think. Poor Albert suffered a good deal from his knee last night. He has not complained of any pain in it for a long time before. The doctor thinks it is the same thing as Nevie's from our description but it affects him differently. We do not know that Nevie has been troubled with a return of it."; "I read Mr. Burr's 'Counsels on Spiritualism' with great interest. What an admirable text. It is next to hearing him preach to read his sermons."; "I am rejoiced

that you have a sewing machine and I wish you all manner of success in using it."; re religion, "I beg you to unite with me in praying the Good Shepherd to give her [Millie] now a place in his fold. Do you hope that Hattie and Evie are lambs of the flock?"; letter from Mary; Carrie moving?; "You can tell inquiring friends that I like Cincinnati very well thus far but I fancy I shall not enjoy the heat and mosquitoes of July & August much."; "I enclose five dollars for the Home Missionary Soc as I do not know where to send it."

Angie fr EF, [probably c. 21 May 1859]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Norwich, Conn, c/o Mrs. Joseph Selden, postmarked Lyme, May 21; "Instead of sending such a laconic note as this, please take notice that I begin my note after the strong [?] style. And please take notice further that the other day when I was thinking solitarily of what you had told me of your great love for me and even for my imperfections I caught myself saying aloud, The man that is insensible to such a love as this is a brute! Now as I do not like this idea of being consciously a brute I proposed to discharge on you such a Mississippi, say Amazon, of tenderness as you discharge on me."; I have just been up to the wagonmakers, and had an extra bolt put through the axle, to be in readiness to go after you on Friday. I enclose Mary's note, received yesterday"; "P.S. Your mother want you to get a small chimney for the small lamp - (1-1/4 inch diameter at the bottom on inside will fit the burner)."

Angie fr EFB, 10 July [1859 probably]; ". . . I stopped in East Bridgeport and looked over the patent[?] octagon house which you saw advertised, also in rambling about stumbled on another of same material, square in form and of the proper size for us but all falling to pieces. The builder had used [noy?] much more gravel than lime[?] that there was nothing to hold the thing together. The owner of the octagon referred me to a man in Danbury who [?] him and builds such houses there, and I should not be surprised to find myself in the place in a few days."; I have had less difficulty than I [?] with my grain, having engaged by far the greater part of it to be cut on [?], in the course of a couple of hours this A.M. I think I shall be able to find persons to take the rest"; "A carpenter whom I saw this morning talks in such great figures as almost to discourage me, but I shall take some people by the hour[?] Laborer ask \$2[?] per day and work about 10 hours. You see every thing here almost goes[?] at California prices."

Angie fr Shady [probably Cincinnati, probably 21 July 1859]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Ct, postmarked Cincinnati, July [?]; re health; "He [her baby] is very fretful with the prickly heat and teething perhaps, but he is better than has been . . . You never saw such a sweet little fellow as he is, nevertheless it is a weary task to nurse him this hot weather."; can't visit in the summer, "Edward says tell them to come out here, there is nothing in the world to hinder and in this request I do most earnestly write though without much hope that Mr. Burr will select Cin as a summer retreat - yet sometimes I indulge a faint hope that Mr. Burr's Chicago affairs may call him out there and that he may bring you along as far as this."; "We expect Nevie out very soon. Albert's health is very good but he is easily fatigued and at night when his knee gets bent he suffers great pain. If you have supposed him unable to walk you would be surprised at his activity. He tumbles around so much I wonder he has not hurt his leg oftener. I do not doubt that a change of air would benefit him but I fear that a journey to Lyme would be too tiresome for him though doubtless I should attempt it if I had permission from headquarters but the decision there is we must leave our traveling until another summer. Truly this is a grief to me more than to you I insist for you have Mother and the rest of the family circle while I am alone."

EFT fr Angie, 22 July 1859; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmarked Lyme, July 23; "On Thursday I received a letter from Norwich but instead of its being a letter to me, Carrie had made a mistake and enclosed a letter to Sa which I suppose she was writing at the same time and the one intended for me has I presume gone on to Cin. So you see I am perfectly in the dark as to Carrie's intentions. . . Not having a daily mail it takes an inconveniently long time to rectify such mistakes. We intend to go up to brother's on Monday and return Tuesday when I shall hope to get a letter from you & a correct reply to the letter I send Carrie tomorrow. If she writes that she cannot come I shall probably do to Norwich on Wednesday . . ."; "I am glad you were so fortunate as to your hay [see previous letter from EFB]. I was afraid you would be getting over tired and I still fear your building project will give you too much walking. I know you are a believer in high aims. I would suggest that your vacation is to reorient your strength, not to exhaust it. Than as my anxious heart must be always seeing dangers I think of

your bathing with some uneasiness. You read that sad account in the last paper. Do be careful."; "I took my first lesson in harnessing Bob [a horse?] yesterday & David was gone away. I believe nothing but the hope of getting a lesson from you would pay for it. The way Bob drags me over stones, through briers & under trees, is a caution. I feel as if I had about the strength of a fly when measuring it with his. I wonder if you have such nice blackberries as we had for dinner. The trouble is, I stand a poor chance on the blackberry field among such a swarm of B's."; "Mr. Griffin told me yesterday that Similius Ely's son had as was supposed attempted to poison his father. This done made him very sick but did not prove fatal."; called on Mrs. Biddle; re grass cutting

EFB fr A.D. Wilson (Greenfield Hill) 29 July [1859?]; re building house; entire letter, "Greenfield Hill, 29 July/ Dear Sir/ I cannot build you a good of that size for less than \$400, and do it as it should be done finished comped[sic.]. I can build a house of that size for \$800 but it will [be] Plane and neat the further off you get the Better it will Look, if you want me to do any thing at it please let me kno [sic] by tomorrow night and I will go at it next day./ Yours [?] A.D. Wilson"

EFB fr Angie (Hamburg) 27 July 1859; "Where are you and what are you about that you cannot write to me? I was sorely disappointed, yea, I may even say I felt aggrieved yesterday when on returning from brother's I found no letter from you. You have one from Lawrence which I forwarded and with your Ms from Boston a very polite note quite complimentary but declining to publish on the ground of want of adaptedness to popular comprehension. I have letters from Carrie & Sa. C. proposes to come here tomorrow. Sa says she cannot come on this summer and wants we should come out there. Mr. Hyde says there can be nothing to hinder our coming. What say you?"; Dea. Parker officiated last Sabbath, Mr. Marvin be here next Sabbath, "This is the day for the meeting of your Class in N.H. I wonder if you are there and if you wont be coming to see us pretty soon. I should be thoroughly glad to believe it. I am more and more convinced that I am no unit[?]. I am a veritable fraction sadly in want of my 3/5. I prithee supply the balance at the earliest possible day, or if I cannot see you do let me know of your estate more often in time to come. I am quite disconsolate to know how your health is and just what you are doing, whether the fairy

cottage has vanished into thin air and when I may hope to see you."

Angie fr EFB [1859?]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, postmarked Westport, July 30; re cost of the building?; "I went to Danbury with Barlow to look at some cottages and found one that I would like & it is this I am trying to realize. B & I went to the meeting for the alumni on Wednesday. I returned the same day. I heard Dr. Hutton of N.Y. last Sabb. And liked him very much. I expect to preach at New York next Sabb. I am going this PM to have a final talk with a carpenter."; "I send with this a note to be forwarded to Robinson [?] with the mortgage he speaks of via that of John Vanderbilt - which you will find in one of the long wrappers in the tin box. The mortgage has a note [?] on it I think - send both - putting two stamps on a long envelope . . . Direct to Charles Robinson, Esq, Lawrence[?] K.J.[?]"

EFB fr Angie, [1 Aug 1859?]; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmarked Lyme, Aug 2; "Poor Carrie who came on Thursday awoke Friday morning with what seemed to be rheumatism in the shoulder which steadily increased until yesterday it reached the point of spasms or something extremely like it. I entertained serious fears it would be immediately fatal to her. Chloroform produced no effect upon her. I think the Doctor himself felt the case a very critical one. He came twice yesterday and once this morning. I watched her almost sleeplessly last night and have not found time for a nap today. Mother has sent me off for that purpose now but I wanted to scratch away a line to you. I do not know that I can say that Carrie is really any better today. The Doctor does not intimate it, yet she certainly appears pore comfortable. Perhaps it is merely the effect of the powerful anodynes she takes. She still cannot move, sometimes even a finger, without cries of pain. Poor girl, it is hard to see her suffer so much. I do not know that I have done right but I have sent a letter for Joseph today. Perhaps it is quite unnecessary but I have done as I would be done by."; "I was hoping to hear something definite about your plans for the rest of the vacation but you say nothing. I am very impatient to see you. I can scarcely believe it is only two weeks since you went away. I should scarcely be able to see you if you were here now. What with a baby to tend, our pretty badly poisoned boy to pity. I cannot do much for him. (Eddy is about as badly poisoned as Lawrence[?] was in Norwich and I am greatly afraid I shall take if of him) and a sick sister

to nurse . . . George & Harry[?] are in Saybrook. I am having a very troublesome toothache these days, not a very pleasant companion to watch with and I am very desirous to have my tooth wither filled or extracted."; "Carrie was comfortable during the night and I was able to sleep some. But this morning she is worse than she has been st any time since Sabbath. To my great relief Joseph came by the early train this noon (morn]."

Angie fr EFB, 3 Aug 1859; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, postmarked Westport, Aug 3; "Why, what a time you are having! If I could be of service enough to you to make it worth while I would go to you, but my grain is just now being cut, and I suppose that my [?] would be more useful than my presence - especially as Mr. Selden is likely to be with you."; "Barlow and I went to N. York on Monday and returned the same day."; preached at Greens Farms in AM and Wesport in PM, next Sabbath in Weston; "As to my plans, I think I should be ready for you to come on here the beginning of next week if you could leave your sister - with the idea of returning[?] to Lyme the beginning of the following week. If the weather should be fair this week I can get my hay packed by the end of next week. . . Suppose you bring with you the measure of the oval painting in the longer and shorter dimensions of the [?]."

EFB fr Angie, [3 Aug 1859]; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmarked Lyme, Aug 4; "Joseph is going up to Hadlyme today an I send by him the papers to Robinson, to be left in the Office. I hope this may be satisfactory to you. Not having you by my side I have to act according to the best of my judgment. By the way let me say before I forget it that the ink you use sticks the paper together and mixes up the writing so as to be hardly legible."; wishes EFB would write more letters, "don't forget I am bitterly disappointed every time I fail to get one."; re Carrie's health, "I wish I could write something encouraging about Carrie. I do not feel now that she may not live the day out as I did the first of the week. But will she ever be well again? I sometimes fear she may be another 'Chloe'. . . She is kept from acute suffering by hot bags of hops, changed frequently and powerful anodynes. On Tuesday she had a large blister put upon her shoulder, but without any marked effect. Joseph takes care of her nights and that is a great relief to me. You do not know what a time I am having with my tooth. You need not be surprised if in a pit of desperation I get the Doc. to

extract it. . . Mother has kept up wond3rfully. Mrs. Morgan is helping us for a few days. But when am I to see you. It seems as if I could not wait much longer and yet the house is so turned upside down you would not fin it pleasant here. But could you just show me the light of your face if you do not want to stay."

EFB fr Angie, [6 Aug 1859?, previous cataloguer]; received letter from EFB, will not come on Tuesday; Carrie's health, "This morning I think I can say that Carrie is really better, yet her recovery goes so slowly."; I am going this morning to Essex to see what I can do for my tooth. I think that is wearing me as much as my extra cares."

Envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hadlyme, Conn, 3 cent stamp, 1859?

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Angie fr Sarah (Walnut Hill) 19 March 1860; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, postmarked Cincinnati, March 3; [notes by previous cataloguer: Sarah Hyde letter (Walnut Hill, Cincinnati, March 19, 1860) to Angie Burr, "Her son Albert drawing picture 'Weary man's rest', his helplessness, no pain, Annie & Gertrude, Albert & Millie wish to go to see grandma, Miss Josie Kemper & her brother here at supper time, no Biddy now, my poor lame boy!, Mr. Hyde prospering"]; "Albert is sitting in the room with me occupied like myself with pencil and paper and apparently enjoying himself highly judging by the smile on his, to me, expressive countenance. He is drawing a picture of 'Weary man's rest' from Dr. Kane[?] a book which has interested us all [???]"; Albert's health improving, "I do not think he is very fretful. He is sensitive to pain it is true but equally so to pleasure and when free from suffering is generally cheerful and happy. This is a cause for devout thankfulness to me. His helplessness sad as it is, is not so sore a trial as pain which could not be relieved or prevented would be."; "Annie & Gertrude came out!!"; Sarah cannot come to Lyme, "If you could be here for a little while you would see that without some wonderful change in Albert's condition travelling with him is out of the question tough doubtless it would be a great benefit to him if he could spend the hottest part of the summer in a more northern locality. . . Albert & Millie often wish they could go to grandma's house again. . ."; "I

am pleased to learn that Mr. Burr is becoming thorough[ly] impressed with the beauty of our woodlands. . ."; made biscuit and codfish cakes for supper; visit from Miss Josie Kemper and her brother; Mr. Hyde prospering; hopes for Lizzie's recovery and improvement in her mother's health (Carrie?); ". . . little Frank is growing out of his babyhood . . ."

Angie fr Sarah [probably 1860]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. H.A. Burr, Hamburg, CT, postmarked Cincinnati, Jan 12; ". . . more snow than during the whole of last winter. At one time it was over a foot deep and the sleigh bells sounded as merrily as in old Connecticut a long time ago."; 8 degrees below zero; "I never saw him [Edward] seem to feel the cold so much. As for me I can work fast enough to keep warm during the day but at night I am most uncomfortable. We take a hot iron to bed for our feet and find it a great comfort and I would recommend it to all of you who are troubled with cold feet. Edward had quite a serious accident a few weeks ago. He was knocked down by a mad cow in the city and his head was badly cut by the curb stone. He had a good deal of pain and uneasiness in his head for a few days but the wound healed surprisingly soon and there is nothing like a head[?] a scar as I expected there would be."; inquires about Angie's sewing machine; "Millie's education does not go on very rapidly at present. She is so much interested in Irving's works just now that I am letting the lessons slide for a while. She can do several things very well such as setting a table and clearing it off, making a bed etc., but I do not call upon her overmuch. I want her to like work and I do not like to give her an overdose."; "I felt quite sad to learn of Mrs. Parker's death. I have a charming letter from Nevie in which he speaks of seeing Mr. Burr in the cars and says something about you which you would like to know but I do not know as it is best to tell you - yet I might if you should see fit to let me into that secret. My secrets! I have none as I know[sic] on - fork over yours."; "I am sorry to hear that my dear Mother suffers from nervous headache. I am afraid work does not agree with her. . . I feel anxious about Carrie's health. I am afraid Norwich does not agree with her."

Angie ("My Dear aunt Angie") fr Millie (Cincinnati), 14 June 1860; written on letterhead of Moseley & Co., Office, Iron Bridge and Roof Factory, No. 66 West Third Street, Cincinnati; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg Conn, illegible postmark [Cincinnati]; Albert not

well; "We had a great tornado here a few weeks ago. It blew down fences and threes and unroofed houses. I saw a large locust tree thrown down on the ground."; "delicious cherries"

Angie fr Carrie (Norwich) 13 Feb 1860; Angie will not visit until warmer weather; "I know my dear Mother cannot come [during] this cold weather but I trust as soon as the mild days of Spring visit us I shall have the pleasure of welcoming her once more to Norwich though in another home. We have had the greatest difficulty in finding a place to shelter us & are at last obliged to take a very small & inconvenient house at three hundred dollars rent. But I trust Providence may so prosper us that before many years we may be able to dwell beneath our own roof be it ever so humble. . . I dread the thought of moving again but as it cannot be helped I must summon all my resolution & go through the best way I can. Joseph is rather undecided in regard to the boys L & E. He thinks they ought to progress more rapidly than do or they will never get in to the Free[?] Academy. Millie says, judging from the attainments of the scholars in the first class, they ought to be able to go in next fall if they could go right along in their preparatory studies. But they are obliged to go back [?] so much to suit the capacity of some poorer scholars that is rather discouraging. Joseph says he thinks it would pay to send them to a private school if by so doing he could get them in the Academy next Fall."; Lizzie teething

EFB fr Angie, 23 July 1860; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmarked Hamburgh, Conn, illegible postmark, "4"; ". . . first half of the first week of our separation . . ."; cold weather, "polarish"; refers to animals [Bob - a horse?, see next letter], probably farm and pets; letter from Mr. Bullard "bespeaks your generous contribution in aid of the N. Eng. Tract Soc."; "If you come in the way of a bookstore before I see you again - and judging from precedents you are pretty likely to - I want to bespeak the 'Life of Capt Vicars', Hamilton's 'Life in Earnest' and just such another book in the 'Still Hour'. I like it better than ever on second reading."; "I have seen neither Doctor nor Burgundy pitch since you left. I am not very sorry, not that I am getting on so rapidly as to be beyond improvement, but I dread the remedy. I think I have gained some since you left - you would perhaps perceive it more than I do."; Mr. Biddle will take letter to post office

EFB fr Angie, 26 July 1860; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmarked Lyme, CT, Jul 26; "I must tell you that Bob [horse?, see previous letter] is too much for us. He disdains our enclosures. Mr. Bill offered to take him . . . I took him at his offer. . . Carrie thinks it is a pity that Bob could not change place with overworked Bonnie in Norwich."; "Mrs. Abel Lord was in yesterday - says they are counting the Sabbaths."; "We are all well - having a very time with Ellen in the kitchen."; "This is fine hay weather and I hope you are prospering. . . Are you getting a s brown as a berry?";

Envelope addressed to Rev E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmarked Lyme, Aug 8[?].