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Group I – Peter Lord Correspondence (folders 1-6)

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**2 6 Peter T. Lord, family letters 1805-1816**

Hitta (Mehitabel Gillet) fr her brother Martin Gillet  
(Baltimore) 20 Nov 1805; in answer to letter of 30  
Sept, Martin living with uncle

Hitta (Mehitabel Gillet) fr her brother Martin Gillet  
(Baltimore) 10 Sept 1806; in answer to letter of 29  
Aug, refers to death of "Cousin Hall"

Hetta (Mehitabel Gillet) (Lyme) fr her brother Martin  
Gillet, nd; ". . . For my part I have tried different  
paths and find in the result that the less intercourse  
I have with mankind the less are my perplexities & the  
less I am harassed with anxiety which always press on  
the mind and increases dissatisfaction . . ."

Major Peter Lord ("Beloved parents") (Lyme) fr daughter  
Sarah W. Lord (Colchester) 12 July 181?; homesick,  
school, ". . . I have attended to drawing, painting,  
Grammar and Geography. There are young ladies who  
attend the same school I do, and attend to the same  
pursuits, and I find some of them to be very agreeable  
[?]. I like my boarding house, tolerable well,  
although the boarders complain very much of the food,  
but I have not thought much of that . . ."

Major Peter Lord (Lyme) fr Matthew Griswold (New Haven) 22  
Oct 1816; "Judge Holmes has handed me a Paper signed  
with your name & request me to draw a Letter to the  
Govr requesting that you may be dismissed from further  
service in the Militia . . . I am willing to do

anything for you but I want you to write me what your Indisposition is – how long you have been [?] – whether your disorder is like to remain long – in short all the particulars about it.”

Capt. Joseph Gillet (Lyme) fr son Joseph Gillet Jun (Smithfield) 6 Oct 1815; “. . . But I am sorry to relate to you that I was obliged to leave my Cousin Ely Gillet Thirty Miles before we came to Albany on account of his horse being lame he is calculating to go to Black river Next Monday I calculate to start for the West and how far I shall go I do not but I guess not farther than Buffalo. It is a matter of uncertainty when I shall return to Lyme so you must not look for me till I come. But I think probable I may be at home some time the latter part of Nov.”

**3 6 Peter Lord, family letters 1817-1819**

Major Peter Lord (Lyme) fr brother William Lord (LeRoy) 22 Sept 1817; asking for money, “. . . Had Dr. Ely paid me I should be able to have paid all that I owe in this County . . . Mrs. Lord has been sick ever since the first of July & I have been obliged to spend a good deal of time to take care of her. . .”

Major Peter Lord (Lyme) fr brother William Lord (LeRoy) 26 Nov 1817; thanks for \$200, death of baby “I am very sorrow to hear that you have been so unfortunate as to lose your Babe & also that your wife was brought so very low . . .”

Major Peter Lord (Lyme) fr brother William Lord (LeRoy) 31 Dec 1817; “. . . Our little baby is 6 months old the 7 day of Jany is the healthiest & the fattest baby ...”

Major Peter Lord (“dear parents”) (Lyme) fr daughter Sarah W. Lord (Colchester) 9 Aug 1819; coming home next week

Sarah Lord (Bacon Academy) fr N(oah?) H. G(illet?) (Colchester) 7 July 1819; re friendship

Sarah Lord fr N(oah?) H. G(illet?) (Bacon Academy) 3 Aug 1819; re grief, sorrow, friendship (unspecified?)

**4 6 Peter Lord, family letters 1820-1824**

- Mrs. Hetta Lord (Lyme; Dear Sister) fr N.H. Gillit [sic.]  
(Brookhaven) 10 Aug 1820; long poem re benefits of  
faith
- Miss Sarah W. Lord (Lyme) fr brother J(ohn?) S(smith?) Lord  
(Bacon Academy) 30 Oct 1822; re neglecting study of  
geography, but studying surveying, ". . . I carried  
your beads to Esq. Kellog (the SilverSmith) but he  
[cannot?] make a chain of them that he thought would  
suit. . .", money, ". .. the prevasion? Of the  
Hooping-Cough at Grassyhill, which you stated as being  
mortal in come cases, and in others very dangerous, as  
was the case of M J. Gillet's two youngest children .  
. . ."; disease, health, new coat, ". . . it is time for  
some of our folks to be looking around after a tailor,  
for it generally takes us about a month, and sometimes  
more to get one after we have made applications."
- Mrs. Hetta Lord (Lyme, Dear sister) fr Joseph Gillet  
(Covington) 21 April 1823, part of letter cut off;  
burdens of religion, "the feelings of the half or  
luke-warm Christian.", health of Mrs. Mather and Mr.  
Ely, re Mr. Rogers.
- Miss Sarah W. Lord (Lyme) fr (brother) John Smith Lord  
(Brookhaven) 6 Dec 1823; re death of Uncle? Benjamin  
and Christopher, illness of Augustus, "Christopher you  
informed me was buried the same day on which he died -  
the cause of which, I suppose, was owing to the putrid  
nature of the fever with which he died.", health of  
Daniel and Almira, "I expect by this time you begin to  
look quite grand about home as you mentioned the  
prospect was fattering? that the turnpike would soon  
get worked past the house, but perhaps it has a  
different appearance from grand to Par to see his  
mowing dug up."
- Miss Sarah W. Lord (Lyme) fr brother John Smith Lord  
(Millers Place) 21 Feb 1824 (& on same piece of paper,  
letter to Peter [Lord, Jr.]); 1) ". . . I think  
Scimilius? Has cut a pretty caper indeed. I always  
thought that he was rather void of sound sense, but I  
thought he had enough to keep clear from such a scrape  
as this. In the first place, it is a wonder of  
wonders to me, that he should fancy Sally Clark enough  
to make him his wife, and next that he should be so  
surprisingly short sighted as to proceed so far in the  
business as he did without making know his intentions

to his mother and friends and consulting them on the subject – to sum it all up I think it is the most funny circumstance that ever occurred in our nighbourhood [sic] since my remembrance. . . if he gets off with paying two hundred dollars I think he ought not to complain. . . Tell Sarah, I have got most tired of being a School Master. I believe it is the most perplexing occupation. . . I have about thirty scholars now and they want a great deal of assistance in their studies. I have eight studying Arithmetic with whom I could devote my whole time – and Grammarians almost without number. . .”, health of family and friends, small pox; 2) [begin letter on same paper from John S. Lord to Peter (Lord, Jr?)]: Peter [Lord, Jr?] fr John S. Lord (Brookhaven) 23 Feb 1824, on same piece of paper as above; re storm, “I think from the quantity of lumber of all kinds, which has been driven on this shore, within a few days, that it’s evident there has been a high freshet – Pine logs, boards, bri[?] planks and timers, shingles, & have completely lined the beach . . .”, re Ezra Gillet, Jonathan Hall

Mrs. Hetta Lord (Lyme, Dear Sister) &? Mr. Peter Lord, Jr.) fr N.H.G. (Brookhaven) 24 April 1824

**5      8      Peter Lord, family letters 1825-1830 (some re deaths in family)**

Peter Lord, Junr. (Lyme, Dear Brother) fr J.S. Lord (LeRoy) 26 Sept 1825; re trip from Esq. Gillet’s on “Line boat” arriving Palmyra (NY?), see Amy & Lucy Ann Clark, stayed with George Beckwith, depart for Lima (NY?), arrive at Uncle William’s, Sarah sick on trip (fever, ague, headache), doctor not alarmed.

Mr. Peter Lord (Lyme, dear brother) fr John M. Gillet (LeRoy) 18 Oct 1815; Sarah’s illness & death by “typhus fever”

Major Peter Lord (Lyme, dear brother) fr William Lord (LeRoy) 10 Feb 1826; re purchase of 2 marble gravestones, “They say it is not so common of late to put much work on gravestones we set more plain stones than otherwise – They say that g. stones 4-1/2 ft above ground 21 inches in width will cost \$20 including lettering. This is the size you wrote. This size of g.stones I fear will not look in the

grave yard so well as you would like. I have taken pairs to measure a number of g. stones in the yard & find those of adults are larger than this size upon an average they are 5 ft & one 5 ft & 8 in. in height by 25 in. in width . . .", re epitaph for Sarah's gravestone, ill health of Mother Ely's family, Augustus sick

Miss Elizabeth Lord (Lyme) fr (friend & cousin) H(arriet?). E. Lord (LeRoy) 15 April 1826; re will not be visiting Lyme with Mr. Ely this spring, visit from John B.B. Lord

Dear Brother fr [Major Peter Lord] (Lyme) 28 Aug 1827; re death of his son Peter at Yale in 1827

Mrs. Hetta Lord (dear sister) (c/o Maj. Peter Lord, Lyme) fr Noah H. Gillet (Brookhaven) 11 Dec 1828; "I am informed by Brother Franklin that Mr. Lord has been more afflicted than usual with his old complaint. . ."

Dear Mother? (Ballston Springs) fr daughter Elizabeth (Lyme?) 25 May 1830, & on same piece of paper letter from J.S. Lord to Peter Lord (Dear Father); 1) visit from Grandma?, Mary? And Angelina (a child), Miss Arabella Ely superintendant of school, heath of family members (Daniel, Julia, Nancy), "We have had some [?] calls beggars &c. but one visitor we regarded with most unusual interest - a man with two very large packs entered the house - stood some moments - then proceeded to take of(f) his burdens - stowed them away under the table and seated himself very composedly - meanwhile staring [at] us with a wide unmenacing gaze but uttered not a word. You will imagine something of our terror and consternation but we strove to exhibit all the bravery we were capable of summoning instead of running away as I would have liked - we stood firmly looking at him as if to demand the cause of his intrusion - but remaining speechless we went about our work with quaking hearts and trembling hands which almost refused to support us - we [?] and washed dishes and talked about folks as if we might command an army - thus we continued about an hour waiting very impatiently for the arrival of Smith - at last he came when he found by some papers that he carried with him that he was deaf & almost blind that he was an innocent and inoffensive person which proved to be the case - he went away the next morning apparently very

grateful for our hospitality.", Melinda visiting Mary, made butter, sold for 14 cents per pound; postscript from J.S. Lord re sudden death of Mr. Saunder's (shoemaker) wife; 2) Dear father (Peter Lord, Ballston Springs) fr J.S. Lord (Lyme?) 21 May 1830, on same piece of paper as above; re note from Mr. Parker for Peter Lord? Concerning business with Capt. Leech; re shearing sheep, missing sheep, dead sheep, lambs; fishing

Peter Lord (dear father, Ballston Springs) fr J.S. Lord (Lyme) 12 June 1830; re fishing, ". . . sent some salt fish to New York which were sold for about eight dollars per barrel . . .", re payment for wool, some sheep died or missing after shearing probably due to storm, re price of wool, mentions Mr. Ballard, Miss Julia's brother Mr. Brown, Daniel and Mrs. Flynt

**6      6      Peter Lord Estate [dispersal, notices, petition]  
1835-1843**

Receipt, from John? L. Lord, to Samuel Green, 11 May 1835, for "Advertising a petition of Mrs. M. Lord to Court of Probate as Guardian to P(hoebe) C(aroline) Lord, S(arah) W(ade) Lord & H(arriet) A(ngeline) Lord", \$4.00

Promise to Pay, from Wm. H. Starke? (Lyme), 10 Dec 1841, and from Lodowick? Bill (Lyme) 7 Jan 1843, etc.

Property list? For Phebe C., Sarah W., & Harriet A. Lord, 1 Oct 1835

Probate court handwritten document, Lyme, 14 July 1835, Judge Joel Loomis, attested by Joshua R. Warren, Clerk; re property Mehitabel Lord guardian for Phebe C., Sarah W., & Harriet A. Lord

Probate Court handwritten document, Lyme, 12 Oct 1835, Judge Joel Loomis, clerk Joshua Warren, re property Mehitabel Lord guardian for Phebe C., Sarah W., & Harriet A. Lord

Household property list, handwritten

**Group II – Daniel Miner Lord, 1828-1849 (folders 7-11)**

**7      6      Daniel Lord, letters 1828-1834**

Uncle (Maj. Peter Lord, Lyme) fr D.M. Lord (Amherst College) 10 or 16 Sept 1828; re debt and loan; "By arrangements made between the New York Presbyterian Education Society and the American Education Society, or rather by their union I am deprived of the assistance which I formerly received from New York and receive now only from the A.E. Society, which places me under rather disagreeable circumstances just a[t] present, as I am now in debt thirty or thirty five dollars for board without the means of discharging it at this time. Therefore I am now compelled? To seek a temporary assistance from some one of my friends, till I can teach school to get wherewith to discharge this debt and others . . . I am induced with much reluctance to ask the loan of the above amount till next spring vacation . . . I have a school engaged for three months at 27 dollars per month . . ."

Sister (Miss Almira A? Lord, Millers Place, Long Island NY) fr sister Julia (Cedar Grove) 14 March 1832; re trip on ship New York to Charleston, SC, cousin Smith, slavery, ". . . the whole of S. Carolina I have yet seen is one continued wall? of pines, not a hill, stone, or meadow to vary the scene - all that you see is at great distances is a house, surrounded by its numerous log cabins for the poor negroes to live in - when I came, cotton was whitening the fields, which are full of old decaying pines, which are not cut down here . . . Everything is very different here from N.E. - manners & customs &c. - slaves do all the work here - Ladies are not accustomed to waiting on themselves - the poor negro does all. At first it seemed strange to me - but now I have in some degree become accustomed to it. However I do not envy the southerners their [wealth?], or slaves - it pains me to see the degrading state of the sons and daughters of Africa. . ."

Sister (Miss Almira A. Lord Female Institution, Amherst, Mass) fr brother Daniel (Boston) 1 August 1834 (on same piece of paper as below); encouraging Almira to stay at school another term; Daniel sick; ". . . Since I came here my congregation has increased. Indeed the number of sailors have doubled. . . I wish you could be present with us on the Sabbath. You would see as interesting congregation as you ever saw - Julia has

become more and more like myself, interested in seamen. . .", Julia sick; family news.

Dear Sis & Cousin fr ? (on same piece of paper as below); family news, etc., ". . . D[aniel?] will probably go to Commencement. I do not expect to because of the expense. I find expenses are great everywhere, but in the city you can hardly turn around without paying for it. . ."

Son (brother of Daniel) fr ? (Charleston, SC) 27 Dec 1834 (addressee and addresser torn off (Mr. Sam..., Inst...; on same piece of paper as letter from Julia to Brother below); 1) describes his and Julia's trip from Boston to SC (probably Dec 8 - 18, 1834); seasickness, Julia sick since arriving in SC, expensive living there (\$1 board for day each), ". . . I have had time to ramble considerably about the city [Charleston?], which is totally unlike any of our cities or even villages at the north, the style of the buildings, & their somber dullness owing to humidity & warmth of the atmosphere, gives everything a gloomy appearance; there are however a few exceptions, vegetation in some of the gardens is green & lively, & in several of their yards have I seen the beautiful orange tree loaded with fruit. A day or two since, I went into one of the churches, to witness an exhibition of 3 of the pupils from the American Asylum for the Deaf & Dumb, with Mr. Weld, the principal. I believe M. Booth is one of them. The Legislature of this state at their late session have granted a sum of money for the education of deaf mutes in this state . . . I went to the Catholic puppet show - as it appeared to me, rather than a place of religious worship. . . Yesterday, visited the S.C. Medical College, they have a fine museum of birds, fishes, shells, crocodiles & snakes, all done up in very [great? Style?], their anatomical preparations I should think are very fine. . .";

2) Brother fr Julia (on same piece of paper as above; partially cut off)

Miss Almira Lord (New London) fr M.C. Gardiner (nd c. 1834?); illness; "If I live do come and make me a visit in the Spring. Did you see Julia Walters in New London. . ."

Capt. Samuel Lord (Shelter Is, NY) fr "your nephews & son"  
Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 31 March 1835; ". . . It [his  
congregation] is now as large as six or eight of the  
one on Shelter Island. . ."; wife away

Aunt (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, Shelter Island, NY) fr niece Emily  
(Rocky Point) 31 March 1835 (on same piece of paper as  
below); 1) grandmother in poor health, letter from  
cousin Almira

2) Aunt (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, Shelter Island, NY) fr Noah  
H. Jones, 31 March 1835 (on same piece of paper as  
above); health, colds in winter, accident with an ax,  
school, farm work

Mother, Uncle & Aunts (Capt. Samuel Lord, Shelter Island,  
NY); fr J[ulia?] M. Lord (Cedar Grove) 1 April 1835;  
away from husband (for health?), slavery, ". . . I  
passed six weeks with my sister Mary, in Columbia [SC]  
at my old home then came to Camden and from thence to  
my present home where I formerly resided, on my first  
coming to Carolina. . . and my health has been daily  
improving. I have now no cough . . . and tho I feel  
more and more the loss of my dear husband's society  
yet I know it would be very wrong for me to be  
discontented. . . I should like aunts to see how  
Carolinians do their work – how many negroes it takes  
here to do what they can do with so little trouble.  
These people must have a slave to do every kind of  
work, that is, one to cook, another to wash, one for  
this, another for that. I know Aunt Hannah would get  
tired of telling them and waiting for them to do what  
she told them, they move so slow. I could tell you  
many curious stories if I could see you. . . Yesterday  
you would have laughed to see the ride I took with  
Miss Wilson – we drove a mule in a chaise – but this  
is often done here. They [?] a great many mules and  
horses for ploughing – and when we cannot get a horse  
to ride take a mule. . ."

Dear Sister (Miss Almira A. Lord, New London) fr Julia  
(Cedar Grove) 2 April 1835; last letter written from  
Columbia SC, spent 4 weeks in Camden mostly with Mrs.  
McIntosh, then to Black River?, then many moves after  
that, staying with various people

Miss Almira A. Lord (New London) fr (cusin?) E. Lord (Lyme)  
24 April 1835; re William Lord son of uncle Elisha  
Lord, going to Norwich for the summer, school?, etc.

Sister (Miss Almira A. Lord, c/o Miss Abby Wood, New London) fr Julia (Roxbury) 11 August 1835 (on same page as letter from Daniel below; 1) they like Roxbury except far from Church, Almira's upcoming visit  
2) Sister (Almira A. Lord) fr Daniel (on same paper as above from Julia); will pay transportation for Almira's visit

Miss Almira Lord (Elmira, sic) (New London), fr E. Margaret White (Monson) 12 August 1835; re Mrs. Brown's son meeting Almira in Lyme

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o John S. Lord, Lyme) fr Almira Lord (New London) 30 Oct 1835; re Daniel & Julia, Daniel's preaching to the seamen, school not as large as last year, partly due to increased tuition, visits over Thanksgiving

Cousin (Miss Almira A. Lord, c/o Miss Wood, New London) fr Elizabeth, 11 Nov 1835; parties, health, religion, money". . . My complaint has been a deep soreness and pain in my left side breast and shoulders, difficult breathing, and looseness of the bowels, and at night I found it almost impossible to move myself in bed without help, the pain was so excruciating. A physician has called on me and given me medicine and dieted? Me, and I now feel better but not well of those complaints. He did not say what he thought was the matter. I suspect he did not know . . .", deciding whether to stay the winter at Uncle's family or return south, ". . . she (Mary) has contrived to fall in love with the minister here, Mr. Musgrave, and he also with her. . . who would supposed she would prefer a man of thirty years & a minister to the young flattering beaux so plenty here. . . We have been going to the museum and to the monument and the convent ever since J has been here . . . "they have magnificent churches, [?] priests, and flourishing seminaries, and numerous adherents. The morals of the people are not as good I think as in new England, and to be religious is very unpopular with the young and gaiety and pleasure predominate . . . . I have spent a heap of money since I have been here and if I stay must spend still more. It goes I hardly know how in trifles more than in large articles. I have purchased a gay calico dress, woolen cape and breastpin and shawl and a few other necessaries . . ."

Sister (Miss Almira A. Lord, New London) fr Julia (Boston)  
14 Dec 1835; in better health, visited the Cottage (in  
Lyme?) at Thanksgiving, saw baby nephew, ". . . We  
have agreed with Smith & Hannah to take Mother this  
winter to [South?]. I think it will be more agreeable  
to Mother's feelings . . . "

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord (c/o John S. Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel  
(Boston) 13 Feb 1836?; " . . . I have felt and do  
still feel that I am called to preach the gospel to  
Seamen. As a Seamen's preach[er] I have been  
installed over a Mariner's Church. . .", where Mother  
will live, Julia's health, nephew Frederick Augustus

Cousin (Miss Almira A. Lord (Boston) fr Mary Gillet  
(Baltimore) 3 June 1836 (on same page as letter  
below); 1) cousin E likes Baltimore, ". . . Mr. M  
thinks something off me and I of course like him but  
believe me Almira I do not love him. Their (sic) is  
too many reasons for my not thinking of him as one who  
would ever be any nearer to me than a dear friend.  
Please do not mention it to any one. . .", family  
health  
2) Almira fr E.G. (on same page as above); Smith &  
Hannah leaving for Boston, etc.

Almira Lord (Boston) fr ? (Monson) 30 Oct 1836 (on same  
paper as below); 1) Julia's death?  
2) Sister Almira fr H. Thompson (Sunday afternoon; on  
same page as above); re Julia's death

**9 18 Daniel Lord, letters and will, 1837 ["Bequest of  
Julia"; Daniel's engagement; troubles at Newport  
School]**

Miss Almira A. Lord (Pearl Place) fr Maria G. Packard, 1  
Apr 1837; friendship?

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr  
daughter A.A. Lord (Newport) 18 April 1837; mother  
visiting Daniel; boards with Mr. Guild who teaches in  
"male department", school

Almira A. Lord (Newport) fr Maria G. Packard (Boston) 20  
May 1837; ". . . I have very flattering accounts of  
you from Mr. G. He says 'Miss Lord is doing  
admirably, she is a very fine girl - just what we want

in the school', but I fear your side of the story will not be quite so pleasant. . .", sewing circle, returned to Mariners Sabbath School

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Newport) 22 May 1837; family

Almira (Miss Almira A. Lord co Mr. Wm Guild, Newport RI) fr Cousin Elizabeth (Lyme) 8? June 18?? (1837?); family health, marriage of Mr. J? Munroe Beebe to Miss Sarah M. Hall (" . . . the wedding which was rather formal."), Caroline at school in New London and homesick

Sister (Miss Almira A. Lord, c/o Mr Guild, Newport RI) fr Daniel (Daniel M. Lord, Boston) 25 June 1837; urges Almira to leave position at school at end of term due to "present compensation" and write to Mr. Bowen, asking for \$50 raise

Brother (Rev. Daniel M. Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Newport) 14 July 1837; in answer to above letter, ". . . the Committee have helpt me in suspense until today the last day of the quarter. They have treated me mean enough. I could not experience the same unpleasant feelings another quarter for all the money in their treasury. I wrote them a note as politely as I could much the same as you dictated. Not one word did I hear from them. They know I should dismiss the school today unless they come to some conclusion. They then sent me my quarters salary commencing from the 4<sup>th</sup> April the day I came to Newport . . . Saying they would give me 325 per year. Mr. Guild had reduced his board 2-50 per week leaving me 200 a year. . . . Mr. Dumont has felt badly for me. He himself saw the committee told them I was not to be trifled with. . . . Mr. And Mrs. Guild have treated me with great kindness. I believe they really felt bad thinking I should leave . . ."

Rev. D.M. Lord (Lyme) fr Rogers? (Boston) 17 July 1837; \$200 bequest of Mebzar? Whitten, Jr., of Kingston MA to American Seamen Friends Society, events at the Bethel in Daniel's absence, ship struck by lightning and burned, description of fire in neighbor's house

Cousins S & H [Smith & Hannah perhaps] (Mr. J? Smith Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Newport) 5 August 1837;

taking vacation from school "this month", will take boat for Lyme

Sister (Almira A. Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel (Boston) 25 August 1837; mother's health, vacation, ". . . Mr. Guild has taken a bundle of stocking yarn which I believe Deborah Gillet gave me for you . . . Olivia Flynt is dead. She died very suddenly while sitting, last Saturday morning, at the breakfast table. . .", Mr. Campbell preaching at Newburyport and will probably go to Shelter Island for a few weeks, re settling uncle's estate

Sister (Almira A. Lord, c/o William Guild, Newport) fr Daniel (Boston) 8 September 1837; mother's health, ". . . I hope Mr. Dumont approved of my preaching to his people on the subject of Seamen. . .", intent to visit "the Cape" [Cape Cod?], settling uncle's estate

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Newport) 9 September 1837; carriage ride from Norwich to Lyme and boat, return to teaching

Cousin H (Mrs. Hannah W. Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Newport) 26 September 1837; health of mother and family members

Friend (Miss Almira A. Lord, Lyme) fr Nancy W. Everett (Worcester) 23 October 1837 (on same paper as below);  
1) Maternal Association meeting, Mr. Peabody's sermon, moved with children to new small house, father and sister board with her;  
2) Rev'd Mr. Lord fr Anna (on same paper as above); visit from Mr. Thayer, Thomas in a Book? (Mssrs Dorr & Howland), out of school due to health, now studying astronomy and philosophy

Sister (Almira A. Lord, Lyme) fr brother (Daniel, Boston) 8 Nov 1837; travel, preaching, upcoming marriage, ". . . I am glad that you wrote to Mr. Guild & resigned your school. . .", took stage to Norwich, ". . . I got a buffalo's skin & wrapped myself in it and seated myself alone in the carriage. . . You know that journeying always agrees with me. . . I have got through preaching in the churches of this city on the subject of Seamen. . .", will give speech at New Bedford Port Society. . . I have been at Chatham. Had a pleasant visit. The whole business is settled. Eliza is to be

your sister. I think you had better tell mother. It is probable that we shall be married in February. . . I wish, my sis, you would write her. You know her name. Eliza Ann Hardy, Chatham, Mass. She would be glad to receive a letter from you. You will love her – she is a good natured & affectionate girl."

Friend (Almira A. Lord, Lyme) fr Eliza Ann Hardy (Chatham)  
9 December 1837; received letter, re upcoming marriage to Daniel M. Lord

Almira A. Lord (Lyme) fr Maria? G? Packard (Newport) 28  
December 1837; has taken Almira's place at school, ". . . He (Mr. Guild) wishes me to ask if you would be willing to come here in the spring and open a private school for young ladies. . . and says if you will, the place shall be reserved for you. . . "; visit from 2 phrenologists

Handwritten bequests: "A list of articles of Dress given by Mrs. Julia M. Lord as her dying bequests to her friends . . .", mostly clothes to various friends and relatives including her sister Almira Lord, sister Mary, sister Hannah W. Lord, friend H. Thomson, her mother, her grandmother, aunt Bartlett, Elizabeth G. Bartlett, aunt Lydia, uncle Ely, aunt Ely, Lucinda Austin, Esther Ely, Mrs. Philips, Mrs. Burnam, etc.

10 23 Daniel Lord, letters 1838 [Daniel's 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage; school at Newport; birth of Daniel's daughter]

Sister (Almira A. Lord, Lyme) fr brother Daniel (Boston), 1 March 1838 (on same page as below); 1) visit from Mrs. Kennedy who is unable to find employment, ". . . It is thought best by some of our friends that she should give her child to the 'childrens friend society' and have it brought up in a good & Christian manner, but I fear she will not consent to that. . . ", marriage, ". . . On the 7<sup>th</sup> of last month the event (marriage) took place, which made me once more a husband . . . I trust you will find her a sister whom you can love as you did our dear departed Julia. . . "

2) Almira A. Lord fr Eliza (on same paper as above)

Miss Lord (Almira Lord, Lyme) fr E. Messings? (Dedham)  
7 March 1838; school, Mr. Dumont, brothers marriage, etc.

Sister (Almira A. Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 14 March 1838; Mr. Dumont assures him Almira assured room and board for school and \$50 per quarter for 6 months and urges her to accept offer; Danial sees only 2 objections to the offer, 1) climate not good for her health, 2) find out she is expected to teach, can study herself, ". . . You know the people at Newport are not very intelligent. At least that is rather my opinion. . .", apparently she is in Stonington at this time, Mrs. Kennedy has found employment (son George is not with her)

Miss A.A. Lord (Boston) fr William Guild (Newport) 29 March 1838; offers teaching position @ \$50 per quarter, subjects include ancient & modern geography, ancient & modern history, botany & chemistry, natural philosophy, algebra & geometry; ". . . Mr. Dumont says, 'Teach all you know!'"

Mother, Cousin S & H, Aunt H, and E (John S. Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Boston) 9 April 1838 (on same paper as below); 1) traveling from New London to Stonington to Boston, Daniel very well, Almira will accept Newport teaching job, . . . "and as I am a minister's sister they seem to think I must know something. Alas, how deceived - well I expect they will find me out . . ." 2) Dear Mother [in law] fr E.B. Lord (on same paper as above); family

Miss A.A. Lord fr William Guild (Newport) 14 April 1838; pleased to know Almira will return to teach in Newport, she should arrive by May 2

Cousin (Almira A. Lord, c/o Mr. Dumont, Newport) fr Hannah (Lyme) 9 May 1838; Almira's mother "feeble", ". . . At mother's they have all from mother & Elizabeth down to Angelina had what is termed 'the rash' which had made them all sick more or less, and at present I am about half sick myself with the same disease. . .", her children Henry and Frederick are well, Mother Brown spent about 20 days with them, ". . . Elizabeth has not gone to New York as we hoped she would with sister Mary. We urged and talked and she went so far as to pack her clothes for going and then would not make up her mind to go. You know she is inclined to look on the dark side and in this case she did very much fearing she should be sick &c, &c.", death of cousin

Hallock Gillet's wife, marriage of cousin Noah Jones to woman named Hollock

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr Almira (Newport) 12 May 1838; Eliza's (Daniel's wife) acquaintances in Boston "first in society - real aristocracy", Daniel busy with Seamans Friends Society, Mrs. Kennedy's son George died, "We attended the funeral and saw his little coffin deposited in the Infants Tomb in the city.", Cousin Hallock's wife died, Noah married, teaching, room with Mrs. Packard, teach 15 "young ladies", boards with Mr. Guild, "I felt rather bad the first [?] day, the young ladies came dressed as if they had come to a party - some with their gold watches - but laying aside their external appearance they do not know any more than I do - with a previous preparation I hope to be able to get along without any embarrassment", fire at house of Mr. Rawley

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 25 May 1838; plan to visit Almira in Newport, then to Lyme, then to Mouron? To visit father & mother Brown, etc.

Sister (Almira A. Lord, c/o Wm. Guild, Newport) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 25 May 1838 (on same page as below);  
1) Eliza's health [possibly morning sickness] "But I am more than half inclined to believe that she is [sic] some notion of making you an aunt one of these days.", "I had a letter from father Brown making some inquiries about our Shelter Island affairs. He is going to attend to them."  
2) Sister (Almira A. Lord) fr E.A. Lord [Eliza] (on same page as above); family news

Almira A. Lord (c/o Gould, Newport) fr cousin Emily (Patchogue) 26 July 1838; family news; "Fathers family are all well he is carrying on great business. The place is so altered you would hardly know it. John lives at home and takes charge of the shipyard."; "There has been quite a revival of religion here."; "Mr. Gillet has not been on the island since the death of his wife."; H.W married Conklin; Hiram Tuthill married to Lorra Davis who died 2 weeks ago, "Thus you see he has married 3 sisters and is a widower now."

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr  
Almira (Newport) 30 July 1838; family health; Noah  
married to Adelia Hallock, lives with his grandmother;  
Capt. & Mrs. Jones son taking charge of the shipyard;  
doubts if she will continue at the school, "I have my  
doubts as to the school sustaining itself longer  
unless the teachers should teach French - Then the  
tuition would more than double to the English. About  
half of the girls are now taking French lessons - a  
gentleman comes in the school three times a week to  
hear recitations."

Miss Almira A. Lord (Newport RI) fr sister-in-law Eliza A.  
Lord (Chatham MA) 13 Aug 1838; Eliza in poor health;  
Almira's mother in better health than expected but  
quite frail; Hannah "quite ill"; Daniel probably will  
return to Boston but Eliza will stay in Chatham until  
Sept; Daniel, Mr. Rogers & Nathan? Alpheus "have gone  
a sporting today. . . they do enjoy it. . . They look  
like anything but ministers and a Boston merchant. It  
is such healthy exercise. . ."

Almira A. Lord (c/o Wm. Guild, Newport) fr brother Daniel  
M. Lord (Boston) 20 Aug 1838; "I am sorry to see by  
your letter that you are discouraged and that you  
attribute the falling off of the number of your  
scholars to your incompetancy to teach them. . . I am  
satisfied that it is very doubtful whether a select  
school of young ladies, [?] who will teach it, can be  
sustained in NewPort [sic]. The fact is, the people  
there do not feel sufficiently the necessity of  
education to sustain one. And since that is the case,  
you or any other teacher ought not to take it for  
granted that the fault is in themselves because such a  
school does not flourish. I agree with you however  
that it will be best that you should not continue  
unless there should be a considerable addition to your  
school, which I should not think is very probably. .  
."; Daniel will look for another school; Almira should  
visit their mother; re where Almira will live next  
winter if not in Newport; mentions Aunt Hallock,  
Brother Rogers, "Ellen quite ill with the spinal  
complaint", letter from Father Brown re division of  
property [Shelter Island?], etc.

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, c/o John Smith Lord, Lyme) fr  
Daniel (Boston) 21 Aug 1838; spent 10 days at Eliza  
father's [Chatham?] with "brother Roger and one of

Eliza's brothers . . . The time was chiefly occupied in fishing and gunning [sic]. You may perhaps say, it is rather a queer [sic] business for clergymen to be engaged in, but I don't know why ministers may not gun & fish as well as other men. . ."; Mr Rogers daughter "has the spinal complaint.", etc.

Almira A. Lord (Newport, "My dear Miss Lord") fr Eunice Messingen? (Dedham) 10 Sept 1838; re friendship, school, etc. [nearly illegible]

Almira A. Lord (Newport) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 24 Sept 1838; (on same piece of paper as below from Eliza); 1) ". . . Next month is the time of visiting the churches in this city and for taking up the annual collections on behalf of our Society [Seamans Friend Society?]. I have a sermon to prepare on the occasion."; very busy, "But it is all right. I have made up my mind that I must be driven through this world. You know I am always in a hurry."; death of cousin Elizabeth Lord [Smith's only sister]; mother visited Esther Miner and Uncle Daniel Miner  
2) Almira A. Lord fr Eliza Lord (Boston) 24 Sept 1838 (on same piece of paper as above); family health [almost illegible]

Cousin H (Mrs. Hannah W. Lord, c/o J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Newport) 15 Oct 1838; re death of Elizabeth; Almira's school to close Oct 19

Almira A. Lord (Lyme) fr brother Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 15 Nov 1838 (on same piece of paper as below from Eliza); 1) re death of Elizabeth & Smith, remembering deaths of other family & friends in Lyme, "I remember the graves of Uncle Peter Lord, of that of his son Peter, of that of Sarah, & now those of Elizabeth & Smith"; "I suppose Hannah will not think of making Lyme her home after the affairs of her husband shall have been arranged. Her house must now be desolate and her children can be better schooled & provided for in Monson & almost anywhere else than in Lyme."; invites Almira to live with them; "Hannah must have her hands full and we can not expect that she can do for her [their mother] as she would if God had spared her Eliza]; affairs on Shelter Island not so favorable  
2) Almira A. Lord from Eliza (on same piece of paper as above); family

Almira A. Lord (Lyme) fr Maria G. Packard (Newport) 18 Nov 1838; condolences; events since Almira left; Miss DWolf and Martha intend to go to Cuba "if a vessel sails from this place."; "Our Sewing Circle has quite revived of late, but I do not know how long it will continue to flourish thus, at the two last meetings there have been nearly 30 ladies present and several gentlemen. Last week we met at Mrs. Dumont's to sew for her."; activities at school, many people ask after Almira.

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Brookhaven) 14 Dec 1838; writing from her aunt's (Dorcas's sister); arrived from Patchogue from cousin Emily's hosue; "I arrived here last evening from Patchogue where I found cousin Emily keeping house and was most cordially received by her as well as Aunt Hallock."; "I found aunt as comfortable as I expected. Noah is married andlvies with her and has a little daughter. He appears very happy in his new relation appears quite like his father. Emily is pleasantly situated. . ."

Cousin Almira (A. Lord, Brookhaven, LI) fr, Hannah W. Lord (Lyme) 23 Dec 1838; father returned from the island (Shelter Island?); "As to matters there, he thinks it very doubtful whether anything can be obtained as your portion. They brought forward testimony to prove that Uncle Samuel said he intended they should have all the property. It is not yet known what the decision of the referees will be about allowing their bill which you know takes nearly all the estate. He thinks the people of the Island are mostly in favor of the old women."; "Hope yet we may be favored with a revival of new religion. Cousin Emeline Royce is quite anxious we think. Joseph of course is deeply interested for her conversion."; Mary & Phebe Ely visited last week; lonely since death of husband

Mother (Mrs. Dorcas Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 24 Dec 1838; birth of daughter "weighing only about five pounds.", "It would have been gratifying to me had it been a boy that it might have taken the place & the name of my cherub Henry. But it is all right. I trust I feel thankful for the gift."; Aunt Philema visiting her (Dorcas)

11 16 Daniel Lord, letters 1839-1849 [Birth of Daniel's daughter Harriet, Dorcas to Boston; Almira's marriage]

Miss L. (Almira A. Lord, Lyme) fr Maria G. Packard (Newport) 15 Feb 1839 and to "dear A." from Roxbury 25-26 April 1839; apologies for not writing; health, sick; "Mr. And Mrs. Wells are very pleasant good people, a little awkward, as they have never been into society much, but she is not contented in Newport & has probably lefty before this time. She has not met her expenses since she has been there & it will be pretty difficult I think for any to do so. She pays \$3.50 a week for board an has a room in the attic. Extra charges for washing. Mr. Hammond has been to see me once since I came home & I was very glad to see him tho he has some peculiarities. I like [him?] better than any other person I became acquainted with in Newport."; plans to spend summer visiting her & her husband's relatives in Maine

Mother (Dorcas Lord, c/o Mrs. Hannah W. Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 1 March 1839; daughter to be baptized next Sunday; death of Dr. Ely's daughter Esther; death of "grandmother Brown"

Sister (Almira A. Lord c/o Mrs. Hannah W. Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 20 March 1839; mother has to move to aunt Hetty's before moving in with Daniel; "You will therefore have to make all the arrangements necessary as to where she [mother] is to board & the price of board. I think one dollar & half a week will be enough for the summer, but if you have to give more it will be very well. Our mother must have a home where she can have everything necessary for her comfort, let it cost which it will. I think you had better see Aunt H. immediately & know whether she will board her until the first of September when I hope, if it is the will of the Lord, we shall be permitted to dwell altogether. If she will take her, she will oblige me greatly. As to yourself if you think we can remain in Lyme with our mother till autumn it would undoubtedly afford Mother much enjoyment & pleasure. . . I will settle with aunt H. for the board of you both, only make as good a bargain as you can. In case aunt H cannot board Mother perhaps cousin Sarah Gillet will be willing to take her. . ."; Eliza and daughter Harriet sick; Mrs. Packard very sick

Sister (Almira A. Lord, Lyme CT) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston)  
19 April 1839; mother aunt's[?] home; thanks Almira  
for helping mother; Daniel very busy; Brother  
Roger(s?)'s wife in Leomeister with dying family  
member (mother or grandmother), son William is with a  
wet nurse; Daniel to perform wedding ceremony for  
Betsy (sister of Eliza) in Chatham; Eliza & little  
Harriet will probably stay in Chatham for summer, ". .  
. the Cape air will do something towards restoring  
her."; Mr(s?) Rowley moved to Charleston, SC

Sister (Almira A. Lord, Lyme CT) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston)  
11 May 1839; re death of 2 children of cousin Franklin  
& Catherine; Uncle Gillet near death; apparently  
Almira had confided in Daniel about a man whom she  
might marry, Daniel advises her on finding out "moral  
character" of prospective husband

Sister (in-law) Almira A. Lord (Lyme) fr Eliza (Chatham) 27  
May 1839; Hannah pregnant? ("She [Hannah] knows she  
must bring a child into the world fatherless.)

Sister (Almira A. Lord, Lyme CT) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston)  
19 June 1839; visited Chatham; "Things in my  
congregation are prospering."; Eliza still not fully  
recovered from childbirth; infant Hatty healthy; "I  
feel that the time is approaching fast when, if our  
lives are spared, you & mother will be the inmates[?]  
of our family. Unless indeed you should conclude that  
a certain gentleman should need your society. Should  
this be the case, I suppose we shall have to consult  
your happiness & yield to your wishes. It seems,  
however, he is not as [?] as most widowers, but I  
suppose he is one of the cautious kind. Well, that is  
all in his favour. Does he talk of making you a  
visit? Or how does he make love! When things assume a  
serious aspect if you will let me know, I will write  
Mr. Atwater, his minister, and learn what he has to  
say of him. I like your ideas on this subject as  
well."; will attend the General Association of  
Ministers of Massachusetts in Plymouth next week; will  
visit Chatham again; Mrs Rogers still in Leominster  
with Ellen; Mr. Rogers and Daniel board together at  
Rev. Mr. Bliss (19 Somerset St.)

Aunt & Cousins (Mrs. Mahitable Lord (Lyme) fr Almira A.  
Lord (Boston) 8 Nov 1839 (on same paper as below); 1)

in new home; details of journey to Boston; "Our goods have not arrived and we are occupying Eliza's parlor chamber. I think after a few weeks we shall feel quite at home."; Eliza's health poor, her sister staying with her, "Our family consists of seven individuals - one girl in the kitchen - thus you perceive we number one more than when with you."; re bills;

2) Mrs. Mahitable Lord fr Daniel M. Lord (on same piece of paper as above); re money owed for items purchased for mother

Aunt & Cousins (Mrs. Mahitable Lord (Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Boston) 11? Jan 1849 (on same paper as below); 1) furniture arrived; "I am attending a course of day lectures upon Geology by Professor Silliman of New Haven which is very interesting. The course consists of twelve lectures to afternoons a week. . . The church and the Seamens Friend Society have a deep claim upon his [Daniel's] attention."; Eliza's health improved; mentions cousin Carry, cousin Catharine, Caroline; refers "confidential affairs" (possibly potential engagement) and visit from Mr. T [Trubee?]  
2) [Aunt & Cousins] from Daniel M. Lord (on same piece of paper as above); enclosed \$17

Aunt & Cousins (Mrs. Mahitable Lord (Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Boston) 11 March 1840 (on same piece of paper as below); 1) sick, getting prescriptions from doctor; received Caroline's letter who may go to school in Norwich or New London; received letter from Esq. Gardiner of Shelter Island with news of death of Aunt Hannah Lord " . . . and requested us to come in and see Aunt Polly thinking by thus doing it might soften all hard feelings that had previously existed."; Daniel visited Polly or a week, who was "very glad to see him but unwilling to be advised respecting the property."; re Seamen's Friend Society "There is quite an interesting feeling upon the subject of religion in many churches in this city. The Mariners church brother thinks feel quite deeply."  
2) [Aunt & cousins] from Daniel M. Lord (on same paper as above); Aunt Hannah ". . . died in a fit the last of July. . . She was undressing herself to go to bed when she remarked in a hasty manner to her sister, 'Do look at me. See how I look.' & immediately fell down and died. Aunt Polly was alone with her in the chambers and only a foolish fellow and a hired girl in

the house."; re renewed interest in religion in Boston "All the evangelical denominations are very much awakened. In all of them there are those who recently hope they have been form of God, and very many are inquiring what they shall do to be saved."; 600 attended prayer meeting; "Mother is anxious to learn who is to take care of Uncle Daniel Miner when Dr. Miner leaves Lyme."

Cousin (Angelina H. Lord, c/o Francis Griffiin, Milington, Hamburgh PO, Lyme) fr Daniel Miner Lord (Boston) 1 July 1840; thanks Angelina for her letter to Aunt Dorcas; Miss Esther Miner died; Almira & Daniel went to Shelter Island when Hannah Lord died, Almira still there; Aunt Polly sick and probably will not get well, "Almira is compelled to remain there (Shelter Island) to take charge of the things." Caroline & Sarah at school; "W are going to break up house keeping for a few weeks because I have to be absent on Shelter Island. Mother & Eliza will board out of town while I am gone and we shall shut up our house in the city."; "I suppose that you and your mother are still with your brother Francis & Sister Mary. . . And if you should see your grandfather & grandmother Gillett & Uncle Franklin & Aunt Catherine & Cousin Sarah Gillett & indeed all the cousins. . ."; "Almira wrote me that he (Mr. Trubee] had been on to the Island to see her, but I can't tell when they are going to be married. Indeed I don't know whether they will be very quick."; religious revival in Boston

Aunt & Cousins (Mrs. Mehetable Lord (Lyme) fr Almira A. Lord (Fairfield) 24 June 1841; "I believe I told you I was boarding at Father Trubee. We still continue [?] furnish our own room and find my new relatives very kind and affectionate."; re death of Aunt Hallock (on Shelter Island?)

Aunt (Mrs. Mehitable Lord, Lyme) fr Daniel M. Lord (Boston) 23 May 1842; "We have been truly afflicted iin the loss our dear boy. His sickness & death was very unexpected. He died of the brain fever & was sick only four days. He was our idol."; Mrs. Lord's (Eliza?) health poor; Almira and husband and mother residing on Shelter Island, "Neither Mr. Trubee or Almira like Shelter Island as a place of residence."; religious revival in Boston

Aunt & cousins (Mrs. Mehitable Lord, Lyme) fr Almira A (Lord) Trubee (Shelter Island) 15 Sept 1845; mother has died (years ago); Almira and family planning visit to Lyme

Cousin (Miss Harriet A. Lord (Angeline?), Lyme) fr Almira A. (Lord) Trubee (Bridgeport) 25 Aug 1848; Sarah's marriage; heard from cousin Erastus A. Lord; Cousin Sarah in Brooklyn; children Samuel L. and Almira have grown; "My brother and family were here? A short time since and reside on Shelter Island."

Cousin Angie (Harriet Angeline Lord?) fr Almira A. (Lord) Trubee (Bridgeport) 4 April 1849; death of son by "croup of a malignant kind. The inflammation was in the windpipe where medicine could not reach. We had three skillful physicians to attend him. All was done that human skill and [?] but vain was the help of Man - his time had come, his days on earth were numbered. The parting [?] came,, the imploring look for parental aid with expressions of 'dear father carry me, dear mother take me' can never be obliterated from my memory - he breathed his last, his peaceful [?] - still lovely in death was before us."

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Dear and Beloved Child (Miss Phebe C. Lord, c/o Miss Abby Wood, New London) fr Mehetabel Lord (Lyme) 7 July 1837; ". . . I think of going to Grassyhill tomorrow to see Mrs. Gillet in her Affliction for truly it is great her little Daughter Sarah had just got well enough to walk without crutches when she fell and broke her leg and now her recovery is thought doubtful. . ."; Jane Bill to be married this afternoon

Dear Caroline (Phebe C. Lord, New London) fr Mehetabel Lord ("your affectionate mother"; Lyme) 18 July 1837; Caroline may stay another quarter at school; Sarah Gillet getting better "although she cannot move herself nor sit up any yet."; "Brother Franklin has cut his knee quite bad it has mostly confined him to his bed for two weeks. . ."; ". . . as it regards your attending the sowing (sic.) society I have no objection . . ."

My Dear Friend (J. Smith Lord, Lyme) fr [O.A.] Gill  
(Baltimore) 8 Aug 1837; re dividend; re A. Franklin  
accident

Dear and beloved Daughter (probably Phebe Caroline) fr  
Mehitabel Lord (Lyme) 16 Sept 1837; ". . . as it  
regards your getting a bag I wish you to get one that  
you will be pleased with although I suppose that  
cannot be a very expensive one for the want of funds.  
I have felt much anxiety about you since I received  
your letter because you say you feel so little like  
doing anything if so I fear you are unwell or do not  
enjoy yourself and why do you keep us so long in  
suspense. . . Aunt D has yet (got?) to be quite  
comfortable and brother F [Franklin] is in better  
health but his knee he thinks is no better. . ."

Caroline and Sarah fr Mehetable Lord (Lyme) 22 May 1840 (on  
same page as below); 1) ". . . your Sister Hanna & her  
father came here yesterday. . ."; ". . . how do you  
get to school this cold stormy weather I wonder"  
2) Dear Sisters fr H.N.L. (Hannah N. Lord?) 22 May  
1840 (on same paper as above); ". . . I saw Aunt  
Dorcas a few weeks since & she desired(?) much love  
and often exclaimed 'how I wish Sarah & Angeline were  
here to go with you about Boston and see all the  
curiosities' . . ."

My dear children fr Mehetable Lord (Millington) 5 Aug 1840;  
re their school "I fear you will both get sick by  
studying so hard. I think you did wrong not to  
relinquish your Geography."; ". . . I have been quite  
sick for two weeks past I was taken with the head-ache  
supposed it was the sick head-ache but after a day or  
two I could get no relief. I sent for Doct. Brockway  
he came & said it was a Bilious attack he gave me a  
potion of Calomel which relieved my head but from some  
cause it produced a sore mouth that lasted a week and  
was very tedious. I am so much better now. . ."; ". .  
. Cousin Sarah is still with us. . . Mary Eliza has  
been sick today. . . her mother's health is better  
although she is not able to do but little more than  
take care of her babe which has grown very fat and as  
good natured as ever . . . "

Madam (Mrs. Mahettable Lord, c/o B.F. Gillet, Lyme) fr O.A.  
Gill (Baltimore) 14 Jany 1841; re interest declared  
for 1840 on Merchants Bank stock, etc.

Dear Anna (Mrs. Mehetable Lord, Lyme) fr Sade Lord 1841?;  
re school, "I have had to study very hard, since I  
have returned so that I do not have any time to do  
anything else. Sometimes we go to the Academy  
immediately after breakfast and study till half past  
12 and then go again immediately after dinner and stud  
till 6 o'clock though we do not generally stay as late  
as that...; "I will . . . tell you about a Sail we  
have had - one Saturday afternoon when it was hottest  
Thomas and Oliver, the two school masters, invited  
Caroline and Catherine and myself to take a sail - We  
Sailed up the river for 4 miles and landed at a  
beautiful place in the woods - we wandered about  
awhile in the cool shade and then set off home &  
Catherine and I took care of the 'Gib stays' and  
learned all about managing a boat. I can assure you  
we think we are adepts in the art..."

Dear Anna (Angelina H. Lord, North Lyme) fr sister Sarah,  
22 Sept 1841; attended lecture "from one of the  
reformed drunkards", re signing "the pledge",  
"Catherine signed the pledge but I thought I would not  
as I had signed two already. Catherine goes to Mr.  
Dimon's school an like him very much. . ."; "This  
morning I arose at five o'clock and took a walk as  
usual but who do you think I had for a companion - I  
will describe her to you and see if you can guess.  
She was dressed in deep mourning; had grey eyes and  
wore Whiskers - I talked to her all the way but she  
did not say anything to me though she would often take  
my hand in both of hers and kiss it with great  
tenderness - Give it up - Miss Pussy cat - an entire  
stranger to me - I have not got my accordian fixed  
yet. . ."

Miss Caroline Lord fr S? H. Mathewson, 12 Aug 1841; with  
braided lock of hair & poem; "'Accept this trifle much  
esteemed friend/ Depicts it has to beauty cant  
pretend/ Thy candid eye will kindly [?] all/ Nor  
slight this tribute though it be but small'/ sincerely  
L.H. Mathewson, August 12th/ 41./ P.S. Adieu dear  
Cally - May we meet again ere long"

Miss Sarah W. Lord (New London) fr mother Mehetable Lord  
(Baltimore) 23 Sept 1841; re arrival in Baltimore; Mr.  
Gill in New York

Dear Coz (Miss S. Wade Lord, Lyme) fr Joe[?] Gillet  
(Baltimore) 18 Oct 1841; sent her music; "  
Be assured Cousin that the memory of those evening  
walks will be a sweet melancholy and the retrospection  
of your many kindnesses towards me when at Lyme will  
be like the memory of joys that are fled. . ."

Dearest Coz (Miss Sarah W. Lord, Lyme) fr J[?] E. Gillet  
(Baltimore) 19 & 24 Nov 1841; asking her to  
correspond, . . . "but write as to your most intimate  
friend your cousin . . . to one who would overlook any  
imperfections that haste might occasion. . .";  
attended lecture at Mercantile library association by  
Professor Eames; received letter from Carrie; "Mother  
received a letter from that interesting little Sister  
Rose."

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Dearest Cousin (Miss Sarah W. Lord, Lyme) fr Joseph Gillet  
(Philadelphia) 8 March 1842; written in reply to her  
letter thanking him for sending the music; refers to  
"My Dear, little, interesting, Sister, Rose!"

Cousin Sarah (Sarah Lord, Lyme, Hamburg) fr George P. Lord  
(New York c/o a. Tappan & Co., 122 Pearl St.) 15 March  
1842; George has sister whose name is Sarah; "But, let  
me ask, has cousin Sarah given her heart to the  
savior?"; ". . . with a view to urge upon you the  
importance of becoming a Christian now that I write  
this letter . . ."; ". . . "Oh that I could persuade  
my cousins in Lyme to give themselves to Jesus Christ  
now, to prepare for death now, my heart is pained to  
see how few of them profess to love my Savior. Let  
not my cousin Sarah be any longer among the number of  
those who do not profess religion. . ."; "P.S. I sent  
the same earnest entreaties to cousin Angeline. . ."

Mrs. Mehitable Lord (Lyme) fr N. Willis for Wm? A. Parker  
(Boston) 23 Apr? 1842; printed notice that her account  
for "Youth's Companion" is in arrears, the paper sent  
was returned

Cousin Carry (Miss Caroline Lord, c/o Mrs. Peter Lord,  
Lyme) fr Cousin Rose [possibly Rose Gillet]  
(Baltimore) 25 Jany 1843; ". . . I have forgotten  
almost all of my Yankee phrases, I can only think of  
two they are pillow-bier and flat, I did not think I

should forget them so soon. When I first came home Almira did nothing but laugh at me for talking so fast. What do you think there was a young lady that wanted Almira to bring me to her house to hear me talk don't you think that was insulting my dignity at a great rate. . ."; Joseph spending short time in Baltimore; Martin fell down the stairs at school, broke his arm, fractured some bones, painful when doctor set it; ". . .I go to Mr. Prince's school now but one comfort is I don't expect to go much longer. I have been sitting up stairs all this evening by myself very quietly except the little boys snoring, in the next room and you know that is a great annoyance, and Almira playing on the piano down stairs is it not enough to annoy me."

Sister Sarah (Sarah W. Lord, Lyme) fr [sister in law] Hannah W. Lord (Monson) 15 April 1843; "Your letter awakened a strain of 'painfully pleasing' emotions in my breast, for you touched a chord which vibrates long and [?] when you address me as 'sister'. Well it is true then that I live in the affections of the family of my departed husband? Yes! Though the connecting link is broken and dissolved in death. . ." illness of her 2 children?; mentions Francis & Mary (her children?); mentions Frederic & Samuel (children?); ". . . Were I to adopt the sentiment of the [? Milleriks ?] however, I should not expect the earth to remain long. Some of our weak minded people here are confident in the belief that the end of the world is at hand, and make no provision for their families save from day to day. But we look for better things. Do any follow this delusion with you? How do you prosper under the care of Mr. Burdock? Do the people remain satisfied with him? . . ."; read in newspaper of Phebe's marriage; ". . . My house & I am informed is sold, and probably you have some new neighbors. . . You must not expect me to bring the children with me if I do come. . . How goes temperance in Lyme? . . ."

Dear Madam (Mrs. Mehetible Lord, Lyme) fr Henry M. Waite (Lyme) 1 Dec 1843; [entire letter] "Herewith I send you Capt Moore's Bond to Mortgage to secure the payment of the rent due & payable to you, together with a deed of assignment from me. This, I believe, will make you perfectly safe -/ If you find the documents, all right, I wish you to sign the release upon the back of the enclosed lease, and return the

same to me by the first safe opportunity -/ If you will, Mr. Bill will explain the writings to you, and give you any information upon the subject, which you may wish. -/ Respectfully yours &c/ Henry M. Waite"

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Dear Mother (Mrs. Mehittable Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah, n.d.; [entire letter] "As I have an opportunity of writing by Mrs. Lord I believe I shall avail myself of it, in writing a few lines presuming that they will not be unwelcome. I have been very sick, I think, for I do not remember of ever being so sick before - I had the Mumps very hard, and was sick as I was last winter but I am now much better and Mrs. Chappell says if I do not get cold she thinks I shall get along very well and I think so too. I have not pretty much over the Mumps but I do not feel as if I could go to school very soon. I have not been down stairs to eat since Tuesday noon -/ I have not been home sick though I have wished a great many times, since I have been sick, I could be at home - I cannot stay to write any more as I fear Mrs. Lord will be along - Give my love to A[?]/ Yours Affectionately / Sarah"

Sarah fr Lucretia (Baltimore) 1 Feb 1844; ". . . I suppose it is know (sic.) use for me to ask you if Carrie is [married], for if Mr. Seldon is as attentive as he used to be I expect he has popped [sic.] the question byfor [sic.] this. If she has not I pity the courtship. Does she allow [sic] you to come in the room or does she have it all to her self. But reailly [sic] I don't think I could bring myself to say Cousin Joseph. But perhaps I am on the wrong track it is some one else. I must stop this nousence [sic]. Don't let Aunt see this or else she will think I am a bigger fool that I used to be. Sister Eliza has moved to the country in the most beautiful and romantic place ever I was in in the course of my existence which has not been very long. We have moved out Lexington street a little below where sister Eliza lived when Carrie was here opposite to Feast[?] garden . . ."; ". . . Almira has been taken [sic] lessons on the Piano and is learning to sing. . . "Martin and George are gone to boarding school up in New Windsor about thirty miles from Baltimore. You do not know what an elegant time we would have if it was not for Oliver[?] he stays at our house to go to school but he

goes home every Friday evening and comes back on Monday morning so we have two days quiet. . ."; ". . . when you or any of you write to me direct your letters to Lucretia Gillet not Rosalva as I have assumed that name lately. . ."

Dear Angie (addressed to Miss Sarah Lord, c/o Mrs. Peter Lord, Lyme) fr Lucretia [Gillet] (Baltimore) 2 Feb 1844; sister Isabel has a little girl; ". . . There has been a great many persons asked me if I should like to go back to Lyme. I always tell them yes indeed, and then they seem so much surprised. They have got the idea that it is such a dreary place. But I do not know where they got it from for they know that I enjoyed myself so much while I was their [sic]. . ."

Dear sisters (Miss Sarah W. Lord, Lyme) fr Hannah (Monson) 1 April 1844; re religious/spiritual revival; remembers Leander, Erastus & Samuel; on Sept 3 her mother in frail health "was seized with violent hemorrhage of the lungs which in a short time prostrated her on the bed and to which she was confined almost entirely for three months. . . Her nerves suffered exceedingly. Shortly after her attack Frederic was brought down by a slow fever, and rendered helpless for a number of weeks. We had serious apprehensions of a decline, he was so long in rallying. But by degrees he has regained is more than usual health and I am happy to say is now extremely well. Laura Hitchcock, a cousin of mine who had been with us some two or three years, and of whom I presume you recollect of having heard, was with us at the time. Mother & Fredy were both so low but according to a previous arrangement she left us and entered S. Hadly Seminary the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. She was as well as usual when she left for ought I knew (though we have since learned that she was not) but suffice it to say that immediately upon her reaching there she began to droop, and in six weeks from the time she left us, her corpse was brought here for interment. She was a beautiful girl of sixteen and the only daughter of her parents who themselves were far away on missionary ground. . . She now lies side by side with our dear sainted Julia peaceful in their silent slumber. . . Mother has bended slowly through the winter, though still an invalid. . ." heard from May Ely in Ohio; is cousin Joseph married

Cousin Carrie (Miss Caroline Lord, c/o Mrs Peter Lord, Lyme) fr Lucretia [Gillet?] (Baltimore) 9 Apr 1844?; ". . . How do you and Sarah come in Latin. I expect if you pursue it as earnestly as you did while I was there you will soon be able to read Virgil. I have not got up to that yet. . .", etc

Miss Caroline Lord & Sisters (Lyme, Hamburg) fr D J Spencer (Clinton) 15 May 1844; ". . . you stated that your seraphone was out of tune. I am very sorry to hear is but am not much surprised & expected you was not, as I stated when I sold it to you that the Instrument was new & would probably want tuning in a few weeks. . ."; mentions instruction book

Mother (Mrs. Mehetabel Lord, Lyme) fr Sara (Norwich) 4 June 1844 (on same paper as below fr Angelina); 1) Sarah & Angelina pleased with "our boarding place", "reconciled to ascending three flights of stairs to our room"; Angeline has "sick headache . . . but was well provided with medicines . . ."; "As to our school we have not been obliged to study anything we did not choose though Master Huntington urged me to take another study even that odious Botany which the whole school is mad after, but I refused with my usual firmness. He said it was not well for scholars to be without lessons to occupy them out of school but I gave him to understand I was an exception to the general rule and was fully competent to the taking care of myself. He is inclined to drive us considerably and it seems rather hard to study. I have not done anything of the kind so long but I think I shall get along. I do not find much time to sew and though I fear Carrie has rather a burdensome task in what we left for her to do I do not know when we should do it. . ."; religion & faith

2) Mother (Mrs. Mehetabel Lord, Lyme) fr Angelina (Norwich) 4 June 1844 (on same paper as above fr Sara); 5 services on the Sabbath and 1 during the week; ". . . How did Carrie like her dress - dear girl, she will never have time to make it, for that great pile of dresses we left her to make. . ."; ". . . by the way when you send that treasure box if you will put in an emery pin cushion, pen wiper, & some coarse knitting cotton for mending, with a pair of corsets for Sarah, all of which we very much need. . ."; ". . . We did not get a Hymn book at the meeting house. If you do not want them all you may send us

one. There is another Sarah Lord in Norwich & you must be sure to direct your letters to care of Mr. D.H. . . "

Dearest Sisters (Misses Lord) fr Carrie (Lyme) 12 June 1844; "I have not completed that 'pile of dresses' . . ."; "By the way, a certain friend of ours told me not long since, that 'he had always thought us the most affectionate family he ever knew' . . ."; ". . . I am so glad you are not 'homesick at all', you Angie, especially. When mother came home and said you were obliged to have a room away up in the attic I though it would be very unpleasant for you and I think you will find it very warm by and by . . . for you know we always laugh at you for being such a cold body. . . I have not had time to make my own dress yet, but presume I shall very soon. You ask how I liked it! I admire everything but the price. . ."; still looking for minister, Mr. Joseph Lord(?) "preached last Sabbath . . . I do not think he is a very sound preacher. He certainly advanced some sentiments, which did not seem to me 'Bible' and yet he appears like a very good man. . ."; has a Sabbath school class, Elizabeth Brockway has the "Infant Class"; attended "the female prayer meeting"; sewing circle met last week; Mrs. Selden's illness; ". . . Mother wants me to say a word or two about your studies. We think you, Sarah, had better divide you attention between Philosophy and botany. You have studied philosophy considerable, and I should think if they do not devote a great deal of time to it, you had better certainly. . ."; ". . . I hope your dresses will suit you. . ."

Dear girls (Miss Sarah W. Lord, c/o Mr. Dan Huntington, Norwich) fr Carrie (Lyme) 3-12 July 1844; re studies; friend has "just 'experienced Religion. This was joyful news to me and I know it will be to you. . ."; ". . . I bruised my limb so that it was quite painful and have been limping about since. . ."; apologizes for a previous letter, "I fear a certain letter was a source of more sorrow than joy. Do not recollect what I wrote when I sent it. But I have an idea that I expressed but the feeling of the moment, and regretted the instant after, both it & the letter were gone. . ."; ". . . Mrs. Murdock has visited Lyme. She seemed very much as she used to. She spent one day & night with us, and I did try quite hard to love her,

but indeed she would not let me. Miss Ely says she is one of those persons whose worth will never be known or appreciated. . ."; had tea with Philip Morgan, wife & children; Mary Chunlund[?] school mate from New London married Mr. Bristol of young lawyer from New Haven; Eliza visiting now; received letter from cousin Esther Franklin.

Angie (Miss Angelina H. Lord/ c/o Mr D? Huntington, Norwich) fr sister Carrie (East Haddam) Friday morning [19? July 1844] (on same paper as below letter from Sarah); 1) asks about cousin Daniel, Cousin Almira; "We heard sometime since that Mr. Trubee had sold his part of the house & farm on the Island (Shelter Island), and was going to leave. . . Why did not Cousin Daniel come to Lyme!"  
2) Angie (Miss Angelina H. Lord/ c/o Mr D? Huntington, Norwich) fr sister Sarah (East Haddam) Friday morning [19? July 1844] (on same paper as above letter from Carrie); ride to brother's

Mrs. Mehitabel Lord (Lyme) fr M.S. Parker (Lyme) 26 Oct 1844; (entire letter) "Mrs. Lord/ Inclosed I send you twenty one dollars - I expect some money the last of this month (next week) and I will then let you have some more./ Respectfully your Friend/ M.S. Parker/ Lyme 26<sup>th</sup> October 1844"

Dear Ange (Miss Angelina Lord, Lyme) fr E.W. Huntington (Norwich?) Thursday [1844?]; (entire letter) "N Thursday [?]/ Dear Ange/ As the steamer[?] is waiting I have only time to say that we shall be glad to see you & your friend next term & Mr H can take both. Mary is at Plainfield. We are all well but dear Elisa Eaton has died since you left. We doubt not she is happier than here./ With much love to Sarah / your mother & sister - I'm/ Yours in haste/ E.W. Huntington"

Dear Angie (Angelina H. Lord, Norwich City) fr Carrie [1844?] (on same page as letter to Ellen from ? below); 1) family visits and health  
2) Dear Ellen fr ? [1844?] (on same page as above); mentions Betsey Maynard

Cousin (Miss Caroline Lord, c/o Mrs. Peter Lord, Lyme) fr  
Rose (Baltimore) 30 Jan 1845; ". . . I was very much  
surprised to hear that Cousin Sarah had gone back to  
school with Angie. I was very anxious for Mother to  
send me but she thought it was to [sic.] far and then  
I wanted to go down to Georgetown to Miss English but  
that was to [sic] far she would have sent me to Mrs.  
Phelps about ten miles from Baltimore but I did not  
wish to go their [sic] so I still go to Dr.  
Cleveland."; wants to go sleigh riding; Joseph comes  
home twice a year; Oliver visited in the summer;  
"Lorenzo has gone to Canton you cannot think how much  
we miss him. . . I wonder if he eats little dogs and  
cats like they do. I hope not. I do not think I  
could kiss him when he comes home."; "Sister Mary has  
another little girl."

Dear Caroline (Caroline P. Lord, Hamburg, New London) fr  
cousin P? Frank? (Penn Yan NY) 15 Feb 1845; Louise  
Raymond died; Deacon Peck? Married Betsey Brockway; "I  
hope to hear of another precious revival of religion.  
I wish I had some good news to write you my dear  
cousin but alas no - awful stupidity seems to prevail  
it is really alarming it is now three years since  
there has been a revival of religion in this Village  
it may with truth be said 'the ways of Zion move on  
because few come to her solemn feasts'. I have heard  
they were holding a protracted meeting at the  
Congregational Church also at the Methodist. Mr.  
Mahon the President of Oberlin College in Ohio is  
here. They hold meetings every evening. I have not  
been able to go out in almost two weeks took a severe  
cold in my face and throat was very sick for a few  
days."; snow storm; her brother's family - "Emma the  
oldest is spending the winter with her Aunt in  
Kinderhook. She is attending school and has just  
commenced taking lessons in Music."; Mrs. Ely Morgan  
ill; "Mrs. Josiah Morgan has a fine baby."; mentions  
Mrs. Reuben Lord, Mrs. Abel Lord, the widow Phebe  
Lord, Elizabeth Haydn; "Your sister Mary has another  
little girl and her name is Caroline. That is very  
nice. Our namesake of course."

Dear and respected friend (Miss Sarah Lord, Lyme) fr  
Aurelia McCall (Lebanon) 25 March 1845; "As I know  
nothing of your secular affairs I shall write on the  
subject which most concerns us, as an opportunity  
presents itself by Mrs. Bill. I hasten to improve it

by saying I often look back upon the last moments we spent together with peculiar interest, my health was very poor for about two months after I left school it is now good and hope you are enjoying the same blessing. I hope you are living in the enjoyment of religion and growing in grace continually. . . Revivals of Religion are exceedingly rare at the present..."

Dear Sisters (Miss P. Caroline Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah 7 April [1845]; mother's health, "Tuesday Morning she & I together opened her hand and it discharged matter enough to fill a teaspoonful as estimated, not measured – (How useful you would have been about that time!!). Since then it has not pained her very much or not a long while at a time. It continues to be swollen & the doctor thinks there is more matter to come from it. I wish it might come out at this place but I fear it will gather on the back of her hand. Last night when the doctor went from here he said if nothing happened, Mother would be able to go down stairs in a week. . . Mother's appetite is very good, quite ravenous . . . Mother has some directions to give concerning her garden – So be patient while you read. She says you must get a paper of 'early June peas' which with what she saved last year will be enough. You must get John to protect them effectually from the hens when he plants them. Also a paper of 'early turnip beets' and be sure & not hve them planted too thick because if they are it will be labor in rain . . ."

Dear Sisters (Miss P. Caroline Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah (New London) 11 April 1845; (entire letter) "New London April 11<sup>th</sup> 1845/ My dear Sisters/ I arrived a Mrs Avery's at a half an hour after three o'clock and found Mother sitting in a chair looking quite comfortable. Dr. Perkins thinks the fever has broke and that she will get along very well. Mother says she feels very weak – We cannot tell when we shall come home./ In haste your affectionate Sister Sarah"

Dear Sisters (Miss P. Caroline Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah (New London) 13 April [1845]; (entire letter) "N London Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>/ My dear Sisters/ For fear you should expect us home today I write a few words to let ou know that you had better not expect us till we come Saturday morning. Dr. P called to see Mother and said

she was getting along so well she might be well enough to go home today if it was very warm and pleasant but afterwards she should him her hand and he thought he cold get out the needle by cutting through the skin. He did so but could not get it out though it was plain in sight but ordered it to be poulticed and thought it would come out itself now that it was opened, the thick skin preventing it heretofore. It has however been extremely painful since but is now more easy and we hope near maturing when Dr. P thinks the needle will come out and as a consequence, 'the hand' get well - Owing to so much suffering in her hand she has not gained her strength as fast as she anticipated and is quite far from being well enough to return home at present. So you will not expect us at present and I hope not until you see with some though not a sufficient, degree of affection. I am your sister Sarah"

Dear Sisters (Miss P. Caroline Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah 16 April [1845]; (entire letter) "N. London Wed April 16/ Dear Sisters/ I presume any news from this quarter will be acceptable to you. Mother's hand matured Tuesday Morning and this morning I had the great pleasure of extracting with my thumb & first finger the vile needle from it. It continues however to be swollen & painful though not as much so as before. Dr. Perkins called again this morning and left some new prescriptions and said he thought the worst of it was over and it would get well after awhile. The extreme pain from her hand has reduced her strength so that she is not able to sit up more than half an hour at a time. Charlie does not board at the hotel. He stayed there the first night and the next morning was taken to Mr. Mattas[?] a neighbor of Mr. Avery's where Mrs. Avery thinks he will be well taken car of. My arm is almost entirely well. I can assure you I have not thought much about it. I wish I knew how you get along but I hope well. With much love to you I am your sister/ S Lord"

Dear Sisters (Miss P. Caroline Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah (New London) 21 April [1845]; mother's health, "Mrs. Avery thinks there is not quite so much heat & swelling her her arm as there has been but until it discharges somewhere, either 'from the present orifice' as Doctr P styles it, or from some new one I suppose there is not much room for encouragement. . .

I wish you could have an opportunity to send in her current jelly. If you should she wants, besides the other things she mentioned to you, her waistcoat, if you know what that means. She has interested herself about your washing and says you had better get Mrs. Edgecomb Beckwith to do it if you cannot find those things you missed when Mrs. Chappell washed. She says you can look in the lowest drawer of the desk in her sleeping-room for them. She says moreover if you can have a good opportunity she would like to have you send her 15 or 20 dollars though she is not in any immediate want of it. She is supplied with cabbages for the present but how long she will need them we cannot tell. . . Angie, I am going up to Mrs. Chappell's to tell her the reason you do not come to school. Have you anything to say pro or con. . ."

Dear Sisters (Miss P. Caroline Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah 24 April [1845]; mother's health, "Mother does not think there is any encouraging symptoms in her hand as all the relief she gets is by means of Laudanum. Yesterday the pain was more severe and protracted than it has been for some time. Today she is more comfortable. Doctor Perkins came Tuesday and said her hand looked as well as he expected to see it. . . Mrs. Chappell & Kate have been to see her. . . If you should find any such golden opportunity in addition to those already on the list I want you to send Mother's extensive new linen handkerchief, towel it may be you call it, and a half handkerchief, such as gentlemen used to wear around their necks, which you will find in the lowest drawer but one in the desk in Mother's bed room, also my calico dress, the best pair of my corsets, my new white woolen stockings in my drawer in your bed room, and one or two pairs of knit cotton stockings if you can find any that belong to me & if not could not one of you lend me a pair? . . ."; Mr. Person to fix the well; Mr Lord to take care of horse; pay the "tax gatherer" & get receipt; "My teeth are grumbling pretty considerably about this time, sometimes quite savagely, just because Dr. Clomes? Put a little piece of india rubber between to separate them for a short time."; Mother is quite please with his (doctor's) prescriptions this time because he gave her something besides laudanum & brandy. He said there was another medicine she wanted but sometimes it was very difficult to obtain and that was 'Tincture of Patience'. Is there any out to Lyme? Doctor says he

is not now afraid of lock-jaw or mortification but she is a sick woman and he is anxious about her but he wants her to keep up her courage and he thinks she will get well. . ."

Dear Sister (Miss Sarah Lord, c/o Mr. Thomas Avery, New London) fr Angie 25 April [1845]; mother's health, "I am afraid there is still another piece of the needle in her hand, though I do not profess to know much about it, nor can I make anyone else. Last Sabbath I got really faint trying to tell brother G about it. I am very sorry we cannot find an opportunity to send those things she wants. I think we ought to come in & bring them, but Charlie I am sorry to say has got the horse-distemper thought not very badly. . . Uncle Brown & Sis. Hannah, children have been down. . . As to going to school I have not had much time to think about it much less prepare for it. Carrie has proposed getting someone to stay with her to [?] me off, but I can hardly agree to that - what do you think. We think we must hear from you more than once a week, if you cannot have time, to write do send a paper with a few words on it.. . ."

Dear Sister (Miss Caroline Lord, Lyme) fr Sarah, 12 May [1845?]; mother's health improving, ". . . and today she has been down stairs and she had the hardihood even to step out onto the door stone in the porch. Counter to this I must say her hand has been rather more troublesome today. She is even trying the 'pain exercises(?)' in black silk the latter recommended by the doctor, the former an addition of her own. . ."; re summer bonnets, ". . . when you do come please bring me all the ribband on Angie's & my last summer bonnets. . ."

Mrs. Mahittable Lord fr Joseph Selden; nd, probably 1845; Joseph Selden asking Mrs. Lord's permission to marry her daughter Caroline (entire letter follows): "I should be tempted Mrs. Lord to lay aside the pen which I have taken as the medium of communication between us were I not aware that so doing would be a greater neglect of duty than merely the non-performance of a general rule of Etiquette. You undoubtedly - ere this - have been made acquainted with the object of my frequent visits at your house, during the last few months & it is perhaps owing to the uniform kindness which I have ever received at your residence that I

have so long delayed the request I am now about to make. And now Mrs. Lord are you willing to entrust the happiness of your daughter "Carrie" to the keeping of the writer. I am well aware of the magnitude of the request and have not made it upon the impulse of the moment but after [?] deliberation & let me assure you my dear Madam I shall consider it a sacred deposit – well knowing that it is a plant which flowers only in the atmosphere of affection and kindness. We propose the commencement of the coming Autumn as the time of our union & that the above arrangement may accord with your feelings is the wish of Yours Respectfully, Joseph Selden"

Miss Angeline Lord (New London) fr mother M. Lord (Lyme) 14 Nov 1845 (on same piece of paper below); 1) Brother G, wife & children visited last Tuesday; Ellen Marven spent the day;

2) Miss Angeline Lord (New London) fr sister Sarah (Lyme) 14 Nov 1845; on same piece of paper as above; re courtship, sewing, church; "I saw Leander at the society at Mrs. George Lord and he said he was going to your town Saturday and would take anything we have to send. I will not send my love to you by him for fear he will take it himself would you? But I guess he would not pocket the things you wrote for and I will send them and be very glad for the opportunity to do so. I am rejoiced that you are so well pleased with your school, boarding place, et cetera. You write that Miss F[?] is lovely [lonely?]. Is she pious and Mr. F also? (How does Mrs. F's health do?) As for keeping Sunday evening in lieu of Saturday it seems to me just as well – so that you keep one of them holy unto the Lord it seems to me to be a matter of little importance which one, since both are sacred, one to some Christians and the other to others. . ."; re sewing, finished Cashmere; ". . . Brother & sister G invited us to spend Thanksgiving day with them . . ."; ". . . We have no rubber. You remember we bartered the old rubber shoes away to a pedlar [sic]. . ."; ". . . I presume you saw the eclipse of the moon last night of course. The evening Brother & Sister G were here I pulled a tea pot full of hot tea over into my lap. I thought I was scalded surely and made an exclamation to that effect but found afterward that I was more frightened than wounded. . ."; ". . . At the society I thought Mr. [?] quite attentive to Mary Hughes. You would have laughed to have seen him.

Whenever Raymond was sitting by Ellen Marvin & holding the ball to her knitting I expect it struck Nate that that was the proper way to woo. So he takes Mary's yarn and holds it very gallantly in his fingers. Oh it was amusing. . ."; ". . . I have been collecting for the Missionary Society & received something over five dollars. Would it had been more. I did not subscribe anything for you so you can give as you have opportunity & ability. . ."

Angelinea H. Lord (New London) fr sister Carrie (Hadlyme) 5 Dec 1845; refers to recent visit to Angie in New London; Angie intends to return to school; ". . . We had a pretty calm ride home that night. But Joseph drove very fast and we did not suffer very much."; re husband Joseph [nearly illegible], ". . . Joseph says very often that he is tired of the business and shall not engage in it again. I am sure I shall be very glad. I should very much prefer to have him at home with me. . ."; re music and playing piano and seraphone; re clothing, ". . . Angie do you recollect the Alpaca[?] apron that I got at Mr. Smith's the day I was in town. If you do Mother Selden would like to have you purchase her one just like it and bring home with you. The price was 50 cts. If those are gone perhaps you can find one at some other store. . ."

Angeline Lord (c/o Mr. H. W. Farnsworth, New London) fr sister Sarah, 9 Dec 1845; expecting visit from Joseph & Carrie [Selden]; ". . . Mother desires you to purchase 'Jay's[?] evening' or 'Morning Exercises' if you have money sufficient. . ."; Angie coming home soon

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ho[?]; no date; entire letter: "Mr. Joseph Selden & Miss Caroline Lord will receive their friends on Thursday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> at 3 o'clock P.M. at her Mother's residence./ North Lyme"

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> "I believe", [1846?]; health; sending this letter "to you by your cousin Erastus."; had "one of my blind headaches"; 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

Envelope for above

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

Envelope for above

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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[See transcription "Summary Sarah Lord Hyde letters 1841-1870"]

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Angie fr Sarah (Brooklyn) 4 July 1848 [in pencil by entire letter, "July 4<sup>th</sup> 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?], 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

Envelope for above

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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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?

Leander Lord (Hamburg) fr Aunt Charity (Lyme) 9 Jan 1849; entire letter: Lyme, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 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 het. 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."

Envelope for above (postmarked New York, 16 August)

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"

Envelope for above (postmarked Lyme, 13 Aug)

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

Envelope for above (postmarked New York, 13 Sept)

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."

Envelope for above (postmarked New York, 27 Sept)

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 15<sup>th</sup> [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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 for above (postmarked New Orleans La, 6 May)

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 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

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

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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

Envelope for above (postmarked New York, 12 June)

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

Envelope for above (postmarked New York, 19 Aug)

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.

Envelope for above, mismatched? (postmarked New York)

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)

Envelope for above (New York, Sept 4)

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

Envelope for above (postmarked New York, 22 Oct)

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."

Envelope for above (postmarked New York, 13 Nov)

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."

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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."

Envelope for above (addressed to Miss H. Angelina Lord, c/o Mrs. E.G. Hyde, Camptown NJ)

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.

Envelope for above (addressed to Rev E.F. Burr, Essex, Conn, from Camptown NJ, 13 Feb)

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 (Hamburgh) 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 have 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."

Envelope for above (postmarked Essex, 4 Feb)

**23 17 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."

Envelope for above (addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr)

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. . ."

Envelope for above (addressed Mrs. M. Lord, c/o Joseph Selden Esq., Hadlyme, Conn, return Camptown NJ Mar 14)

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 hve 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 I 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. Choler? 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."

Envelope for above (postmarked Essex, CT)

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 6<sup>th</sup> I sent a letter in which I enclosed one for Mr. B. and one th 12<sup>th</sup> 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 m 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. . . "

Envelope for above (addressed to Mrs. M. Lord, c/o Joseph Selden, Hadlyme, CT, from Camptown NJ, March 22)

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."

Envelope for above (postmarked Lyme CT, March 24)

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."

Envelope for above (addressed to Mrs. M. Lord, c/o Joseph Selden, Hadlyme CT, return address Camptown NJ, March 27)

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 inexpediency 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 fire 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

Envelope for above (addressed to Miss Harriet A. Lord, Camptown NJ)

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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

Envelope for above (postmarked New York, May 28)

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 feek, 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."

Envelope for above (addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Hamburg, Conn)

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"

Envelope for above (addressed to Miss Lord, c/o E.G. Hyde, Clintonville)

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 15<sup>th</sup>[?] to the 18<sup>th</sup> 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!"

Envelope for above (postmarked April 3)

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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 17<sup>th</sup>/ 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"

Envelope for above (postmarked New York, July 18)

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."

Envelope for above (postmarked Lyme, July 22)

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

Envelope for above (postmarked Westport, July 26)

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.

Envelope for above (postmarked North Lyme, Aug 2)

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)

Envelope for above (envelope addressed to Miss H. Ang. Lord, Lyme, Conn, probably hand delivered by EFB's brother)

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

Envelope for above (postmarked New York)

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, servents[?], sun protection, health; entire letter: "Clintonville, Aug 29<sup>th</sup>/ 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"

Envelope for above (postmarked New York, Sept 1)

Mehetabel Lord (My dear Mother) fr Sarah (Clinton) 9 Sept 1851; furniture, sickness (dysentery); entire letter: "Clinton Sep 9<sup>th</sup> 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."

Envelope for above (addressed to Mrs. Angeline L. Burr, north Lyme)

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 hydrophathic 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?";

Envelope for above (postmarked New York, Sept 23)

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 your 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.

Envelope for above (postmarked New York)

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."

Envelope for above (postmarked New Orleans, Jan 23)

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."

Envelope for above (postmarked New Orleans, Feb 5)

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."

Envelope for above (postmarked Westport[?])

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 interferes 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

Envelope for above (postmarked ? NJ)

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.”

Envelope for above (postmarked Camptown)

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

Envelope for above (postmarked Camptown NJ)

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 can 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 7<sup>th</sup> - 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) 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 4<sup>th</sup> - 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."; "Nov 18<sup>th</sup> - 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, "Millis is learning to play Nelly Bly."; reading Robertson's 'Charles the Fifth'; "I

think it likely that Mr. Peek [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 29<sup>th</sup>. I do not envy him the voyage. Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - 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 way 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) 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 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."

Envelope for above, or previous (postmarked New York, Nov 22)

28 10 Burr Papers; Angeline Lord Burr letters; Clifton Springs, 1853

My dear Angie fr Sa (Mount Hermon) 10 Oct [1853?]; with enveloped addressed to Mr. E.F. Burr, Hamburg 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"

Envelope for above, postmarked Camptown NJ, Oct 11

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 cups 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 Camptwon, 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

Envelope for above, postmarked Camptwon, NJ Aug 4

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

29 24 41-2 Burr Papers; Angeline Lord Burr letters with Caroline Lord Selden [1854-1855]

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<sup>3</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 envelop 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."

Envelope for above, addressed to Mrs. EF Burr, Hamburg Conn

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."

Envelope for above, postmarked Camptown NJ, July 20

EFB ("My dearest E") fr Angie (Moutn 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, Conn, 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

Envelope for above, postmarked Camptown NJ, July 27

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 5<sup>th</sup> '54"

Envelope for above, postmarked Lyme, Ct, Aug 7

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."

Envelope for above, postmarked Westport, CT, Aug 9

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

Envelope for above, postmarked Westport CT, Aug 15

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

Envelope for above, addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, Lyme Ct, Aug 12

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 for above, addressed to Mrs. M. Lord, Hamburg, Conn

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."

Envelope for above, addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hadlyme, Conn

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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January-August 1855 [European trip plans]

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, Hamburg, 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."

Envelope for above, postmarked Camptown NJ

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 19<sup>th</sup> at [?] Thursday '55"

Envelope for above, addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmark illegible

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 b e quite in a heat to see you, as I am well  
satisfied from [?] indications. Will you b e 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"

Envelope for above, postmarked Westport Ct July 17

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.

Envelope for above, addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport,  
Conn, illegible postmark

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 huysband, / 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 paint 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 t 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 going 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 7<sup>th</sup> '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 New 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 for above, postmarked Southport, Ct

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."

Envelope for above, addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr c/f Baring Bros & Co., forwarded to Florence

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 212]; "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

Envelope for above addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr c/o Baring Brothers, London, postmarked Nov 212

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 inn 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 as 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 for 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."

Envelope for above, mismatched?, postmarked New York, Nov 3

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 the 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 16 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

Envelope for above, postmarked New York Dec 4

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 housekeeping the next Saturday in the house south of Mr. Harrison's”; snowstorm, good sleighing; Sarah has another baby, “On the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 left 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 teethache [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]

Envelope for above, postmarked May 5

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 for above, mismatched?, addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, c/o Baring Bros, Liverpool

Envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, 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."

Envelope for above, postmarked New York, Nov 14

33 14 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 5<sup>th</sup>; entire letter: "Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>/ 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[?] . . ."

Envelope for above, postmarked Westport CT, July 24

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."

Envelope for above, postmarked Westport, CT, Aug 4

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."

Envelope for above, postmarked Chicago ILL, Nov 4 1857

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

Envelope for above, addressed to Mrs. Rev E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Lyme, Conn, postmarked ...tport, CT

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."

Envelope for above, addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, c/o E.G. Hyde, No. 9 Maiden Lane, NY

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 13 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, Hamburgh, 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?"

Envelope for above, postmarked New Rochelle NY, Feb 9

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."

Envelope for above, postmarked New York, Mar 8

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

Envelope for above, postmarked New Rochelle, NY, March 27

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

Envelope for above, postmarked New York, June 3

EFB fr Angie, [30 July 1858]; with envelope addressed to Rev. E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmarked New Rochelle, NY, July 30; when will be 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 an 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."

Envelope for above, postmarked New Rochelle, NY, July 30

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."

Envelope for above, postmarked New Rochelle, NY, Aug 3

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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 27 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."

Envelope for above, postmarked Cincinnati, Jan 18

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 Youghiogheny 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, Hamburgh, 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 nerly 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 think 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."

Envelope for above, postmarked Westport, CT, Aug 8

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 Amaqzon, 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)."

Envelope for above, postmarked Lyme, May 21

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."

Envelope for above, postmarked Cincinnati, July [?]

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 briars & 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

Envelope for above, postmarked Lyme, July 23

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 envelop 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.[?]"

Envelope for above, postmarked Westport, July 30

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]."

Envelope for above, postmarked Lyme, Aug 2

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 [?]."

Envelope for above, postmarked Westport, Aug 3

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 wonde3rfully. 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."

Envelope for above, postmarked Lyme, Aug 4

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?

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 though 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 as 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, Hamburgh Conn, illegible postmark [Cincinnati]; Albert not well; "We had a great tornado here a few weeks ago. It blew down fences and trees 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 Hamburg, 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[?].

way to New Orleans; 4 items from Noah H. Gillet;  
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Mrs. H.A. Burr ["My dear Niece"] fr N.H. Gillet (Unity Parsonage) 20 Aug 1861; with envelope addressed to Mrs. H.A. Burr, Hamburg P.O., Lyme, Conn, postmarked Latrobe PA, Aug 22; re Civil War, excuses for not replying sooner to her letter, "Were I to make an excuse it would be the war, the war! For 4 months, I have been taking a daily paper (besides my weeklies & monthlies for which I have to send or go two miles. This, together with my official duties & overseeing & sometimes helping about my hay making &c has eaten up all my time."; "My health has been pretty good most of the time since I wrote last, but that of my wife has been but poor all summer, & still worse the last two or three weeks. She is seldom in bed, still keeps about attending to her business, because she has no girl but a little one 11 years old, and lately we have had a good deal of company. Sometimes she has been obliged to lie down several times a day. Today I went 5-1/2 miles to visit an afflicted family of my Cong that furnished three young men for the war (three months now[?]) one of whom was buried last Friday & the other two are quite ill. I took my wife along for a ride, she getting out of the buggy before coming to the house, and resting on the grass in a cool summer's breeze, for half an hour in preference to the fatigue & the impure air she would have suffered in going with me to the house. The ten mile ride did her good, and this evening she is decidedly better."; "We have had a very fruitful season for most crops, and generally healthy. Last Sab. was our communion, we had nearly 200 communicants, seated at three successive tables as our manner is, two added on examination & two on certificate. But most of the people have been too much taken up with the war to be zealous & warm hearted in religion. I have felt it my duty to give instruction & warning in regard to our sins & our dangers and our duties as individuals & as a nation. Sometimes in conversation in the social circle but most in public discourse. I have made three addresses to some of our young soldiers. One at the close of a sermon the Sab. Eve. previous to the departure of two companies from Latrobe (in presence of the largest & most solemn assembly I ever addressed in our House of worship there.) Another was last Sab. eve. week in the same house after there return & then again at the funeral above named. You judge right that I am no abolitionist, but strongly anti slavery in my views. But it is another feeling than hatred to slavery that prompts my in giving my prayers co-

operation & influence to the present war, patriotism & duty to support the government. At the commencement of our difficulties I was anxious for some honorable & safe compromise if it could be had. But when such an one was rejected by the South, & their voice waxed louder & louder for 'Down with the constitution and the Union,' one fort after another was seized & finally to make sure of the work & to provoke a quarrel that could never be healed, they actually commenced the way by bombarding Fort Sumpter[sic.] then I gave up. And gave my influence for the war. 14 or 16 connected with my own congregation, 4 of which are communicants, went in the first enrolment. But if you want to know my views more fully I will refer you to a sermon I first preached to my own people e4xtemporaneously then remodeled & partly wrote it preaching it in a neighboring cong. at the request of the pastor, & very unexpectedly was requested to furnish a copy for one of our county papers. As I design to send you a copy I ought to explain why I thought it necessary to give my own views so fully to prevent misapprehension. The Pastor (who requested me to preach the sermon) married a Virginia lady & spent the first years of his ministry in that State & Maryland, his wife is known to be a secessionist, his daughter leaning that way, he has a brother in law, two married daughters who with their husbands & a single son, are all living in Virginia & doubtless all sympathize with the South, while the Pastor himself holds views similar to my own, yet cannot utter a word about the sins of the people and the dreadful scourge of war which providence has brought upon us, without being misunderstood, & stirring up the wrath of his Republican hearers, while some of the Ultra Democrats denounce their Republican brethren with severity. After stating the case to me the pastor says in his letter, 'I wish you would exchange pulpits with me & come & try to settle my excited people. Your visit last Mar' (a time of revival there) 'has greatly endeared you to many of my people & I think you might do much good'. It is to be published tomorrow, & though full of imperfections, & topographical errors no doubt, yet I will send you a copy. The length will try your patience I fear."

Mrs. E.F. Burr ("Dear Auntie") fr Sam, (Norwich) 11 Oct 1862; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, postmarked Norwich, Oct 11; "You have undoubtedly heard from Mr. Hyde that mother was unwell, and it is even so. About a week ago she was taken sick and Dr. Haile[?] was sent for but by some misunderstanding he did not understand her case for some time. But now, by her request

I write to inform you that she is getting well rapidly and is doing well."; Lizzie also sick

Angie fr Sarah (Walnut Hills) 27-30 April 1861; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburgh, Conn, postmarked Cincinnati, May 2; Angie and mother visited "brother G" for few days; Albert's health improved, "His knee is not so sensitive as it was and he is able to go up stairs by using one crutch and holding on to the banisters which is a great relief to me as I found it very fatiguing to carry him up and he took a fancy that I could take him up better than his father. When I think of the change in him I cannot give up all hope of seeing you this summer yet I do not see exactly how it is to be accomplished even if Albert is well enough to travel that distance."; weather, first warm day, fields green; doesn't know when Annie & Gertrude will come; has heard that Carrie looks well; Ned plays with his baby brother, "I do not know how many times a day they go off up stairs into the lumber[?] room together and toss about on the straw mattress and tote the straw pillows hither and thither to the great discomfort of their papa."; "Millie is very desirous that I should finish a dress of G's that I am altering for her, so that she may go to the city Saturday and spend the day with Emma Coffin."; mentions "Poor Mrs. Brockway"; "How do you get your washing done. Does someone come to the house or do you put it out."; "I send you a little sheaf of hair from Harry's head in order that you may not be under the necessity of 'referring all particulars of him to Fancy'."

To Mrs. EFB? fr "your friend" John R. Morgan; 23 Dec? 1862; 4 pieces of paper, some cut down, first page missing?; Civil War; ". . . I am well and hope this will find you all the same I had left camp Buckingham I received your letter the 23 of dec and was glad to hear from you I received those papers that you sent by Mr. hide [Hyde?] I thank you are kindly for them and then gave them to others to read I thank you for the kind [?] you gave me in your letter you sent to [?] i hope . . ."; "I hope to Be a good soldier in My country call and a better soldier in the service of the lord Jesus Christ and enlist under the great [?] of our salvation let us put our trust in God . . ."; "Thank Mr. Burr for the prayers he has offered for me and all the soldiers and I hope he will continue to pray for me and all the soldiers . . ."; ". . . if anything should happen that I should not return back to those I love let us trust in god that we may meet in heaven where we shall not Be separated . . ."; "I have not rote [written] anything about

the situation of the place I do not think that it is as pleasant as camp Buckingham I went up the parapet the other day it is somewhere about two or three miles in length [length] it is five miles to the [?] they have to [two] hundred about 50 negroes to work on it there is numbers [?] of Big guns Mounted there is several [?] guns the news come to the island [island] that we were all lost But it mistake. There is a good many sick more or less every day they do not take care of them self they eat more or less [?] and things they get on the ground there is plenty of [?] out here general Sherman has the command of the place here I had enjoyed about as good health as when I was at home there is more in taking care of one self than any thing else these days Most [? ? ?] is at home it is very cold and damp nights in the fall [?] we have frosts at camp peaceful [?] the southerner is not allowed [allowed] to pass out [?] in without [?] they do not allow the negroes to pass out [?] in without [?] the officers have been more strict with them [? ?] other [?] Regiment I do not know But that it is all for the Best there is some splendid places up along the Mississippi River there is rice plantations and sugar plantations some is fit to cut up some is graising [grazing?] some of the negroes were cutting some cutting and to the sugar Mill there is nice [?] grasses they was [?] with fruit there is pleasant plantations along the river I don't think of anything more at present I will send the directions inside the letter if ou have an opportunity to send me some more papers [?] I would like them and a Book I thank Mr. Burr for praying for us I thank you Mrs. Burr for the kind advice you sent to me I send My Best wishes to you and Mr. Burr your friend John R. Morgan"

Angie fr Millie and Sarah, 22 July [1861?]; Civil War, from Millie: "last Friday we all went down to Rogers lake except Grandma, and all went in bathing but Harry and father who was prevented by his carbuncle. Said carbuncle is slowly improving. We found a splendid place to bathe in though rather stony. Mama and I have not forgotten how to swim yet though I had almost. The day you went away, grandma went up to uncle Francis and did not come back until Thursday so we had the house all to ourselves during that time. This morning father, Albert, Ned, Harry and I went huckleberrying and got altogether nearly two quarts. Mr. James Bill stepped in last night to talk about the hay and he said that there was a telegraphic dispatch come to New London stating that an attack had been made on Manassas, and that our troops were repulsed with the loss of a thousand men but I remembered the Harpers Ferry rumour and

did not trust it much, 'I did not feel it in my bones.'"; later, "Papa went up to Lord Hill on an errand for grandma by way of Mr. Bill's and took Ned with him to bring back the paper if there was any. Well, there was none, so he came back without it. Pretty soon father came home, went upstairs, brought down the little flag in the study and waved it. The children hurraed with all their might and then papa told us all about the battle at Bull's Run and about the victory. I ran out and put up the flag, and papa fired off two guns from our 'private battery'. Mother was delighted for Mr. Bill's news had put her in a bad way."; from Sarah: Carrie will probably visit next week, "She [Carrie] was at Stafford and said she was very much better than when she went there. I am afraid she will not remain long enough to get all the benefit she might but perhaps she will gain so fast out here."; "The German girl in Lord Hill is to operate as 'help' in our respectable household during Carrie's sojourn."; "Hal is very busy reading about General Scott."

Carrie? & mother fr Angie (Greens Farms) 19 July 1861; with envelope addressed to Mis[?] M. Lord, Lyme, Conn, indecipherable postmark; Civil War, picnic, food, travel; "After leaving you we rode on beyond Clinton when we stopped for our first nooning[?]. We turned off a little from the main road into a cozy byway and there Mr. B. unloosed Bob from his harness and gave him the length of his halter to shake himself, eat grass & expatiate[] generally - apparently much to his satisfaction. Having provided ourselves with the paper for the day at Clinton we proceeded to the best way of enjoying it. I doffed my bonnet and downed[?] m bloomer and stretching ourselves upon mother earth we whetted our appetite for dinner with that gratefully to be remembered victory at Carrick's Ford. Then the lunch was eaten with rare relish. No one knows how eggs & sandwiches taste until they have eaten them under somewhat similar circumstances. . . After three hours resting we started again on our travel, with but one thing to mar it - the sun shining in our faces - and through beautiful towns made our way to Branford where we halted for the night. In the hotel we had the best of everything for there were no other guests to interfere with us and our host had a doleful story of the dull times. We soon found out that he and the only other guest beside ourselves were secessionist with a thin coating of unionism. Mr. B. could not let them alone, but under cover of thin professed orthodoxy, pitched in right and left without regard to their real sentiments. I think there must have been some

good Union men on the rout [route?] judging from the beautiful flags we saw flouting[?] so boldly. Millie would have been delighted at a specimen[?] of red, white & blue. It was a white barn with red doors and blue hinges. At New Haven we stopped but a short time – it was so hot. But I half suspected I caught a glimpse of Nevie – if it was he has certainly changed wonderfully. . . At Bridgeport we called on Cousin Almina and I think I shall go again while I am here. We found two days amply sufficient for our journey reaching here before sunset on Wednesday, with a little fatigue perhaps & vastly more pleasure than by the cars."

"My Dear Sister" fr N.H. Gillet (Unity Parsonage) 20 Feb 1861; health, Civil War; "afflicted with Asthma & colds that I have done but little this winter, either of writing or riding abroad, save to prepare & preach my Sabbath sermons. I have not had the Asthma badly, not been prevented from preaching on the Sab., have not been very much disturbed about sleep, yet I have generally felt it more or less every day sometime between 2 & 9 o'clock in the morning. . ."; series of sermons on "subject of revivals"; "I am more than usually desirous to hear from my friends in different parts of the country, in these stormy times. We felt it our duty to observe the national fast, and we had much the fullest house at chh, that we ever had on a day of thanksgiving or fast. We had several prayers & I endeavored to preach a sermon adapted to the occasion. I spoke first of the calamity we suffer, next of the procuring cause & then of the remedy or the way in which we should seek deliverance. I dwelt most largely upon the cause &c. I did not treat the subject as a politician would, but as a minister of Christ, pointing out the sins of the peole, not of the South or the North exclusively, but the most heinous & most prevalent sins, of the whole people; not sparing politicians & rulers any section or of any party. I felt it my duty to pursue such a train of thought as would lead my Cong. & myself to be humbled before God for our own sins & turn to the Lord by repentance, reformation, & prayers & fasting, that the Lord would interpose for our pardon & deliverance, from the calamity which we justly suffer & of which our sins as a nation or whole community have been the procuring cause, whoever & whatever may have been the instrumental[?] or immediate cause, or the occasion politically of the evil. It was a solemn & I hope profitable meeting. Many both Democrats & Republicans I trust went home humbled & mourning for our sins & praying God to pardon our own sins

& those of the nation and appear in mercy for our help since that 'vain[?] is the help of man'. I would have considered it very selfish if not hypocritical in me, to have [?] a fast & called a public assembly and then delivered a discourse setting forth my political views & the reasons of them so endeavoring to make political capitol for my party out of a religious fast. I voted for Lincon [sic., Abraham Lincoln]. . . As to my particular views of our national affairs, I think we must have a civil war, or an amicable separation & be two nations or else there must be some kind of compromise. The first is horrible to think of, the second is probably impracticable, and would lead to war soon, & therefore I would like to have the Government make the effort to fix on some common ground where we could stand and make one more trial. I would be wiling to yield a little, rather than sacrifice a hundred thousand lives & a hundred millions of dollars."

EFB fr Angie, nd; Civil War reference; fantasies wondering why EFB had not written, "My prevailing fear was that you had gone to make one of the 600,000 wanted by our dear President! What could have induced you to throw yourself into the ever widening breach . . and my thoughts took that turn, perhaps more readily because so many are volunteering from our own place."; ". . . Mr. T[?] Brockway after 2 or 3 days work enlisted in the army and I have seen him no more. Elmer has never been here and is I understand attending the District school to avoid the conscription. Bobbins has failed entirely though I have been twice to see him. He may have enlisted too - talked of it."; "George Selden is here, so we have some help in taking care of Bob which is very acceptable. Joseph is in a great indignation because Mr. Guliver has supplied the pulpit for the Sabbath without consulting the committee. It has deranged his plans in regard to you & I do not know whether you will have a call there or no. Your sister will probably tell you about the minister's meeting. Mr. Brainard wanted you should write immediately if you could not have it here and I think you will see that it is not possible. Mr. Marvin preached yesterday a stern war sermon. There have been 15 volunteers from our town. Willie Brockway is home, discharged on account of his stiff knee."

"My dear Niece" (Angie) fr N.H. Gillet (Unity Parsonage) 15 April 1862; with envelope addressed to Mrs. H.A. Burr, Hamburg P.O., Lyme, Conn, postmarked Latrobe PA, [month?] 21; Civil War; replying to Angie's letter of Feb 15; has had a cold and cough; ". . . reading & hearing the war news

occupies the last hour of every evening, Sundays excepted." ; "My interest in our national affairs remains unabated. I sometimes fear that I give too great a proportion of my time & thoughts to these things, to the neglect of some of my ministerial duties, yet I try to discover the path of duty & to walk in it. I have no hesitation about giving the affairs our Country, the President with his cabinet & Congress our Army & Navy, both officers and men, a place in my daily prayers, private & family, & also in my public devotions in the Sanctuary every Sab. yet I am not quite so clear in my conscience about giving an hour & sometimes two or three hours a day, to the reading of newspapers. As to preaching I often allude to our national troubles & the dealings of Providence with us, by way of illustration & the enforcing some practical lesson of truth, but it is a good while since I have made such things the main topic of discourse. Last Sab. however, I read the proclamation issued by the President the 10<sup>th</sup> [?] from the pulpit & prayed & preached accordingly. . . It has been a matter of great joy to me . . . that our army & navy have been so generally victorious the last six weeks. I could but feel grieved however at the success of the Merrimac and also mourn that our late victory at Pittsburgh landing was so dearly bought. Yet how providential! that the gunboats & Gen. Buell's division came to the rescue! What will be the next news from Corinth & vicinity we know not. One good victory over the rebels there, and another at Yorktown, would surely force our enemies to give up. I have just been writing a long letter to one of our pious praying young men who is in McClelland's army near Yorktown in which I tried to give him such instruction & encouragement as would prepare him (with God's blessing) for the hour of conflict which is doubtless before them. Some 12 or 15 of my own Congregation are now within about two miles of Yorktown. They belong to Co. K. 53 Reg. Penn. Vol. Col Brooke's Gunner's Division so that when the battle shall have taken place & you shall read of Col. Brooke's Reg, you will recollect that some of our best young men, the flowers of my Congregation are among them. Three of them are by the name of Smith all communicants. My wife feels no less interest in the war news than myself. Our Editor has the knack of filling up his paper with something, making news if there is none, giving us some old story in a new dress &c. Such I am sometimes disposed to pass over, but my wife says read it, she never tires till the whole of the war news is gone over." [. . . continued on April 18 . . . ]  
"Among our national sins you place slavery first &c. The

papists you know have a regular grade of sins 'Mortal & Venal'. And no doubt some sins are more heinous than others, yet I do not know which of all our sins is the greatest. Slavery I believe to be a very great evil, morally, socially & politically slavery, as it exists & works. But how far, I or my congregation are guilty is not so easy to determine. In my sermon I dwelt mostly on those sins which we & our own representatives have been guilty of directly or indirectly. I was glad to notice that my sermon was agreeable to your views as far as it went. I do not know that I fully understand you as you 'long to hear a decree of immediate & universal emancipation to the slaves!' Perhaps you are one of those who think that our government is no longer bound by the constitution since the South have rebelled against it, that now it is competent or lawful & right for the President or Congress to issue a proclamation that slavery is abolished now & forever throughout the bounds of the U.S. & those who will not free their slaves, we will fight till they will do it. If this be your meaning, I dissent. But if, in the providence of God this war shall incidentally free thousands & millions of slaves, Amen! And if the war shall result in a series of measures, lawfully used, that shall set all the slaves free Amen! I say. And when the rebellion shall have been constitutionally put down, then, if the requisite proportion of the people, are disposed to alter the Con. [sic., constitution] so that legally we can abolish slavery in the S. States, I am agree[able]. Again you say 'Do you not feel a little discouraged at our imperceptible progress in conquering a peace'? No: never a bit! My faith has never wavered. 'Does it not seem as if God were waiting for us to take some different attitude from our present? And what could we do nation-wide now likely to obtain the help of His strong arm than to proclaim freedom to all the land'! I am sorry to disagree from one, whom I love sincerely, and whose letters, as to style & spirit are model letters, & as to sentiment so generally right, but to alter our attitude in this respect, & seek to put down rebellion by trampling on the Constitution, to me would seem to be Nation-foolish! & more likely to incur a curse than get a blessing. Perhaps you may think I still read the N.Y. Observer. True & I conclude you continue [to] read the productions of Rev. H.W. Beecher, Rev. Mr. Cheever, General Hor. Greely & perhaps Garrison Pillsbury & Wendell Philips. Not that I suppose you have any fellowship for the heresy[?] & infidelity which may be chargeable to any of them, but I fear that their manner of dealing with Slavery, the Constitution & the policy of

Government in regard to the war is a [?] that what works in the [?] of your theory. I am very charitable to many Christians who are strong abolitionists, but what will become of such men as the above named I know not. 'Father forgive them for they know not what they do.' I may err in my judgment, but it is my sincere belief that, when this Rebellion shall have been subdued, if this government shall be under the controlling influence of such men we would not long have peace, but go to wrack & ruin."

EFB fr Angie, (Lyme) circa 22 July 1862; re repairs to house, painting, plastering, etc.; more about Bob [a horse?]; Thomas Brockway "has come out this morning. [re whitewashing parlor before painting]"; deacons meeting

Envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Norwich, 3 cent stamp

Angie fr EFB (Westport) August 1862; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Westport CT, Aug 12; re Civil War; "This A.M. went to the village and saw the Westport Company start for camp. Poor fellows! Some 70 have enlisted - a far greater number than I ever supposed could be brought out of this democratic [?]. Their wives and sisters [?] around with handkerchiefs at their eyes, and some were pictures of distress. I felt my heart rise still more bitterly than ever against our Southern Brethren, and against the infatuated [?] Administration that makes such sacrifices necessary. I have engaged to lecture on the war at the village on Thursday eve, and propose to relieve myself of a small portion of my abolitionism."; would have gone to Lyme this week except for the Thursday lecture; going to NYC tomorrow; yesterday preached at St. Francis; re farming, hay; will come to Lyme next week, "However I do not wish to have the people understand that I am coming back to preach there; I do not propose to do so. It is to see my poor Angie for a little, and perhaps kiss her and then good bye."

"Dear Teacher" (Angeline Lord Burr) fr May Lester, (Niantic) 20 August 1862; with envelope addressed to Mrs. H.A. Burr, Hamburg, Conn; postmarked Niantic Aug 20; in answer to ALB's letter; re Christian faith, and conflicting feelings.

"My Dear Niece" (Angeline Lord Burr) fr N.H. Gillet (Unity Parsonage), 23 Sept 1862; with envelope addressed to Mrs. H.A. Burr, Hamburg, Lyme, CT, postmarked Latrobe;

responding to Angie's letter of Aug? 22; re Civil War; I notice you desire to 'know how all the sad changes &c have affected me'. True the opes that were raised at our successes last Spring have been sadly disappointed. Yet I can still say I am not discouraged. I perceive that I take a different view of the causes of our reverses than you do. I can 'see the cloud of God's Frown.' But in inquiring 'Where you contendest thou with us' I do not 'hear the thunder of His "'Let my people go!'"' No: I see no reason to believe that the reason, why, in the providence of God, we have not been victorious over our enemies & put down this rebellion, is, that our President has not emancipated the slaves! He has no power to do it. He could not if he would. He could not do it legally, for the Constitution & laws which he has sworn to maintain & execute give him no legal authority. And neither has he, nor his cabinet, nor Congress, nor all the Generals including Pope & Fremont and their armies, nor all the Beechers & Garrisons & Phillips & John Browns, the physical power to do it!! Suppose the President had a year ago acted the silly part of Gen. Hunter, and issued his proclamation 'From & after the date of these presence[?] all the slaves in South Carolina, Georgia &c are free'!! Would that have secured the freedom of the poor slaves? Never. But say you, he, could have published a general war order, requiring all the Officers & soldiers in our army to cut the bands of the slaves & let 'my people go'. Well, what then? Would that abolish slavery throughout the land, very little of it. And why? Because up to this hour it has not been in the power of our whole army to take possession of & hold the whole of a single confederate state. 'We must first bind the strong man' before we can spoil his goods. We must subdue & conquer the master before we can have even the physical power to set free their slaves. While a few of the slaves (principally in the border states) have been loosed from their bondage, & a few thousands more might have been, yet the millions we have not been able to reach. If God frown upon Mr. Lincoln & the Government, & without his Providential Blessing until they free the slaves in the South (an area where mostly they cannot set their foot nor plant their [?]) I fear we are a nation doomed sure enough. If I believed as a minister preached in Latrobe lately, that the Government can do nothing, cannot begin to put down this rebellion, our army will have no success, until they free & arm the slaves, & that the Constitution of U.S. originated or came from hell - - If I thought thus, I too should be discouraged. But I take a different view of the subject altogether. I view slavery a great evil in

every aspect of it. I hope & pray & preach against it (one of my Cong. when I preached on Jer[?] 14 7-9 and spoke at length on slavery as one of the sins that testify against us, was quite offended & called me an abolitionist) yet I cannot see that our President 'is criminal because he does not put it down.' Most sincerely can I say that I have great conviction in the God of our Fathers & firmly believe that when he has fulfilled his righteous purpose in suffering this war, when we as a nation are humbled & penitent for our sins, or even when our Rulers learn that the Lord is the God of nations & of battles & when the church the great body of Christians are humbled for their sins & betake themselves to prayer & the people give up their selfish, party spirit & unitedly sustain the Government, they whomsoever administered then the Lord will appear for our help & go forth with our armies & crown their efforts with success."; a lieutenant from Latrobe recently killed; about 30 from the congregation are in the army, "ten or more are among the 'sick or wounded or missing."

"Dear Teacher" (Angeline Lord Burr) fr May Lester, 1 November 1862; in answer to ALB's letter; re Christian faith, and conflicting feelings.

Angie fr Carrie, nd [1862?]; household matters; ". . . But I had the shade ready to send out by Brother Griffin when I learned he was on horseback I could not take it. I asked Mr. Hyde to take it but he had so many bundles & should have to walk up from the ferry & thought he could not burden himself with it."; "Joseph gave Mr. Hyde three dollars to give to Sa [Sarah]. Please tell her it is to be expended for Millie's benefit. I have not time to explain. Mr. Hyde said Sa was in distress for money & wanted the balance of her deposit, I believe \$39.00, sent her immediately. Joseph has not been able to come home this week & has been so much pressed with business I fear he has not attended to it. . . . Joseph says if Sarah wants the rest of her money he will sent it immediately. I do hope it will go for her own comfort."

EFB fr Joseph Selden (on board steamer Empire City off Charleston) 9 Dec 1862; "Rev E.F. Burr, My Dear Sir"; re steamer trip, "We left N York harbor at 8 'clock Saturday morning as we passed down the bay the wind was strong and invigorating. We were but a few [?] in passing out of sight of land. The wind freshened and old ocean [?] itself grandly & I must say beautifully. It was not long before

Col. B[?] found the way to his room and in a [??] most of the officers followed his example. The weather was cold and the spray as it dashed against & over the ship [?] rapidly & the rigging & decks were soon incased in ice. The wind increased and in a few hours the larger majority of Officers & men were horribly sick. Your brother found himself an exception to the general rule. I remained on deck till late in the night & I should state an untruth if I should say I did not enjoy the scene. It was new & strange to me but grandly beautiful. Sabbath morning came, The wether remained unchanged, an occasional snow squall gave variety to the scene. The victims of sea sickness remained in their quarters. So passed away the Sabbath unlike any I ever before experienced. Sabbath evening came and with it more mild weather. I spent the night on deck wrapped up in my over coat. It was the most beautiful night I ever witnessed. The moon was full. The high clouds passed over its face threw their shadows on the [??] and as they chased each other over its [?] surface. . . . I waited till 5 o'clock in the morning that I might pass Cape Hatteras with my eyes open & then return to my bed to sleep till the breakfast bell should call me at 8. I awoke to enjoy a beautiful day. The sickness of the men & officers had passed away and everyone looked bright and happy. . . . On shipboard is a good place to study character. Looking down the long tables in the saloon you see some engage in reading, most in writing, some in card playing & other amusements."

38 14 A Burr Papers; Angeline Lord Burr letters, ~~1852-~~  
~~1857,~~ 1863; [Letters 1863 - Civil War]

Angie fr Carrie (Laurel Hill) 12 Jan 1863; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Norwich, Jan 14; husband still away; Civil War; Mr. Hyde in New Orleans; refers to letters from the war, perhaps the letters from John R. Morgan or from her husband?, "He is in camp about 10 miles above New Orleans - has taken possession of the quarters of one of the rebel officers & is living the grandest style. In the absence of Thomas he had the services of a contraband by the name of Washington. He still seems in excellent health & spirits though longing often the dear ones at home. . . He says Thomas has just arrived with his horse both in fine condition though 27 horses died on the passage. . . I have been trying to get a photograph of myself to send him. I wish you were here to tell me if it is as good as any representation of myself can be. I am not satisfied, but I do not know as that is

expected. I suppose we all like to think we look better than we really do. . . I delayed sending my letter that I might have my photograph ready. I send you two copies. Please retain the one you like best & send back the other as soon as possible. . ."

"My dear Niece" (Angie?) fr N.H. Gillet (Unity Parsonage), 20 Jan 1863; Civil War; "How strange it is that when I am strong in faith & hope in regard to our Afflicted Country you are weak & trembling with fear & discouragement, & forebodings of Devine wrath ready to burst upon the President for not doing his duty. And when your fears are dissipated, & your rejoicing soul rises on wings of faith, & 'hope, that, 1863 may be God's own Jubilee for every American Slave,' just then my fears begin, a dark cloud gathers over the future and my mourning soul sinks within me, & hope for 1863 dies! and only revives when I look beyond Presidents & generals and armies, away to future years, & up to the God of our Fathers, who I trust, directed them to these shores, . . . If any have looked to Pres. Lincoln, Gen. Scott, McClellan, Fremont, Pope, Burnside Rosecrans, Butler or Banks for wisdom & power to help us out of calamity, they have been disappointed. . . . Perhaps you would like to know what I now think of the President. I think he reasoned well, in his reply to the Committee from Chicago, & would have done well had he followed out the convictions of duty he then indicated. But when teased & reasoned with, flattered & coaxed & threatened till he yielded to make that proclamation, my own opinion is (you may count it weak) that he did 'just the foolish (at least inexpedient) thing' I 'deemed[?] merely supposable'. I have not changed my mind since I last wrote. 'I am not converted & do not intend to be, (pardon me)', until I can see its practical workings to be good. Four months have passed & as I read the papers & view matters, the evil fruit has been far more than the good. . . Last year I hoped that when by the providence of God our Hosts had gained 2 or 3 signal victories, the majority of the South would come to their senses & soon we might have peace upon good terms, submission to the Government. But this year the prospect is that being (by our new policy) fired anew with the spirit of hatred & revenge and desperation, they will fight it out to the last, that we shall have to fight on & on year after year, if we can raise men & money till we kill off all the 'able bodied men' of the South, at least all the Slave holders, and bury 6 or 8 hundred thousand of the soldiers of the North, & maim[?] & demoralize some hundred's of thousands

more!! And - - - and - - - what then? Can you tell what will be the state of things in what was once the U.S. of Am. When we shall have subdued nay destroyed the men of the South, & half those of the north & shall have literally cut the hands of all the slaves? . . . And if my prayer is answered & my hope realized, there will be less party spirit at the North, more humility & charity & faith and prayer in the churches & more true patriotism (it is very scarce now I fear) such as will lead our Statesmen & army officers to lay their own party & individual interest & honor, . . . The proclamation not only exasperated the South, but divided the north & gave a power & success, & even triumph to the Democrats in many places, which is felt throughout the whole Country North & South, & before two years will make the wheels of the general government . . . drag heavily . . . unless the Lord in mercy . . . turn the hearts of the 'Ultras,' the unreasonable, self seeking Breckenridge, Lecesh [Leash?], Democrats, and the out & out radical, reckless, John Brown Abolitionists from their present course. Most sincerely do I believe that the course those two classes have pursued for the last 5 months will put back the termination of this war many months & perhaps years. . . Should it be so [if the war does end] I will rejoice. And if it so turns out I allow you to keep this letter, send it back to me if I should be alive, & I will gladly confess myself a false prophet. After all my fears & my objections to the policy of the Pres. I am looking & hoping that God . . . will so order events that great good may result. . . . To me our prospects have been growing darker & darker for 8 months, and especially of late. By deaths, sickness, wounded, captivity & desertions or stragglings, our army is past diminishing. . . During the month of Dec & the first week in Jan. our loss in killed, wounded, & missing was about 30,000 & that of the enemy a little more than half as many! What progress! A few months ago (20<sup>th</sup> of May) but few of my own congregation had fallen, most of the companies that went from Latrobe & vicinity were still pretty strong in numbers, & I was enabled to keep nearly every Democrat in my charge from opposing the war, many sending their son's into the army; but now among the 30 or 40 of my hearers[?] connected with the army probably more than half are dead, wounded or sick, one of the Con[?] from Latrobe (the one to whom I made my war speech 18 months ago) now I hear have but three more left fit for duty, another which had some of my best young men in were reduced to 43 when they went into the Fredericks battle, but came out with ten!! Their Captain was at home at church last ?Sab. Eve but at the close of

service, could only give me his left arm, the other being shot off! A most amicable & brave youth, when attempting to help his wounded Capt. over the stone wall in point of the enemy's batteries, was shot through the head. His father one of our excellent members & a particular friend of mine, went with much difficulty to Falmouth, almost in sight of his son's grave, but was two days too late, the time given by the rebels for the removal of our dead, having expired. So he had to return without the body. Some of my members have had their sons come home & die, some brought home dead, some wounded, some sick, some are lying in hospitals, & two of our young men were lost, one sick, at the time our men retreated from before Rich. [Richmond?], the other wounded at Bull Run. Their parents know not where they are when, nor how, they met their end, nor in what place their bones lie, buried or unburied! Such are the scenes of trouble there which my dear people are passing. Still I hope in God. I hope you will be saved from such troubles in the case of your Brother-in-law [Joseph Selden?]. . . I still say, 'stand by the Pres.' & fight on till we see what providence designs for us. Latrobe is 160 miles perhaps from the places of Stuart's raids. So we were not excited. Brother F writes but seldom, John has just written me they are in their usual health, Luzetta & Ely are with Laura who lives in Canada. She had 3 children, lost 2 of late by scarlet fever. She had been sick but is well. From Joseph I hear nothing of late. My son has not joined the army yet, is teaching in Iowa. My bound[?] boy P. Dick is in the army at Washington. My nephew N.H. Gillett is west. I expect him here next week.

To ? fr "your friend John R. Morgan; (Camp Parapet, New Orleans), 27 Jan 1863; written on Union stationery; in answer to letter; Civil War; entire letter [punctuation and spelling corrected]: "My friend your kind letter and very glad to hear from you. I am glad to hear from my friends at anytime. I was glad to get a letter from you. I thank you for sending my little paper[?] to me. It makes me think of home. I am glad to hear that my to [two?] children go to church and Sabbath school and hope they will profit by it. Choose ye this day whom ye will serve[?]. I do not know that I have an enemy in the regiment. If I have it is unknown to me. There is ten in the mess that I am in. I am on friendly terms with them all. There is roses and other nice flowers in blossom which perfume the air in the morning. We have prayer meeting two or three times a week. I do not very often feel to be there unless

I am on duty[?] when we assemble on the Sabbath to hear the word of god. It puts me in mind of our Church. It seems to me that I can see the Christian friends seated in their usual places. Company [?] went over the river on picket [picket?] guard. One of them undertook to pass the lines. The guard shot at him and put the Ball[?] into the top of his head. We have very good quarters for dry weather. We have very heavy rains and is bad getting around but it dries up very quick. Everything is very high here in New Orleans. Butter is 50 cts [a] pound. Cheese is from 24 to 30 cts [a] pound. Other things in proportion. The least we can get anything is five cts. Te soldiers had better let the pies alone for the[y] are not fit to eat. There is more[?] that makes themselves sick by eating the trash they have out here. The most of the time it is very warm days and cold night and very damp. There is plenty of oranges. They are the cheapest thing we can get. It is better to eat them in the morning. I had the privilege of going down to the city of New Orleans. There is very many pretty[?] things in the city is a very pretty[?] place. Gardens[?] look very fine growing. There is plenty of vegetables out here. They talk of throwing up an embankment all around the encampment. There is plenty of negroes to do it. They are around the camp every day begging for something to eat. I feel need of that heavenly friend every day. I pray to him that he will guide and protect me always where ever I be and I pray to him that he will protect me in all the dangers that I am surrounded. I know that he will not leave me forsake any who put their trust in him. I am willing to put my trust in him. I feel confident that he can do more for me than any earthly friend I have got. I have not very good place to write when. When you write again write how all the folks are getting along. I will send you an [?] in with the letter. Write often. From your friend John R. Morgan. Direct your letter as you did the last one. Write often."

Angie fr Carrie (Laurel Hill) 17 Feb 1863; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Norwich, May 14 (probably goes with a different letter); Brother Griffin visited and said Angie et. Al. Were well; inquires about mother's health; Joseph sent \$200 "which was very acceptable."; re Civil War, "He [who? Joseph?] says Mr. Hyde has been very well and is a valuable member of the Regiment. Joseph write he is much amused at his attempts to track the contrabands to [ ] & that the result has been about the same it would have been, had the same effort be3en expended on the south[?]."; health, "I suppose you

will wish to know just how I am getting along. I cannot go into particulars but think I am about as well as usual and get along with my numerous labors and anxieties quite as well as I could expect. A child of one of the neighbors died of diphtheria a bout two weeks since and I was obliged to expose myself to extra fatigue & cold and as a consequence I have suffered rather more than usual with neuralgia." ; children are well

To ? fr John R. Morgan (Camp Parapet, New Orleans, Co. C, 26 Regiment, Co[?] Banks Division) 19 Feb 1863; "My friend I take my pen to inform you that I am on the sick list. I hope these lines will find you all well. It is the first time I have been off duty since I went into Camp. I am better now. I hpe soon to be on duty again. There is quite a good many sick in our Regiment. We have only lost 10. Capt Noyes[?] is sick with the typhoid fever. I hope he will get up again. The only way is to live in hopes the company that was over the river on picket guard they captured a rebel lieutenant and brought[?] him into Camp. His father came up to camp the next day and demanded his son to be given up but our Colonel[?] told him he should not let what would come[?]. His father said he should come and take him by force. It would have been as well for him to have stayed at home. He did not come &[?] our Colonel took him down to headquarters. His father came and gave bonds[?] for him that he should not go back in to the rebel army again. But above all things pray for the soldiers. There is great need of it for there is new temptations[?] [?] hovering around the Camp. I will enclose in the letter 2 dollars for the benefit for the Sabbath school. I want you my Friend to lay it out in a way that will most benefit the Sabbath School. May the lord bless the Sabbath School not only because I have children in the Sabbath School but for all who meet there to learn the ways to peace and happiness. . . Write often. Do not wait for me to write."

Envelope addressed to Mrs. Angeline Burr, Lyme, Conn, Bill Hill, postmarked New Orleans, Mar 27

To ? fr John R. Morgan (Camp Parapet, New Orleans) 28 March 1863; Civil War; "I have been sick for three weeks but am on duty again. Things remain the same as they have done. The rebels say if we trouble Vicksberg[?] they will take New Orleans. I guess they will find their match for the negroes are to work building a parapet around the camp and mounting big guns. The gunboat Portsmouth lays{/} opposite[?] the camp &[?] they can throw shell all over the

camp. The report is it there is thirty thousand rebels across the Lake from us within five miles of us. I don't think they will trouble us. I have nothing new to write. Peach and plum and orange trees are in blossom. They look very nice. The report is in New Orleans it they are agreeing[?] to draft at home when you write. Let me know if there is a draft to take place. Write all that is going on in Hamburg. We have only heavy thunder showers where we are and is very muddy and bad getting around. It soon dries up. I have not seen any snow since we landed. If my friends write that it has been very mild this winter if things is as high at home as they are out here I don't see how poor folks get a living. I don't think of anything more in this line. We obey the orders of our officers here in the camp. How much more should we obey the orders of great Captain of our salvation. . . [re God, etc.] . . . One of my tent mates is ready at all times to go with me to Meeting when duty don't detain us. Sabbath evening we went to prayer Meeting. I did not feel able to go but I knew that it was good for to be there. We met us a Band of Brothers to worship the Lord in the Beauty of holiness . . . Some of our officers are Christian. They meet with us in our prayer meeting to worship the Lord . . . Pray for me. I am surrounded with temptations. . . "

To ? fr John R. Morgan (Camp Parapet, New Orleans) 10 April 1863; Civil War; "I have been on the sick list to the Hospital since I wrote those two letters you received but I have returned to the Camp. I have written a letter to you since those two. I have not seen General Banks but once. I have not heard anything said against him. I guess he does things about right. I would like to go up to [?]ville about 10 miles up the Lake. It is a splendid place. I would like to cruise around in different places. I should have something to write. It would be better for one's health but we are kept pretty close. I felt sad last Sabbath. Our Chaplain preached his farewell sermon. He has resigned[?] and is going home. Before he got through with his sermon he cried like a baby. I feel bad to have him leave. He was a good man and I loved him. He resigned partly on account of ill health, partly on account of a letter that was written and left on his table that he was nothing but a nuisance in the regiment. I know that he did all he could for us. I know the one that wrote the letter. He is down on everything that is good. He once belong[ed][ to the church but he has wandered from the fold & it is very warm here by spells. Between 12 and four is the warmest. It is not so warm here now as it will be. When

our Chaplain leaves our meeting will lose. I expect our prayer meeting will close too but I hope not. . ."

To ? fr John R. Morgan (Camp Parapet, New Orleans) 24 April 1863; Civil War; "We have moved from where we were. It is the same Camp Parapet one mile north of the old Camp. We talk of going on a scout up to Ke?ville[?] about 6 miles up the Lake. We are so long in moving if we don't go soon I don't think we shall not go. We expect to start for home before long. Things remain very quiet around New Orleans. The Captain of the [?] shot a rebel a few days since. He run the picket guard and would not halt. He belong in New Orleans. The guard caught 8 rebels cutting through the levy[?]. One said he was cutting through to water his garden. One said to water his cattle & I don't think by their looks it they had either to water. They have a negro baby where we are. Some of the negroes that belong to the [?] they were out cruceing [cruising?] in the swamp. They caught two rebels. They had the New York papers. They were trying to get through into rebel lines. They took them down to headquarters that is to New Orleans down to General Sherman. General Banks is up the river. He is a man that attends to his business. I have not heard anything said against him since I have been here. I guess he is genely [genuinely] liked very well. He is not all the time in on place. He is all the time going from one place to the other seeing to his business. The 128 Regiment on a ten days march. They took to steamers some cotton, come tar[?], and rosson [resin?] it they brought down with them. They went up the Pearl River. Things are flourishing here, blackberries are ripe but they have not the richness as ours have to home. There is plenty of flowers all in bloom which perfume the air in the morning. . . [thanks to God] . . . Camp Parapet, Co C, 26 Regiment, Co[?] Banks Division, New Orleans"

Angie fr Carrie (Laurel Hill) 8 May 1863; re clothes, bonnets, poplin dress, etc.; family health; "Brother Griffin was here last week. He seemed to feel very much discouraged about Nellie [Millie?]."; Civil War, husband's camp has moved "about a mile back from the river where it is excessively hot and 'the mosquitoes are perfectly ravenous'. He complained of the headache in his last letter and I fear he will not remain in such perfect health. . . Perhaps you have heard from Brother Griffin that Mother Selden has gone to Brooklyn. I suppose I have written you that Lizzie had a son whom she has named Joseph Selden [?]."

Angie fr Carrie (Laurel Hill) 11 June 1863; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Norwich CT, Jun 11; Civil War; "I know you will rejoice to hear that after the terrible suspense in which I have lived for the last five[?] days, I have just received a line from my dear husband written during the terrible battle at Port Hudson in which he says, 'God has preserved me thus far unharmed. I have been where the bullets fell like rain but the thought of danger never entered my mind. Do not be alarmed for the same kind Providence that has watched over me thus far will still keep me. I can only hope and pray' that it may be so."; "Joseph writes Col. [Thomas G.] Kingsley is seriously wounded. I am sorry for his wife and everyone who has friends exposed to the dangers of a battlefield. I cannot write long with my aching shoulder."

To ? fr John R. Morgan (Headquarters, near Port Hudson [LA]) 13 June 1863; Civil War; "I take my pen in hand to inform you where I am. I am in the rebel dominion[?] so near that the rebel can throw balls in where we are. The rebels are deserting every day. Today there was sixty seven deserted. Today we have dug[?] best work within four hundred yards of the rebels fortifications. Those that desert say that the officers stand guard themselves. They are afraid that the men will desert. The more that runs away the less there will be to throw balls at as they say that they don't want to fight. I have been on the battlefield 2"0[?] days. We have in one very heavy engagement one killed and 8 wounded. One has died since the Battle of [?]. Wish to see balls fly any faster than they did I think they flew as fast as ever I see hail stones fly. Thank kind providence I came off the field unharmed. I feel confident that my heavenly friend shielded me . . . It is a sad sight on the battlefield to see our companions fall. Both sides of us today {?} was wounded through the leg [?] Babcock wounded in the back. The ball pressed into one side and out at the other and there was several others wounded besides. The day the battle was there was one hundred and seventeen wounded and 8 killed out of our regiment. The Batteries will give them a good shelling before we make another charge on the rebels. The batteries boys think they can shell them that they will raise a flag of truce and give up. They shelled one hour today. I should think it must have been warm work for the rebels by the way the shells flew. Those that desert say they have only three thousand [?] for duty."

Angie fr Carrie (C.L. Selden), (Laurel Hill) 17 July 1863; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, CT, postmarked Norwich, July 17; "I received yours enclosing money from the fish place . . ."; "And now as regards this request about Stafford Springs I am very sorry I cannot give you all the information you wish. The lady's name was Mrs. Bacon. I do not remember her husband's first name, but do not think there was any other family by the name of Bacon. He lived next door to a gentleman of Joseph's acquaintance who had a pleasant place and was one of the principle men in Stafford. I think his name was Ives. But I have not the remotest idea of the price paid for board. She had not many pleasant rooms and I should [?] to have you [?] the pleasantest one and the same I occupied. I am very glad to hear that you are going to Stafford and hope you will enjoy it and receive great benefit. Now I have a plan to propose in case my dear mother does not feel like accompanying you to the Springs and this is to have her come and make me a long visit. . . . I think she would enjoy being there [Stafford Springs] and it might do her good."; husband away, "I have not heard from him since Port Hudson surrendered, but trust another assault was not made at least by [?]."; Lizzie and family will spend summer in Saybrook; re school & sickness, "The Academy closes today. Ned was sadly disappointed in not obtaining two prizes, one for scholarship and one for attendance. His chance was very good and he would probably have won them if he had not been sick. He was seized very violently the day after the fourth with Billious fever with dysentery and was not well enough to return to school will Wednesday of this week."

Angie fr sister Carrie (Norwich) 24 Sept 1863; family well, Joseph's "anxiety about his business prospects", but better now; re broken cover of slop-jar; re silk dress, etc.

Angie fr Carrie ("your aff. Sister C.L. Selden"), (Norwich) 11 November 1863; "We were very sorry to hear of Mr. Burr's illness and hope his people will never allow hi to speak in a cold room again."; "Leander spent an evening here last week. He brought his wife over to stay till after Thanksgiving. He had a great deal to say about Mr. Samuel Lord's business, but I do not think he convinced Joseph that it was best for him to take the business. I do not know what is before us but trust we shall be guided aright."; re Sarah, "Mary said that Nellie thought she was looking sad and discouraged."; "I regret to hear you have had so much trouble with your silk dress but hope it suits you at last. Mary told me you had been invited to a

Minister's party at Mr. Brainard. I could not help thinking your new dress was made just in time."; re clothing, "I had a great job putting my winter dress in order. It had become so faded and spotted I was obliged to turn it. It will never make a serviceable dress but looks very well now. I should like a [delaine?] dress to save[?] it but they are 38 cts per yd here in Norwich. I saw a very pretty dress that Mary Holmes had from Hamburg for 28 cts and had some thought of writing to you to see if Samuel had any more that you might send me a dress pattern but Mother Selden thinks of going to New York in a few weeks and as Joseph will go with her I can send by him. In regard to your black merino[?] (I did not know you had such a dress) I think it would be a very good idea. Black Alpacca's are all the rage. I saw one the other day trimmed with two rows of [?] fluted trimming. But I think either a flounce or fluted trimming on the bottom are worn just as much as ever."; re household help; "Joseph is still at the Governor's[?] and is sure of that berth[?] till spring. He has not received his pay from Government yet but keeps hoping it will come soon. He is very well and cheerful and I am so thankful to have him home with me I could about be content to live on bread and water."

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Angie fr Connie (Norwich) 18 March 1864; "Though your letter found me with a headache, I had been longer without one than for some time previous & I thought myself improving but Joseph decided to send Sam to Poughkeepsie to complete his education at Eastern College & he was anxious to have him leave as soon as possible. So of course, I labored quite beyond my strength to [?] his [?] s he wear & tear of his trip to New Orleans together with [?] articles lost or stolen rendered[?] quite missing[?]. Sam left Monday night & his prediction, that 'Mother was certainly making herself sick' has been partly verified."; re Angie's pregnancy?, "I think it is a pity you did not keep your 'secret' a little longer as I should have honored it [?] New York[?]. Mrs. Stub[?] knew all about it . . . I suppose Mary Holmes brought the news from Hadlyme."; re Sarah, "As to her husband's prospects or rather as to what Joseph thinks of them I hardly know what to say. He is so much at the Governor's I hardly have time to learn his mind on any subject but I think he regards Mr. Hyde's plans with favor. He regrets sometimes that he did not remain in New Orleans and take a plantation himself. He gets almost desperate at times. The cost of living is so enormous now

that he finds an ordinary salary quite insufficient to meet his expenses."

Angie fr EFB (Weston) 10 August 1864; "Barlow pretends to think that our boy [newborn son Montrose?] is not the genuine article, but a foundling that we have managed to pick up somewhere in our travels and are going to impose on the world as a well authenticated Burr in good and regular standing."; re Bob the horse.

Angie fr Carrie (Norwich) 16 Sept 1864; re household help [Dick?], "I really think Dick , (he is much the best boy) would be very useful indoors & out, with one exception, he does not know how to milk very well but he seems so anxious to learn that George thinks he could learn in a short time. He appears perfectly willing to be told how to do a thing & tries to please. He is quite delighted when I will allow him to visit me in the house. . . . He will undoubtedly need some training before he can wash dishes or cook quite to your satisfaction but I think you would find him quite teachable. He has an excellent appetite but one thing in his favor he will eat anything set before him, asking no questions. I hope Mother will not attempt to satisfy him with her beautiful bread & butter. I have made hasty pudding a good deal & set[?] up Indian meal cakes but with water which he can pay for himself. He can do his own cooking. As to wages, he says he will be content with what you think he earns, but evidently is not expecting high wages at present. He needs clothes very much & wish I had some to give him to make him more presentable, but he is too small to wear any but George's & he does not seem to have any to spare, at best a coat but I suppose Mr. Burr will have some old clothes he could let him have. I do not think it is necessary for Mr. Burr to come for him. George can get the Conductor here to put him on the right train at New London & someone meet him at Lyme."

Angie fr Carrie (Norfolk VA) 1 December 1864; Civil War; "Do you realize that I am here on the sacred soil of Old Virginia & did you not think I had taken leave of my senses when you heard I was going to return with Joseph? . . . The first day or two after I reached Norfolk I found it very chilly & begin to understand why Sa [Sarah] had to say she suffered more from the cold in New Orleans than she did at the North. . . Yesterday was like summer. To hot to go out without their clothing & sunshade. I hope it will be cooler in a day or two for I find it very debilitating. I have seen nothing very desirable or beautiful about the

city of Norfolk as yet. It has a dingy appearance. The most noticeable picture[?] is the crowd of donkeys [darkeys?] that throng the street, of all ages, sizes & shades. Some driving the most rickety carts, some with huge bundles or baskets on their heads & multitudes in soldiers uniforms. I believe I have not seen a really genteel lady on the street. Yesterday we went over to Portsmouth to see the Navy yard, which was one of the finest in the United States. It was sad to see such destruction of property. The rebels burned all the buildings & attempted to blow up the Dry Dock which is the most stupendous work I ever saw. Did you ever see one? I can not give you my idea of it. I do not know how long I shall remain here. I must confess to feeling a little homesick at first & told Joseph I should not be contented to stay very long, but he seemed so much disturbed I shall not say any this more about it at present. I have confined myself so much at home with my family that I hardly feel easy away from the daily routine of my duties there. But I think I shall enjoy a week or two here very well & perhaps the change & rest will do me all the good Joseph thinks it will."; will visit Sam in New York on way home; inquires how Angie getting along with Dick

"My Dear Niece" (Angie) fr N.H. Gillett (Unity Parsonage) 19 Dec 1864; congratulations on birth of Hanford Montrose Burr; "I notice the picture you have drawn of your infant son, and do not think it at all strange that it was so many & so strong attractions to a mother."; re Civil War, "You refer to my 'patriotic' declaration about giving my son & ten if had them to the service of our Country. As you 'shiver at the thought' perhaps I wrote too hastily not 'counting the costs.' Yet in my most sober moments, after long & deep reflection, I can think of nothing, earthly, not life itself, which would be too great a sacrifice to save my Country from anarchy & permanent division, disgrace and ruin, if that sacrifice were the only means of salvation. I acknowledge that I often feel a solicitude about my son in the army, & should he fall on the battlefield or by sickness, I am well aware that sharp arrows of sorrow would pierce my heart, . . . yet I trust no one shall ever hear me say 'I would to God that my son had never enlisted in his Country's Cause'."; "Hallock was at Memphis about two weeks ago, but where he is now I know not, if living. When he last wrote he was expecting they would be ordered away soon. If he was sent to Gen Thomas at Nashville he may have been in the recent battles there. If he was in that detachment of his Regt (3 Iowa Cavalry)

which was on board the steamer that blew up at Carondolet last week, he may have been among the sufferers. Still I hope for the best."; "The boy I raised (Peter Dick) had a very narrow escape of his life last July on Morris Island. He is in the U.S. Signal Corps, and when on the top of his tower 80 feet high, he was blown over tower and all & he was dashed to the ground, his head buried in the sand 8 inches & he remained senseless till the next morning. Slowly he recovered & is now well!"; "As to the Election of which you speak I did not feel so much dread & fear about it as some did. I had a strong confidence (after the adoption of the Chicago Platform) that Mr. Lincoln would be elected. Yet I did not expect so signal a triumph at the polls. I was much pleased with the President's late message in all its main features. I think the closing part was admirably worded. I am not sure that it was wise to make definite mention of our relations with several small nations & silently pass over England & France, & that with apparent design. It would not be good policy to stir up the 'British Lion' till our war at home is ended. The war news from Serriden, Sherman & Thomas has been encouraging for some months past. An the late news that Gen Sherman has safely go through & has taken Savannah (if true) is wonderful. I am not so sanguine in my hope of a speedy peace as some persons, yet I trust the Rebellion will be brought down at no very distant period. And as to slavery we need not dispute or speculate about that as providence seems to be so ordering events that it will eventually die, if it should not be killed outright. But when I think at what a sacrifice of treasure & blood!! My heart is sad. & most of all I think of the suffering of our poor prisoners, some of my congregation are among them. Ten thousand exchanged & twice that number dead & buried & 40,000 yet freezing & starving in Rebel prisons. Dreadful & horrible!!"; his health, "For 4 weeks I was quite ill with earache, a beating in my head, one or two Sabbaths not able to preach. For a month past I have been better. Last Sab. I took cold & am now very hoarse, could preach but one sermon yesterday. My wife too is laboring under a bad cold."

Envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn.; no postmark

40 10 41-5 Burr papers. Sarah Lord Hyde, ~~1847-1848,~~  
~~1865~~ {Letters 1865}

EFB fr Angie? (Mansewood) 14 June 1865, with return letter on same piece of paper to Angie fr EFB; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Boston[?] June 20, envelope embossed "Parks House/ 137 Washington St., Boston, Robert E. Drake"; "I sincerely hope that 'sacred conspiracy' will make short work of matters at the 'Hub'. I wonder where you are domiciled tonight and if you have already convinced the Convention that you are the man to steer it. . . [misses EFB] . . I should think person doomed to solitude would very soon have diseased minds. I wonder if Montie is not lonely too. He cried last night so as to alarm me. His breath was bad, and he seemed to be suffering so much that I thought he must be sick. . . He looked quite pale this morning but has seemed comfortably well."; "Mr. Hyde gets no permit to join august body. You have no letters as yet. Maynard has been at work here today and Mrs. T. Peck has given me a call. . . . If mattresses are selling for a song in B [Boston] don't fail to make me a 4<sup>th</sup> July present of one."; EFB reply on same paper: at hotel; hot in Boston; "There are now about 600 delegates present & they already begin to talk about 'future ages' looking back to us. For the last two days have been exceedingly wearied[?] with reading of voluminous reports. They have put me on the Committee to which has been referred Dr. Becon's Report on Church Polity with a view to protect the interests of Connecticut [?]."; "Today being the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill has been a general holiday in Boston . . ."; visited Bunker Hill, navy yard in Charlestown; "Next Thursday we are to go at public expense to Plymouth Rock & partake of a collection[?] at public expense."; "Boston swarms with the gentle sex[?!] - but I think that they are, in general, remarkably ill-formed. I strolled on the Common this AM and was struck with the crowds of [?] & evidently strong-minded virgins[?!] whom I met. Tomorrow I expect to hear Prof. Park of Andover a part of the day. . . Boston is really a great place for notions and articles of vertu & it is perhaps well that my money is safely locked up in bonds or I might be undone."

Angie fr EFB (Weston) 21 July 1865; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr Lyme, Conn, postmarked Westport July 23; sickness, "B has been having a carbuncle on his face . . ."; "the new parsonage and grounds are quite pleasant. Hetty has laid herself out for flowers and in time I have no doubt will engineer the year into quite a pretty appearance. Her sister, Mrs. Wakeman, and her little girl are here and predestined to stay over the Sabbath. [re

farm] I found my grass mostly cut, in large part and the next week will close the matter if the weather proves favorable. Then will come the bundling up for the market. The cup[?] is fair and the price promises to be better than usual. Therefore I think you may venture[?] to get you're a traveling dress, if it seems desirable."; Bob the horse

Angie ("Dearest") fr EFB (Westport) 14 August [1865?, Monday]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Westport CT, Aug 14; misses Angie & Montie; met with Dr. Bacon and talked about "Boston matters", "He seems to have no high opinion of Mr. Quick[?]. In some matters however we do not quite agree."; "Barlow was at Wm[?] ready to carry me to Weston; sat down at the table to drink a glass of milk when lo, as I lifted it, the bottom fell out and the milk went down in a cascade on my best coat etc!"; "Preached all day yesterday . . ."; going to Greens Farms and then to Weston; expects to preach in Southport next Sunday; Aunt Sarah not well.

Envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Westport CT, Aug 15

Angie ("Dearest") fr EFB (Westport) 18 August 1865; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Westport CT, Aug 18; received her note; "This place is in quite a tumult over the breaking down of Ketchem[?] & Co. and a dreadful railroad accident which killed two[?] young married ladies belonging to Greens Farms and neighbors of Wm."; Oct 26 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of church in Greens Farms.

Angie ("Dearest A") fr EFB (Westport) 23 August [1865]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Westport CT, Aug 23; made calls in Southport; "What I shall do next is somewhat uncertain - perhaps go to Old Hill, perhaps to Weston, perhaps to N. York, perhaps to meditate under the shade of my 'wide spreading beech trees,' 'sub[?] tegmine fagi' - all assuming that I manage to survive this general sense of famine and vacuum which is now preying on me."; enclosed check for Angie to give to Mr. Hyde; will arrive in Lyme on Monday.

Angie ("Dearest A") fr EFB (Westport) 25 August [1865?]; at Mrs. Brinkerhoff's; will take train to Lyme, via New Haven, on Monday

Mrs. E.F. Burr fr friend Lizzie[?] Lester [nd]; "I trust that I am now a Christian and I feel it my duty to come out and confess Christ before [?] and to be baptized . . ."; mentions Ellen Harding; "Wednesday evening I attended a very interesting meeting at Mr. Chester's in Hadlyme . It was conducted by Mrs. Jones, Mr. Beach & Doct. Warren."

To Mrs. E.F. Burr [perhaps] fr Lizzie Lester (Hamburgh) 29 November 1865; "You wished to know why I was not able to say I was a Christian. I will tell you why I think I am not. I have always thought I should experience a wonderful change and feel convinced that I was really a Christian how[?] I been[?] enter[?] being[?] a right sided? I know I am much happier than I used to be that I love to be with Christians and that I am willing to listen to any one & talk with one upon the subject of religion. There was a time once when I felt offended if anyone said anything to me I need to be afraid my companions would make fun of me but even I don't care if they do. . . "

Angie (Mrs. H.A. Burr, "dear friend") fr Lizzie Lester (Hamburgh) 19 December 1865; with envelope addressed to Mrs. H.A. Burr, Lyme PO, New London Co, Conn, postmarked Hamburgh, illegible date; "I trust that my heart has been changed and that I am a Christian. I believe that God has heard and answered my prayer and I can now trust in Him."; "Your letter has been a great comfort to me . . ."

41 14 42-5 Burr Papers; ~~Peter Lord family letters 1816-1827[?]; 1866-1868~~ [Letters, 1866-1868 - Clifton Springs - spa; Carrie's attempt at cure]

To EFB fr Angie (Stafford Springs) 26 October [1865?]; re health & spa cures; delight in receiving letter from EFB, ". . . when Miss Dunbar M.D. came into our room with a letter for Carrie and asked if my number was 68 [mailbox number] . . ."; "I am not ravenous for the food here. We are fed on diatetic principles . . ."; joy at receiving letter, if EFB has seen her pleasure "you might almost have been moved to write to me everyday as the friends of many of the patients here do. This is quite a place for letters - a thriving branch of Uncle Sam's business. But I do not mean to be unreasonable, or to forget that D.D.s and fathers of boys whose mothers have forsaken them, have enough to do besides writing sugar-plum letters. Indeed I felt a little guilty for having send you so many scribbled sheets to decipher - knowing as I do your aversion to long letters. I do not as yet perceive any effects from the

air-baths, and I am beginning to think how I am to get home."; may go with Joseph but rail travel would be expensive & difficult to arrange, "I must either leave here in the night or be a night in Albany or N. York. [will leave it for Joseph to arrange]"; homesick, wishes EFB & Montie were there; "Poor Carrie, I cannot bear to think of leaving her alone. And yet it seems to me best that she should remain. Her appetite is certainly improved. I think she eats more than I do. But she is having a good many [?] and a good deal of headache, so that if it were not for the encouragement she receives from other patients, she would get very blue."; Dr. Curtis preached, Dr. Foster conducted Bible class after dinner, "There were sharp minds there and devout, young Baptist preached in evening; "It is plain that I do not carry the minister's wife in my face. When my bill was left under my door Sat. morn. I found the full price charged. That would never do so I went to the Office and said that I came with the understanding a minister's wife would receive a reduction. 'Ah certainly, I was not aware that you were a minister's wife'. I found the reduction to be one third

Angie fr Carrie (Clifton Springs) nd [ probably Nov-Dec 1865, after Thanksgiving]; refers to Mr. Rawlinston's sermon on Thanksgiving; Dr. Foster away with his brother, "They took a great quantity of provisions with them and are camping out.", expected home 20<sup>th</sup> of [Dec?]; thanks Angie for sending 'engraving' to decorate her room; "Miss Dunbar came into my room with an armful of letters & papers for her devout patients . . ."; "Perhaps you will be surprised to learn that Mrs. Lockwood has gone downstairs to take the Matrons place & Sulphur Kate has taken the position of nurse. Deficient as we thought Mrs. L was, I am sure she was lovely by the side of Kate. I dread the thought of having her around me but I will not borrow trouble hope I may not require much of her presence or assistance. The icebags were not very pleasant you may be sure, neither did they lessen the pain in my 'spinal column.' After trying them for a week or two the Dr. thought it was [?] things & I had better wait awhile, in which I fully agreed. For with that & Electricity and baths I got very tired and did not have time to rest before supper. The sulphur baths continue to prostrate me & the Dr. said today perhaps it would be better for me to take but one a week. Joseph asked Dr. North how soon he thought I could go home. He said 'not before March'. I almost expected as much, though I still hope for better things. He said there was no reason why I should not get well & he thought after awhile

I would improve faster. I rally think Js visit did me good & inspired me with some of his confidence & it was so pleasant to learn all about the children & home affairs. Do you remember the two ladies in the room next to mine? Mrs. Casey the tallest left very soon & Mrs. Miller in her loneliness begged me to come in & see her, which I did & was quite charmed with her. Did she not look young to be the mother of two children, one 5 & the other 3 years old? Since then we have been getting better acquainted & find it very pleasant to compare notes & talk about our husbands & children etc. She sits at the same table with me too. Do you recall an 'interesting looking lady with a cap' that you liked - Mrs. Burnham - she has left & at the same table a lady with a boy that I took quite a fancy to, Mrs. Knapp. I like her though I do not see much of her. I must tell you about some extra treatment I have been getting lately. And you will understand how completely my time is taken up. An extra disrobing[?] - when 'Myra' with an electrical battery, proceeds to rub the spinal column for 10 minutes & then passes the current through the liver. You may understand how little vitality I have in some parts of my body when I tell you I do not perceive the least sensation though a most powerful current is applied but the Dr. thinks in a few weeks it will be able to start up some action. This comes every afternoon before my 'sits'. This morning I had something new, an application of ice bags to the 'spinal column' for half an hour. Now all these things take time to say nothing of the 'wear & tear' of dressing & undressing so many times a day."; re sewing, clothing, "Mrs. Spencer told me she was having a dress made here in the village but the lady was so 'driven'[?] you had to engage her a long time beforehand. The daughter had on a new dress that she said she paid \$6 thinking it was cheaper than she could get it done elsewhere but it looked pretty rich[?] to me. Mrs. Lockwood finds time to do a great deal of sewing for herself & it has occurred to me today that I might get her to take a few stitches for me. I was very much disappointed in that green dress I mentioned to you. When it was sent here I found it so spotted & shabby, it was utterly unfit to wear. I need something to wear in the morning so much I should write to Joseph to get something in New York, but for the difficulty of making it."; Joseph getting along well at home; waiting for the engraving to arrive; Mrs. Sullivan lost husband and all her children [?].

Mrs. E.F. Burr ("dear cousin") fr Lizzie H? Lord (12? Quincy St, Brooklyn, NY) 6 Dec 1867[?]; with envelope

addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme CT, postmarked Brooklyn NY, Dec 7; re wedding, "It was a very pleasant affair. There were about three hundred guests present."; re studies [mostly illegible, ". . .some of Homer. My brother had but just commenced both Greek & Latin. He is [?] to prepare for College as nearly as possible in one year."; mentions Mr. Blakeman.

Mrs. H.A. Burr ("dear Madame); fr J. R[?] Warren, 20 December 1867; re school, "I believe I told you that I should be able to remain in your class this winter. I would gladly do so but I don't think I am a fit subject to remain under your instruction if I was as happy now as I was once I should enjoy it. I am not very intelligent and I think it should be more of a nuisance than a help to you. I thank you for lending me the book. I did not wish to appear mean so I made this explanation. Yours Respectfully, J.B[?] Warren"

Mr. & Mrs. Burr fr A.J. Beach (Deerfield Centre, N.H.), 9 August 1868; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Deerfield Centre NH, illegible postmark; re not returning to school, "I feel more & more inclined to think it is not best that I return - best for the school or best for myself. I do not think I was ever in a school where I found it so difficult to get to the heart of any [subjects?] as at Hamburg, & of course my influence, under such circumstances has lessened, indeed I felt that I had very little influence over them anyway[?]. to be sure, there were some exceptions, but most of them seemed[?] so distant. Mrs. Thompson used to speak of the same difficulty, though her influence was far greater than mine. All this week I have been hoping to hear that she would take my place in the school for another year, but as yet no line has come[?] from her. I know you could all be very glad to have her with you & I am sure it would be difficult to find a person better fitted for the work. It seems to me if I was in her place, . . ."; suggests another teacher, from N. Haven, "She is a widow lady, about Mrs. Thompson's age, a very earnest Christian, much resembling Mrs. L in many ways. I think you would be pleased with her. Her father is wealthy & she does not need to teach, but she desires to do so because she thinks in that way she can do the most good in the world. She is a real missionary, . . . Her father's name is Welch."; "A letter from Miss Lizzie Brockway[?] a few days ago brought the tidings of Miss Marvin's death. How shocking the circumstances! Are you sure there is no mistake? It is

hard to believe that a girl could commit such a horrible deed! How very desolate & distressed the family must be! My heart aches for them."; weather nice in New Hampshire, raspberries & blackberries, kittens, sewing machine.

EFB ("husband) fr Angie (Clifton) 21 Oct [1868?]; re spa, health, medical treatment, arrived safely, "I had to change cars at Syracuse about 7 in the evening. . . But I must say that the jaunt seems to me all a well person can endure, and am not surprised that Carrie was so prostrated by it."; "Some of the physicians are absent so that Dr. Foster has his hands more than full but after long waiting for him I secured, perhaps one minute of consultation, in which he prescribed an air bath of 2 hours duration, just the time I had set aside for writing to my dear husband, and this same bath has so pressed my poor head that I can hardly tell what I am writing. How shall I describe it? With three others I went into what looked like a very large stove pipe. The door was shut and if we did not look like 4 of the worst convicts ever shut up I do not know what we did resemble. Then the steam was got up with a sound like that you hear on a steamboat and then came the pressure on brain and tympanum. It frightened me a little, for it seemed to me that a little more of the sort would be positively unendurable. But that little did not come, so I survived, but my head feels very badly still."; going to chapel this evening; love to mother, Montie, & EFB, "Carrie looks hardly as well yet as when she was at our house, but I do not think that we ought to be discouraged."

EFB fr Angie (Clifton Springs) 22 Oct 1868; health; Carrie's headache, "It is hard work for her to keep up courage when she does not seem to improve under the treatment, but as we have already heard that this is a common complaint with those who come to these Cures, we so as others do in the dark [?]. These pencil marks [changed from ink to pencil] show that I have gone into my dungeon for the air bath. One of the ladies has furnished a candle to enliven our darkness and I have thought the 2 hours confinement would be more tolerable if I could be chatting meanwhile with my darling mon mari. But Oh dear, O dear, what shall I say. First take something weighing 20 pounds and lay it upon the top of your head and then let someone take 2 pencils and push into your ears up to the last pitch of endurance. Now suppose your hands to be tied so that you cannot help it if he pushes beyond that point, and you can form some idea of my present position and that of 3 other fellow sufferers. One of them tells me that the

doors of our prison cannot be opened under 15 min. let come what may. I made another effort today to see the great Mogul ie D. Foster. But I have borne[?] about with me ever since I came into the establishment a somewhat oppressive sense of the fact that I was only one of 300 and the least of those probably. Therefore as one of 300 I secured an audience with the Dr this morning. It lasted probably 3 min. not more. I told him that I should write to my husband today and that he would be anxious to know what was the prospect of my being benefited by treatment here. He told me that it was impossible to tell until I had been here several days & tried the effects of the air baths as deafness was induced my very different causes. I asked if an examination of the ear would not determine the matter. He said no. This ended the conference. I am suffering less today than yesterday and they say that will be the case in every successive day. You will want to know about our rooms. I found that Carrie feared she should not sleep as well if I shared her bed. And then only a dollar and a half per week apiece would be gained by it. So I have a room on the next story. Carrie's room is \$16 per week and mine is \$17. The reason that mine is \$1 more, although on the third floor, is that it is larger and overlooks the streets, while hers looks into a very small court and the building on the other side keeps out the light so that we only see a little strip of sky. It is no place for her, as she is mostly confined to her room and I have been trying today to see if she cannot do better. But we are only 2 out of 300 you know and all that I can get is a promise that the first vacancy that occurs she shall have. I would be quite willing to take a less desirable room for myself, if I could save anything by it, and went to the Office today to see about it. But I found that it would only make \$1 difference if I went still higher, and I am now quite a distance from Carrie, so I have thought it best to make no change. Another thing, the bills are to be paid every Sat. morn. I have enough money to pay the first bill, but I shall wait until I hear from you before I give the check. I am expecting the promised reduction, but I fear it is going to costs more for me to stay here than you expected. What a costly thing a wife is, at best! I prithee send us the Congregationalist, A Tract Journal would not come amiss. Books & papers are not to be taken from the Reading Room and 15 cts per week is charged to those who avail themselves of the privileges of it. As Carrie cannot sit there we do not go in at all, so that a paper now & then will be very acceptable. (There are little windows to our prison and people come and peep at us, as if we were wild

beasts.) I fear you will never have time or patience to read all this. But what can poor Angie do disserved from her other half and shut up in a prison besides."; describes chapel service, ". . . and Chaplain seated a la Beecher opens the service by reading a hymn. A lady commences to sing and all fall in - quiet - devotional - soothing. Chaplain says that the subject for the evening is 'Christ our brother', reads select passages of scripture to suit the4 topic. Prayers follow freely and uncalled for. Perhaps there were 20 gentlemen present. The ladies interspersed singing a la Methodists. There were several short addresses on the 'subject' - all to the point. Dr. Foster's was the best. It was a very pleasant meeting . . ."; snowing all day; Carrie a little better; Montie with "grandma"

Angie fr EFB (Lyme) 26 October [1868]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Clifton Springs NY, "The Cure[?], postmarked Lyme, Oct 28?; received 2 letters from Angie; went to post office with Montie, "'What shall I say to Mama for you,' said I. Crossing is legs in manly style and throwing back his head reflectively he proceeded to dictate in matter and form as follows, 'Tell her to come home just as soon as she can - tell dear Aunt Carrie and uncle Joseph to come and visit with us, tell Mama if she wont write me a little note that I have been a good boy, and worn[?] my sack[?] and not played with fire; that I am well, that nothing has happened to me, that the house has not broken down, that the chairs have not broken down, that the sideboard has not broken down, that the side of the house has not broken down (and so on, cataloguing many things that meet his eye as if he were taking out administration on the estate) . . ."; spa treatment, "Before this reaches you, you will have completed a week. Had you not better take[?] the treatment still further and keep me advised? As to the pay, I think there would be no impropriety nor indecency in your stating privately at headquarters that you have been informed that the families of clergymen are treated as a discount & inquiring whether it be a fact. Whatever sum is charged per week insist in the check. I send you another check for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week which you will have to endorse on delivery, after having inserted the sum. Barlow proposed to send Gennie[?] to our school."

EFB fr Angie (Clifton Springs) 29 October 1868; Carrie gets 3 or 4 letters a day; answer to above letter, received the check, "If there is any improvement in my hearing it is so slight that I am not aware of it. Where Joseph got his

idea that a week's experiment with the air baths would be any test of their efficacy, I cannot tell. I hear nothing like it. Dr. North said this morning that in four or five weeks one would be able to judge of their effects. I feel very sorry that with all this expense the experiment will not really have been made. But I do not feel as if I could stay any longer, even if you thought it best and as I do not know that you do, I intend to return with Joseph. Perhaps I may reach Lyme in the midnight train next Monday."; "I find here here Miss Goodell, the daughter of the Missionary, and Miss Bruse the sister of Mrs. Thompson's sister's husband. . . . There are 2 new occupants of our air bath today - treated for asthma. It takes as much good nature to get along well in our bath as in a stage coach. I am a model. Can't say as much for all the rest. All I ask is the best chance at our [?] window. The rest dose or knit or talk. What do they want of light."

EFB fr Angie (Clifton Springs) 30 October 1868; arrangements to leave with Joseph; "Dr. Foster and Joseph think it a thousand pities that I should leave before any satisfactory result has been gained. And if a week more would do it, I should be tempted, if I knew mother was better, to stay. But as far as I can learn, 3 weeks would be but a drop in the bucket. People come here and stay by the year, and at the expiration of 2 or 3 they are decidedly better."

Angie fr Carrie (Clifton Sprigs) 7 November 1868; heard from Joseph that Angie reached Lyme, glad to know that mother is "more comfortable", "I do not wonder she dreads Dr. Ely's prescription but it must be very trying not to know what to do for her. I certainly hope nature will effect a speedy cure . . ."; Montie glad to see Angie, "It was a long time to leave the dear little fellow."; health; "Was Mr. Burr disgusted with Clifton Springs because you failed to find two good [?]? Your visit here was such a very bright spot for me & though I was conscious of enjoying it exceedingly at the time I hardly realized how much, till your absence made the darkness so apparent. I did not care to make acquaintances while you were here & after you left I felt almost as dismally strange & forlorn as at first when I went down to the dining room or parlor. Several of your friends have inquired after you, particularly Mrs. Nynde who wished to be remembered to you. I delivered your goodbye to Miss Buise. She said she intended to have seen you before you left. I am glad you

retain a pleasant impression of your stay in Clifton Springs. I wish you could have received more benefits & certainly wish I could have your company the remainder of my stay here but the next best thing is to receive your charming letters." ; "Poor J [Joseph, probably], I really feel that I have been very selfish in thinking so much of my own grief & loneliness in being separated so long from those I love, forgetting how deeply it affects him, but I think it will be made up to him by my recovered health & strength. I did feel very broken hearted for awhile but Erma[?, Elmina?] did not leave me in peace very long. By the way, I do not know what she could do especially for my comfort, if she was ever so anxious to express her gratitude but if I find my way you may be sure I shall not hesitate to call on her. I think it would have been better policy to have bestowed the gift on Mrs. Lockwood. I took a sulphur bath this morning & she 'forgot to come for me,' so I had the pleasure of trying my own strength, which may not hurt in the end but gives me such a sense of weariness that I must lay aside my pen & fini9sh my letter another day." [letter continued "Monday Morning"]; "I made another attempt to attend church last evening. 'Eva' who sat on the sofa beside me said the minister was Mr. Hall from Auburn. He was a venerable white haired man but his sermon was excellent & his manner so much like our own ministers it seemed very homelike but I suffered so much from neuralgia in my neck & head before it was closed[?] that I felt quite discouraged. I have been into chapel every morning & enjoy that very much. The service is short & I can have my corner. I am not feeling quite as well this morning but I was conscious of being better last week or the latter part of it. I feel somewhat encouraged. My appetite is quite sufficient & I had less pain & a little more strength I think."

Angie fr Carrie (Clifton Springs) 17 November 1868; health; "I had just taken my 'sponge' & laid down to rest, when Miss Dunbar came I with 5 letters for me. . . My good husband thinks he cannot exist any longer without ocular demonstration that I am improving & as he has business to New York & perhaps to Albany he proposes to reach Clifton Springs on Saturday. I wrote him, when he first mentioned it, not to come for I dreaded so much to be left alone again but I find his heart was so much set upon it, that I bade him come. . . I hope Joseph will be able to see some progress. Sometimes I think I can but it is very little. I did not feel quite as well last week as the week before but yesterday & today better again. But the amount of pain

depends so much on the amount of exertion I make. I have not been into the parlor since you left but whenever the weather will permit use my spare strength I have in walking once or twice across the balcony. I finally concluded[?] to subscribe to the reading room thinking I might like to step in a few minutes after dinner but I have not felt like it & in fact I need every moment's spare time to satisfy in any manner my numerous correspondents. But I accidentally discovered that the members of the reading room were entitled to take back numbers of the magazines to their rooms, which privilege I have been very glad to avail myself of. I have changed my seat at the table, though I was sorry to leave Mrs. Nynde, but you know I could not carry on much conversation at the table with her & a very unruly disagreeable child took the seat on the other side, so I had no communication with any one at the table. Joseph told Michael to give me a seat with those Hartford ladies when they made a change, so we sit at the table where Mrs. Long[?] was. She left this morning. I like Mrs. Jerome much the best. Mrs. Billings[?] is very stiff in her manners & opinions. I have had your wish a great many times - that I could find one or two ladies just to my mind with whom I might feel well acquainted. That would suffice for my limited social abilities & be very pleasant but that is just what I do not seem to find. Mrs. Spencer has been in to see me once or twice & I have been in her room but she is no more inclined to be easy & affable than myself, though I really think she means to be very kind. She is the wife of that gentleman Joseph knew. I always stop & say a few words to Miss Briese[?] when I meet her. You remember Mrs. Hayden. I enjoy going in to see her very much. She is very sociable & like to have company. I meet Mrs. Nynde every day either in the hall as we come out of the dining room or in going to the chapel & after sit on the sofa together. She inquires after you & was quite pleased when I told her today I had heard from you & Mother was more comfortable, for which I trust I am very thankful. I have thoughts of her so many times & feared she was suffering very much. I do hope now the pain is better the soreness will soon pass away. Tell Mother I do not know whether she will consider it a particularly good symptom or not but I really think I am getting to have her 'flashes.' I am wakened several times during the night with a feeling of intense heat as also during the day." ; [continued Tuesday Evening] "I have been confined to my room 4 or 5 days with a carbuncle & owing to the pain of this & sleepless nights I have suffered from neuralgia in my neck & head the whole time. I have been able to be up around my

room some today & hope in a few days to o down stairs. Rather trying to poor human nature but if these things are so beneficial as Dr. North professes to think I must be resigned & take it as a part of the treatment. By the way I am to lose my Dr when the 'Grand Panjandum' returns next week. I hear there is a young doc coming to take his place. Now you can easily imagine this is not very agreeable. For some reason the [?] has not left these parts & I am still favored with Mrs. Lockwood's attention & inattention. I see by a Bulletin J [Joseph] sent me that Ed[?] has been nominated as one of 'the [?] of the Cars[?] of 90.' What this is you will probably understand better than I do. Joseph has also received an appointment which he considers quite flattering. He goes to Washington the first week in Jan probably to be the bearer of the Electoral votes of the state. Have you heard Mr. Hyde's last plans? He has written to Joseph urging him in the strongest language to force if necessary Mosely to a payment & with the money bring a horse [?] New York. . . I hear Millie has been to N 'on a shopping excursion' but I fancy to have a personal interview with Miss M[?]. If so I shall be anxious to know the results. J said she was very thin." [continued on Wednesday]; clothing; "I think I am improving in all respects & shall hope to be able to leave my room tomorrow. Mrs. Spencer was in here this afternoon. She had a new dress which looked so nice & comfortable that I remarked on the same. She said she thought a good deal of it because it was made out of an old one. It was originally a magenta merino[?] with black spots & she had it dyed a dark [?] color showing[?] the black spots of course. It as made for a morning dress & was very handsome. It reminded me of your dress & I think if it were mine I would not have it dyed black but some dark color for the figure will show."

Angie fr Carrie (Clifton Springs) Tuesday [c. 20 December 1868]; Carrie's health, "rather poorly", "A week ago last Friday I had one of my very severe attacks of neuralgia. I had been suffering all day & especially in the evening. Dr. north had been in two or three times & left medicine & said he would come in again but either forgot me or supposed I would get along. Mrs. L [Lockwood?] did not come in & after the gas was turned off I knew I must trust in my Heavenly Father alone for help. My head was nearly bursting & how I could live till morning I did not know. About 12 I heard the watchman & knocked on the wall. He came in & wanted to know what he could do. I sent him for the Dr. who made his appearance immediately & never left me

for two hours except to call Emma who applied hot fomentations to my head, neck, stomach etc, all night. About 5 I got a little [?] & slept a little. Dr. North wanted to know if I had had many such attacks as that & what had relieved them. I told him nothing but morphine. But I must not make too long a story. I did not seem to get over the attack entirely & Sunday & Monday was confined to my bed with another headache though not violent. Still it does not leave me & I fear I am not going to feel very well at present. I asked Dr. North this morning why it was so. He said, 'O, you are falling under the influence of the treatment now, have got thoroughly stirred up, & the system is making a great effort to throw off the morbid matter which has been accumulating for years & of course you feel worse than when it was in a dormant state.' So much for their theory & for ought I can see, we must accept it & hope for a better state of things by & by. This seems rather discouraging at the end of nearly three months treatment & I think will try the faith & patience of us all in the Water Cure. I do hope to feel better before J [Joseph] makes his next visit which will be after his trip to Washington & Annapolis, the sec'd week in Jan. . . I must tell you the surprise he got up for me for Christmas. He had three pictures taken, one of Sam & Ed, taken when they were home Thanksgiving, one of Lizzie alone & a [?] of himself Hal & Lib. . . I am very much disappointed in Lizzie's picture - especially the one taken along. I thought when I first looked at it I should not have known it was her. . . I think you will be glad to hear that I have at last been able to make a very happy exchange of rooms. It is a north room on the platform. Do you remember up a few steps on the same floor. It is very small but has a bright pretty carpet & black walnut furniture & best of all a luxurious bed. I can hardly tell you what I suffered from the wretched bed in No. 9. There are very few such rooms in the house & I fully believe a kind Providence made this opening for me. . . I have fully appreciated it since I have been confined to my room & bed so much. I believe I have not been down stairs but one day since I wrote before or been into the chapel. I am feeling some better today. Dr. North says I am going to come out of this before a great while & I shall find I have taken a long step ahead. We will hope so. I shall be very sorry to have Dr. North leave as I suppose he will tomorrow. Dr. Foster I hear arrived yesterday but I have neither seen or heard him yet. Miss Dunbar expressed herself very much delighted at seeing him. What he will do with me I am wanting anxiously to learn. I dread very much

being turned over to one of the other Physicians." ; describes plants in her room; "A great many of the patients have left. The dining room was getting to look quite deserted the last time I was there & I hear of some new ones leaving every day. Some of them are coming back, after two or three weeks & I suppose there will be some new ones. Miss Buse[?] came in on Monday to bid me goodbye. . . "I must tell you what a treat Ed & George had. The Yale ball club decided to send a delegate to the Washington Convention & Ed was the fortunate one. So he had a chance to see the wonders of the Capitol & make George a short visit which was duly appreciated."

Angie fr Carrie (Clifton Springs) 29 December 1868; "I had a severe attack of neuralgia Christmas Eve which prevented my going down to the parlor to see the 'trees' which I had been hoping to do all the week & which I think, from the accounts I have heard, must have been beautiful to look at. A party went to Rochester a day or two before & procured a great many bunches of flowers from the hot house there. Miss Dunbar - I do remember my faults this day - told me she had a beautiful bouquet & Dr. Foster received a large basket of flowers of the choicest kinds. Some of those that adorned the tree were sent around the next day to 'the room patients' & your humble servant was made happy by receiving a wee bunch. Of course my Christmas was passed mostly on the bed but I tried to be as 'merry' as possible over a bit of roast turkey & a piece of mince pie which was brought for my dinner. It would have been difficult for me to have realized that it was indeed the 'merry festival' we think so much of at home had I not heard the 'greeting' so many times repeated in the hall & heard sundry significant sounds of trumpets etc. I am glad dear little Montie was made - this is that beautiful ink you admired so much - happy by a Christmas tree. There seems to be a great fascination about them to all children & grown up people too, who enjoy seeing children happy. . . I finished that pair of red stockings Lizzie commenced so long ago & was going to send them by mail judging from the rate of the engraving you sent me but I wanted to send an apron I had made for Lib since I have been here so she would get it at Christmas & Emma when she came in for my bath offered to take it to the Office & put on the necessary stamps & when she came back she surprised me by saying she had to put on 6 which I thought would be as much as the stockings were worth. I was sorry to hear Sa [Sarah] had been sick again. Poor child, I don't know what is best for her. I should feel very bad to have her go away & yet I can see it is bad

for Mr. Hyde to have his family so far away from his business. I am sorry Millie can not come home to see her mother oftener. . . J [Joseph] wrote me he heard Wm. Morrison was married to Ann Packer but as you have never mentioned it concluded it is not so. Have you had any sleighing? It has been constant good sleighing here the whole of this month. . . Mrs. Thorp froze her cheek quite badly going out a short time Christmas day."; "I want to 'state a few more facts' as Mother used to say & as I must lie down I shall be obliged to use a pencil. I have taken a few extra steps today which is the cause of the increased pain in my spinal column tonight but I have been slowly creeping up the hill since last Friday & hope to escape any more acute attacks. Did I tell you some time ago that Dr. North was trying Electricity up & down the back. After that severe attack in the night he ordered it 'suspended for the present.' He said the spinal cord as too much excited. Then I went through a vigorous course of cupping[?] without any apparent effect & now have the ice bags applied again. Dr. Foster returned about a week ago & very pleasant it seemed to see his assisting countenance around. There is something in his face or presence that inspires one with hope & confidence. I hold him one morning when he came in to see me my husband was very anxious to know what he thought of me. 'Tell him I think you are a very good woman.' I told him he knew that already & wanted he should tell him something he did not know so well. Whereupon we had quite a laugh. He said it might be a long road & a devious one but he expected I was going to get well. Joseph wrote Dr. North before he left that he was very anxious Dr. Foster should attend to me when he went away & he is doing so at present. Dr. North was very kind to me & I felt sorry to have him leave. Miss Dunbar expressed a great deal of pleasure at seeing her adopted father. She had her arms full of pretty books one morning when she came in with my letters, which she said he had just given to her. I went to her room this morning to state your case. She said they had some ointment which she thought would relieve all the symptoms if you used it long enough. She said she got some put up for me. I expect J [Joseph] here the first of next week on his return from W[ashington] & I will get him either to send it to you or take it as far as Lyme. . . I went to chapel this morning the first time in many weeks & such a little handful of people. There was no one to play the organ & an old gentleman with a tremendous voice did the singing. There are a great many patients confined to their rooms Mrs. L says. There are four regular nurses & they think there

ought to be another one. The change I mentioned has not been made after all & I am very glad for I dislike Kate as a nurse very much."; plants froze; ". . . I was able to go down & eat a New Years dinner – roast turkey or pint[?] oysters with tomatoes - & cranberries & mince pie & ice cream!"; "Last evening Dr. Foster & Dunbar gave me an examination & Dr. F pronounced me in better condition than he expected. In some points there was quite a gain & yet judging from my own feelings I am no better than when you were here. After supper I sat down in the parlor for an hour. I believe the first time since you were here & now I am suffering from that bad pain in the back of my head & neck. But I somehow have a great deal of faith in the Dr's opinion & have now pretty good courage. In fact it is quite a marvel to me that I am able to be in every measure reconciled to this prolonged separation from my family but I cling to the hope that I may be able to be of more use & comfort to my family than I have been the last two or three years. Perhaps you will be interested to know that my brown merino [a dress?] made its first appearance at the dinner table today. After waiting several weeks hoping to feel well enough to commence the work of remodeling it myself when J was here at Thanksgiving he found a dressmaker in the village – not the [?] one who was to have it done if possible the week after. She brought it back this week Monday but to my disgust after she left I discovered several grievous faults which I have been using all my spare time & strength to [?] to correct. I have needed a dress for morning wear very much . . ."; mentions other patients, reading group

EFB ["My Dear Sir"] fr Anson J. Beach (Deerfield Center NH) 3 Sept 1868; with envelope addressed to D.F. Burr, D.D., Lyme, CT, postmarked Deerfield; in answer to EFB and Mrs. Burr's letter; "The many kind notes from different individuals at H have made it very hard for me to say that I could not take up my labors at that post again. Indeed, all along, if I had [?] my feelings & inclinations I should have returned to you; for I love my old scholars, every one of them. I have so often & so long carried them to Jesus, that they seem a part of my very self. The people too I like, & the place. But shall I tell you just how the whole matter seemed to me in looking it all over? In the first place I was not well & strong enough to do all the work in such a school, & do it well. 2<sup>nd</sup> The difficulty of finding anyone who could afford to labor with me. 3<sup>rd</sup> My own primary embarrassment. 4<sup>th</sup> Without any seeking of my own a situation has offered to me which promises to away with

these difficulties I should [?] in returning to H. 5<sup>th</sup> If I left, you might be able to find someone who could do all the work, & so not need an assistant. On the other hand I know how unfortunate it is for a school to be constantly changing teachers. I have made a beginning & know perhaps the needs of the scholars better than another could know them for some months to come. Neither have I been unmindful of all your painstaking, all the care & expense you have bestowed upon the school. The interest you put in its welfare & now the trouble & care it will give you to find a new teacher, one who will labor dutifully for the highest good of the pupils. . . ."

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Angie fr Carrie (Clifton Springs) 18 Jan 1869; ". . . my days are so occupied with one thing & another that I find very little time for writing letters. They are all pleasant people in this hall & inclined to be very social & in some respects it is very pleasant but I find these frequent calls & chats by the way, take up a great deal of my spare time. You may be surprised to find I have discovered a sort of cousin among them. Mrs. Spencer told me soon after I came to the Cure, that there was a lady here who was very anxious to see me, as her maiden name was Selden but as she was mostly confined to the room I did not have the opportunity, till I moved to this hall & into the room she had just exchanged for one a trifle larger, a few doors beyond. Mrs. Frazier[?] says the Seldens are all cousins & when Joseph was here he & Mrs. Bickford concluded there was no doubt about it. The first time he came here she saw him & without knowing his name, she remarked to a lady that that gentleman looked so much like one of her brothers whose name was Joseph Selden. She is very lady-like & lovely in her manners, evidently one of the first families in Chicago, yet assuming so airs & quite fond of her new cousins. I did not intend to spin so long a yarn about Mrs. Bickford & will hasten to mention some one more interesting to you. Can you guess what particular friend of yours made a short visit to Clifton? No less a personage than Miss Beach. Perhaps you have heard her speak of Mrs. McKin[?] I understood her, Miss B, to say her husband was a partner of two gentlemen in whose family she is staying and she came with Mr. McKinsty[?] on a visit to his wife about a week since. I went into the parlor that evening for a wander[?] & Miss Goodell came & introduced Miss Beach as a particular friend of my sister. It was so sudden & unexpected a meeting I could not recall

all I knew of her at once but with some hints from herself I remembered she was teaching in a family & that you wrote to her from here. She was very much surprised to find me well enough to be out of my room, as she had judged from your letters I was suffering so much. I do not wonder you loved her so well she appears so lovely. Mrs. Bickford & one or two other ladies were sitting on the sofa with me that evening & she had just remarked 'what a fine face that lady had' referring to Miss Beach, when Miss Goodell spoke to me. She told me Dr. Foster advised her to remain a month or two. A few days before she had taken a long sleigh ride which had brought on some old troubles but she had not come prepared to stay & thought it would not be necessary. She wished me to remember her to you but perhaps she has written you herself before this."; saw Miss Phillips in chapel; enjoyed Joseph's visit, "He treated me to a sleigh ride - the first time I had been outside the Cure - and though a very short one I was as much exhausted as I used to be after my short rides at your house & did not get rested for a day or two but the Dr said it was because I had used a new set of muscles. Thursday I thought I would venture a little further than usual, to make sure that I was using all the strength I had & walked around at the end of the parlor towards the gymnasium but I have not felt as well since. So I suppose the only way for me to do, is to try to wait patiently for health & strength to come as Dr. Foster is so confident it will in time. But it is very trying to be away from my family so long. J encourages me to think they are getting along nicely at home though missing me sadly."; [mother suffering with rheumatism], "Did she think it was a result of taking cold?"; "I did not know that you were 'confused' in Dr. Foster's presence. Don't you remember I used to say he always worked me up into a fever by his dubious way of talking to me & even now I hardly know how to take him sometimes. Last evening he opened the door & looked in. 'Well, you have not been good today.' I, of course opened my eyes & inquired what I had done amiss. He said I had not been to his office. I said he did not tell me to do so. He 'thought it was time some of his calls were returned.' I told him the pain in my neck was bad. 'Yes, stiff necked & rebellious, this is because you have not done your duty.' Then he looks at me & laughs & enjoys my somewhat puzzled or confused look. Whether he wishes to be relieved of the trouble of coming to my room or designed it as a little joke I am left to surmise. But he has been very kind & attentive calling twice every day & always has some little 'pleasantry' - Indeed, I am not the woman of

the Institution. I see those so much worse than myself I feel that I never ought to complain. I laugh at Joseph for talking & writing to the Dr as though his wife was of more consequence than all the rest. J only stayed three days the last time & it seemed very short - & made my heart ache to have him leave me. Still it is a great satisfaction on the whole to us both. He proposes to leave home the last of next month for one of his long business trips & he will take Clifton Springs into his route."; weather, sunny, "I always walk out on the balcony whenever I can, sometimes two or three times a day I inhale as much of the 'genuine article' as possible though it savors so strongly of sulphur I cannot relish it. I believe it is just as disagreeable to me as it was when I first came here. I hope you have received the ointment which J took with him & was going to have Ed leave at Lyme when he returned to New Haven. When I asked Miss Dunbar[?] what was the damage she said 'fiddle' & turned away quite insulted. Mrs. Jerome[?] is still here & has grown very lively & pleasant since Mrs. Kellogg left. I do not know why it was but she seemed very much subdued when Mrs. K arrived. Her husband made her a visit a week since. I only saw him at the table. He was quite a pleasant looking gentleman & not old but quite bald. I wrote to J I much preferred gray heads to bald ones. He was written to Monty[?] who writes it is impossible to furnish the money at present but promises great things for the future. My room has the same view tht you had & though it is small it is very pleasant. The pretty carpet & furniture make all the difference in the world. If it only had a few hours of sunlight each day it would be all I could ask but I cannot make up my mind to change it for one on the other side of the hall, with poor fixings & that dismal roof. It is abundantly warm & there is not danger of either myself or plants freezing when I leave the window too far down. Do you remember after Mother Selden died, exchanging my velvet hat and some other things for green backs? And my mother gave me \$5 when she came to Norwich two years ago to buy me something nice. Well, I have kept those sums intending to treat myself some day, and when Joseph was here I asked him the probable value of my old watch chain & expense of a new one. The result of all this was my receiving last week a suspiciously bulky letter which on being opened, revealed a small box containing a beautiful chain with a little jet cross for a chain which my husband said was his gift. So dear sister, I have what I have long wanted & receiving it as a present I do not consider it as an extravagance. I look upon it with a great deal of pleasure remembering

three very dear friends. . . I was glad to hear Sa [Sarah] was well. Are the boys attending Miss Conklin's school this winter? . . ."

Angie ("Dear Sister Angie") fr E.H. Burr [EFB's mother or sister-in-law?] (Weston) 6 Aug [1869?]; "Yours of Aug 1<sup>st</sup> we have received. We thank you for your kind & cordial invitation to visit Hamburg & our will is to accept of it. But I have been quite unwell for some months with disease of the heart, & though for a week or two past I have felt a little better, yet I do not feel able to endure well the fatigue, even of so short a journey. Besides, my husband thinks he cannot leave home to stay more than a single night, except in his vacation, which you know he is not accustomed to take until Oct. And now as it is not convenient for us to visit you, we return the compliment to ask you to visit us. It is your vacation, & we do not see anything to hinder your coming to Weston, bringing the 'Prince Imperial' along, & Grandma also. So come, & we will do the agreeable & the best of our ability. And please remember that you live as near to us, as we do to you, & that it is a long time since you have been here & that I have never seen your 'olive plant'. Hoping to have a favorable answer from you, I remain yours sincerely, E.H. Burr"

Angie fr Carrie (Clifton Springs) 12 Feb 1869; ". . . I was just recovering from a very severe neuralgic headache when your letter came to cheer my loneliness & in just a week from the time I was able to get out of my room after that attack I was seized with another still more violent [?] which resisted all the remedies for 24 hours & did not leave me very easy for several days. I am once more slowly creeping up the hill but have not felt well enough to go to the dining room yet. I asked Dr. Foster if he did not think it very discouraging when I had been under the discipline of the Water Cure more than 4 months. He said No, it had not discouraged him one bit. It had developed some new features of the case & he should change the treatment. I fancy he has decided it is too tough a case to be cured by those infinitesimal homeopathic doses & I am now taking 6 large black pills a day. He calls it Sulph of Beburin[?] & says 'it will sometimes knock this kind of neuralgia higher than a kite.' I have taken fresh courage & am waiting to see it fly. Joseph has been very confident I should be able to go home the 1<sup>st</sup> of Apr & the children are counting the weeks when they can see their Mother but the Dr says I must not set my heart upon it, for he did not

think it will be safe for me to leave here before settled[?] weather & talks about balmy air. We do not have much of that before June & not even then last Spring. But I earnestly hope for better thinks. My heart is sick with hope so long deferred. Now, my good sister before I go any further I propose to give you a small scolding for leaving my carelessly written sheets in the Revds[?] way. I have always felt as safe as a 'bug in a rug' to scribble all manner of nonsense not dreaming his honor would deign to glance at them. But I must say I have seldom in the course of my life felt more highly complimented or more amazed that he should have waded through the entire letter. . . [excuses for not writing her mother sooner, many people have colds] . . . "Dr. Foster was saying this morning he had hardly known such a winter 20 years, so mild & yet sleighing the entire season. He says sometimes they do not get out a sleigh at all. We have a great many days that seem like Apr, the snow melting & running off in streams & yet before it is entirely gone another snowstorm makes it appearance. I was quite distressed to know your eyes were giving out again & cannot help wondering you try to manufacture collars when they can be bought equally good - poor economy sister dear it seems to me. . . do not attempt to write if it hurts your eyes. . . [re sewing, clothing] I feel I am quite too late to make any suggestions in regard to your dress - but if not I would make the skirt without a trail - nearly[?] the same length all around & trim it with the same if you have abundance of material, either a straight piece about  $\frac{1}{4}$  yd wide plaited to resemble fluting fastened at the bottom or a bias flounce bound on each edge & plaited short distance from the top, not very full or you can put some narrow trimming at the top of the flounce & save binding one edge & this same[?] trimming would finish the waist & sleeves or they could have a narrow ruffle of the same but as you know you cannot very well go amiss in trimmings. I wish I could send you a pattern of the gored skirt for you ought not to attempt to cut one without. They are made without any plaiting except two or three small plaits on the hips[?] & perfectly plain in front - the back breadth not gored but gathered full. I will give you the width of the different gores in my [?] - front 30 inches 2° 19 in 3° 22 in & whole breadth of the [?] back. Your friend Mr. [?] is back again so I concluded he is receiving some benefits from the air-baths. I walked around there one evening with a lady before going up to my room & I do assure you my pity[?] was more strongly enlisted for your experience therein[?] than ever. They have a dismal look from the outside & I earnestly hope I

shall not have occasion to take an interior view. The 'deaf girl' has become my next door neighbor & sits opposite me at the table. Miss Phillips told me she was improving slowly & if she had the means to stay here for a year while her health was restored she should probably regain her hearing. I have been disappointed in not receiving a visit from my husband this month as I expected, for the Lock business is in commotion[?] & J is determined to get out of it, if he loses every cent he has invested and he thinks he shall feel 10 years younger when he is relieved of the load he has carried the last three years. Bu I cannot help feeling sad that he should have so much time, energy & money. I do not know what is before us but J writes very cheerfully & hopes it will be all for the best. If there is any prospect of my returning in Apr I do not think he will come before. . . You need not envy my 'lady like life', 'The stern realities of housekeeping' would be much more to my mind. I have quite lost my relish for Water-Cure [?] of late but as I do not seem to fall away I need not complain. . . [visit from Miss Goodell] . . . Have you ever seen a book entitled 'The Cross Bearer'? Dr. Foster lent it to me one Sabbath & I was very much pleased with it & hope to own the book someday. . ."

Angie fr Carrie (Clifton Springs) 13 March 1869; re Angie's eyes, weather, snow, ". . . the sleigh bells still jingle as noisily as ever & without any cessation since November. My good husband returned & spent last Sabbath with me & treated me to a fine sleigh ride on Monday morning before he left, which I hardly need say I enjoyed exceedingly 'notwithstanding' some fatigue but this was less than before & the Dr acknowledged I was getting so independent he believed he should have to haul[?] down & say I could go home after all before May. I am gaining strength & flesh (I will have you to guess how much I weigh) more decidedly the last few weeks, but I cannot perceive that the trouble in my back is much relieved or is likely to be. It mars the joyful anticipation of seeing my home & children to think I must return with the same poor back, but the Dr confidently asserts that the trouble is purely neuralgic & will gradually disappear. I can only hope it may be so. . . [weather, etc.] . . . The time for my return will depend somewhat on J's business arrangements. I did sympathize with you in your dismay at the result of Mr. Burr shopping but am very glad you got out of it so well. I am in such a fair way to sport a new dress. I am sure it will look very nicely. I am troubled to think of your destitution after the 1<sup>st</sup> of April but I hope you will be able to supply

yourself with some efficient substitute. It is so early in the season to commence housecleaning I fear you will take cold. I do not know whether Ellen will make any exertions in that direction before I go home though it would be very much like her & would be a great relief to me if I did not feel that there must be some change in the carpets, one or two new ones, for I know some of them will not hold together to be shaken again. I thought so last spring & perhaps the '[?] on ways & means' will not be forthcoming this spring no more than last. But I think even ragged carpets will not prevent my home from being dearest spot on earth to me. . . Joseph did not succeed in accomplishing all his business & returned to Clifton to spend the Sabbath starting for home in an early train this morning, leaving me rather lonely. I did so long to go with him but I must get my courage skewed up to endure this separation from my family for another month. Ed will be home then to welcome his mother. He writes that he enjoyed Mr. Burr lecture exceedingly & regrets that he was obliged to discontinue them. Many thanks for a picture of the 'JD'. I shall take it in & show it to Miss Phillips. I was sorry to hear that Uncle Franklin & Aunt Catherine were so much afflicted in the illness [of?] their daughter. Is it not strange that she & her mother should have had consumption. How long it has been since I have seen Uncle & Aunt. I think I visited them with you once but it is so long ago I cannot tell when or how it happened. You will miss your correspondence with Uncle Holleck. Has mother any other brothers living besides Uncle Franklin? I was surprised to hear of Mrs. Lord's trip to Washington. Judging from her appearance when I have seen her she must have had some 'fixing' to do or did she go just as she was? It is melancholy to think the Griffin girls are so delicate. When is Eva expected home? Does Mary get along nicely with her two babies? Did I write you Prof Mather of Amhurst has brought his wife here. It seems she spent a year here before her marriage. Her own physician thought she could not live but a short time when she was brought here & Dr. Foster says it was no [???] she would have died if she had not come here. She completed the cure by going 'abroad' for a year afterward & she says she had enjoyed very comfortable health since till the last year. I find her very pleasant & enjoy her society more than most of the ladies here. Your old friend Mrs. Lynch[?] is [?] gaining very fast now. She thinks she will remain till June. Do excuse this soiled sheet. I went to my desk for a half sheet to scribble a little more while lying down to rest after my bath this afternoon & did not observe how bad it looked till I turned it over. Give

my love to Mother & tell her I am beginning to anticipate her strawberry visit this year with more than ordinary pleasure. . ."

"My dear Cousin" [Angie?] fr Elizabeth L. (Auburn NY) 23 Aug 1869; "During the present summer I have often been reminded of my little visit to you two years ago, which was so pleasantly & unfortunately interrupted (if you can fancy such a [?] occurrence). I came up here in March with Uncle Burr to make him & his family a little [?] visit. I was an invalid during the winter and the journey so wearied me I was obliged to prolong my visit. Then I seemed to be gaining and the Dr. [illegible. . .] seemed to understand my case and do [??] until he left for his return farewell trip. I made many pleasant friends here by that time and so I am here yet. The past year has been one of great discipline to me but its close has been quiet & [?]. My new [?] should come in September as then I should seem to make my beginnings, and this year I trust will end as it bids [?] to begin with good health. I [?] tell you what Uncle Burr[? Brown?] has been to me. Indeed his coming home at this particular time seemed one of the providences of my life. You probably [?] John Lord and he told you of their intended trip overland. I was a very pleasant journey. We hear from Aunt Elizabeth they sailed from San Francisco Aug 4<sup>th</sup> and by this time must be in Yokohama. I suppose you have heard that Uncle is in the employ of the Japanese Government and is to open a school at Niigata[?] which in time will become a college. Will your husband think it too much of an undertaking to cross the continent & go to Japan to lecture to students there. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed Rev Burr's book which he so kindly sent me. I lent[?] it very generally among my acquaintances, even to the little shopmen[?]at the corner, who 'considered[?] that anybody in the country could write such a book.' His idea of learning was [?] to his minister tho he read the daily paper. Will Mr. Burr favor the world and the little shopmen with anything more? I hope so. Our family [?] broken up now but Mother will begin housekeeping in Sept. I wish you would come and see us then. I often think of the pleasant days spent with you and wish I could return the [?] . . ."

Envelope addressed to Rev E.F. Burr, Westport, Conn, postmarked Lyme July 31.

Angie fr EFB (Fairpoint) 29 [July? 1869?]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, New London Co., CT,

postmarked Jamestown NY, July 31; "I did not write to you yesterday tho' I sent you a paper wh. Contained somethings that will be almost as new to you as they were to myself. As my lecture was unwritten & I had no chance to look over what the reporters took down they have made not a few blunders. It seemed very well received and Dr. Vincent was unwise enough to say that it was 'the most magnificent lecture that Chautauqua had had in the whole course of its history!' Another man came on the platform after the lecture and said, 'The best thing I ever heard - I swear' So you see the religious impression I made was very poor. Yesterday I had a public 'breaking of lances[?]' with Prof. Winchell on the Neb. Hypothesis which seemed to give the people considerable amusement and was conducted with good nature. I have been asked to go to Jamestown[?] tomorrow to preach by one of the Presbyterian pastors there and shall probably go. We have now very sufficient lodgings & very excellent board; and the Scientific Cong. Being one I am tempted to stay a few days and rest; for thus far the parts[?] I have taken have been wearing rather otherwise. Nothing from home yet. Address me at 'Fairpoint, Chautauqua Co., New York'. Most Aff. E.F.B."

Angie fr Sa, 13 Dec 1869; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Bayonne NJ, Jan 11; finished Ed & Harry's shirts; weather; "We manage to keep pretty comfortable. The kitchen is so small and the range so large there is no difficulty in keep[ing] warm there. In the sitting room it is not so easy but still practicable thus far but if we should have very cold weather I think we may shiver some. We keep the fire all night and it is decidedly comfortable to dress by in the morning. . . Now after finishing up the day's work I have still half an hour more or less of daylight left which I should like to improve in writing but with Freddie sitting very close to me I fear I shall not make very rapid progress. I had a charming walk to church yesterday in the afternoon through a pleasing mixture of soft snow and mud and once I came near slipping down but I dexterously managed to maintain an upright position. Mr. Jones gave us a very good sermon and I rode home behind two nicely trotting black horses, a nice young lady in the seat beside me and two nice young gentlemen on the front seat - very nice to be sure, only I was miserably chilly riding where as I was very comfortable walking. These good people gave Mr. Hyde a ride home in the morning. The boys seem to be much interested in the Sabbath school which is held at nine in the morning and meets again at half past 2 for singing - Just now they are

practicing some songs for their twelfth anniversary. Mr. Lane, the superintendent, who kindly gave me a ride home two Sabbaths ago, told me the children had not found any fault with the tunes selected this time. Sometimes they say 'couldn't you find any better tune than that' and other things equally complimentary. I thought they were not afraid to speak their minds. It would do you good to see how finely Harry progresses. He is studying Geography and arithmetic and is also learning to write quite fast I think. Willie is doing pretty well too and like going much better than he expected. Albert is studying at home and assists me and I should miss him sadly if he father should succeed in finding a place for him of which there seems no immediate prospect. Freddie is in excellent health and says 'praps Aunt Angie will come here sometime and Montie' and I encourage the hope. Oh Angie if you could come how happy I should be. Are you without a girl yet? I hope not as Carrie says I am always troubled about you when you have no girl. Many thanks for the handkerchiefs that Millie brought me. I take a [great] deal of comfort wearing the green dress of Carrie's in the evening. It is so chilly and cold then that I cannot be comfortable at all in the same dress I wear in the morning. Mr. Hyde wishes me to ask Mr. Burr for a letter of recommendation for us to the first Reformed Church of the city of Bayonne NY. . . Mr. H says he paid \$1.20 for two plough points for Mr. McCurdy and asked him to pay the same to Mr. Burr. Did he do so?"

Angie ("Dearest") fr EFB (Greens Farms) 21 August [1869? or 1870?; ". . . I have had half a mind to go home today but I have some small iron in the fire here and would like to pass another Sabbath somewhere away so I think that unless there is some special pressure for me at Lyme I will try to contain myself in these parts another week. . . I remember that the ferryman told me that Mr. Sam Ely had a ham[?] to sell at the time I purchased the [?] If you are out of the article perhaps you had better send [?] but if you can endure till next Monday I will if possible bring you both ham and coffee . . . [preached in Southport] . . . Mr. Perry, as I left, put into my hand a copy of 'Enoch Arden' to be presented to my wife . . . thought perhaps that you had a liking to the first part of the name . . . The [?] Salts of Lemon I will try to remember. I am sorry I did not bring with me the old daguerreotype of my mother; as [?] are disposed to have some painted photographs taken from it. . ."

Angie fr Sa (Bayonne NJ) 16 April 1870; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Bayonne NJ, illegible date; "I had another attack of sore throat a few days ago more severe than the first. I went to the Druggists and asked Dr. Derby if he had anything for a sore throat. After looking at my throat he prescribed a gargle, which on trial I thought the most disagreeable preparation I had ever put into my mouth, a mustard plaster on the outside but not to be kept on long enough to produce a blister, and besides I was to sweat my throat by holding my face over a pail of boiling hot water and covering both with a sheet for four or five minutes. I thought at first I should suffocate during the last operation but my throat was so painful that I was willing to do almost anything and the result of the whole was truly delightful and my recovery was rapid. Mr. Morris also sent me a box of Bushton's[?] cherry pectoral Troches[?] by Albert and between the two I hope to keep the enemy at bay but Mr. Folger told me last evening at the preparatory lectures that this is a climate for sore throat. However he consoled me by telling me I should get acclimated after a while. But all this is not at all what I set out to say. I asked Dr. Derby how long children could give the whooping cough after they began to cough and he said only for two or three weeks. Now will commenced coughing before the middle of March and Freddie before the 1st of April so you see, according to Dr. Derby there will be do danger of Montie's taking the disorder and therefore may we not hope to see you here before long. . . [weather, admitted to church, letter continued on Monday] . . . I enclose for Montie a choice specimen off Willie's manufacture which he forgot to send in his own letter. He does not cough much now but he has been troubled with the earache a great deal lately but he has not had it today and I hope he will not have it again. Freddie coughs pretty hard especially in wet weather. Millie has had very much such a sore throat as Albert and I have I should judge from her account of it but was quite well when she wrote. . . [in a separate note] I fear we shall not see you so soon as I hoped on account off the whooping cough but it is a good time of the year to have it. I have had a very severe cold myself - 4 days of headache and 8 days of painful sore throat has used up a considerable portion of my strength and spirits but my throat is decidedly better today and I feel much encouraged. Shall I write to Sister Hannah and inform her of Brother Francis' death or have you done so. . ."

Angie fr Sa, 24 June 1870; "Your letter of June 14<sup>th</sup> was like — Oh what shall I liken it with! Well, a bath on the shady side of Lake Rogers this hot afternoon. . . [looking forward to Angie & mother's visit] It will not disturb my domestic arrangements at all. I can make up a bed on the floor for Montie in your room, or he can sleep up stairs with Harry, as you prefer. As to 'how much I can stand' I think I can stand a good deal of that sort of thing. Now, as to my coming to see you the thing is not to be thought of for this reason, that Ed, in whom I depended to keep house during my absence, a little more than a week ago, was offered a place at S.H. & G's which as Albert says, he indignantly accepted, so there is nothing for me now but to stay at home. I trust therefore my dear friends will come the oftener to see me. I wonder when Carrie proposes to make me a visit. I have not written to her for an age. I have so much to do and am such a miserably slow hand at doing anything that requires any exertion, owing to natural indolence combined with the languor inseparable from hot weather, that I have not found time . . . We hear often from Mille and she seems to be enjoying herself. I was not surprised to learn of Mr. Parker's marriage. I should not think they would remain in H. Mr. H. received \$2.50 frn Mr. Burr. I did not think we owed a whole year's slip rent. Did Mr. Burr include the money he received from Mr. McCurdy? He did not mention it. . . [re Angie's visit] if you go to the Bergen Point Station you will find Mr. Connelly waiting there with two carriages and he will take you here for fifty cents. If you should find both carriages engaged he will come back for you, if you ask him to — very soon — Or if you should by any mishap miss the hack, you can cross the street to the Real Estate Exchanges which is nearly opposite the station to the left and there you will find Albert most likely, who will be able to give you further instructions. . ."

Angie fr EFB [nd]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, no postmark, stamp removed; plans to arrive at Lyme on Monday morning.

Angie fr EFB (N. Haven) Wed 29 [29 July 1870?]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, Conn, postmarked New Haven, July 30; was in Greens Farms, attended meeting of Alumni[?], ". . . This afternoon our address is to be delivered before[?] noon[?] at the North Church by President Chapin of Beloit College Wisconsin. In the evening Wendell Philips deliver an oration after which I propose to start for New York by steamer. I hear that

Mr. Brainerd preached a sermon 80 minutes long last evening which is spoken of in the 'so, so way'. Last Sabbath I preached for B & have sold my hay and as soon as I can see it safely in the barn I shall return. . . "

Angie fr EFB (Westport) Aug, Friday [circa 17 Aug 1870]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme CT, by Mr. Belden to box, postmarked Westport, Aug 17; expects to go to NY this PM; ". . . Wm has consented to oversee my auctions so that I propose to reach home Monday eve . . . As to the spon[?] I have my doubts as to the propriety of my attempting to trade in such articles - afraid I shall not [?] you. . ."

EFB (Rev. Dr. Burr) fr Austin Phelps (Saratoga NY) 20 Oct 1875; [entire letter, re Clifton Springs] Oct 20 1875/ Saratoga N.Y./ Rev Dr. Burr/ Dear Brother/ An intelligent answer to your inquiry about Clifton depends on the object one has in going there. The thing which distinguishes the place is the natural & very strong sulphur springs which give sulphur baths such as no artificial compound can furnish. The atmosphere is impregnated with sulphur, and is a valuable tonic for a month or two, till the system becomes acclimated to it. Anyone who needs sulphur treatment could hardly fail to be benefitted there./ In other respects, the Establishment is like other Sanitariums - physicians not remarkable, but good - a homelike place for so large a house, with good attendance, pleasant rooms, many of them - and one of the most delightful homes, religiously that I ever saw. The religious history of the Establishment is a remarkable episode in the history of Devine Grace. I have no doubt that many have been cured there, by the sanitary influence of the religious atmosphere./ The chief good which I obtained there, was from breathing the sulphur air, during the first six weeks of my stay there./ Thanks for your kind inquiry about my health. The fluctuations sometimes are discouraging. But on the whole I see great improvement. If no new ill develops itself, I shall expect to lecture again next year. If not, be it as God wills!/ Very truly yours/ Austin Phelps"

EFB (Rev Mr. Burr) fr S.A. Thayer (Yonkers NY) 12 July 1869; re meeting with EFB concerning Lyme; [notes in pencil by EFB re lectures? And letters?

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Iowa [Letters from West, 1868-1870 – 2 nieces,  
Mary Griffin Carpenter & Milly Hyde Brockway,  
married and moved to Kansas-Nebraska Territory]**

Angie (Dear Aunt Angie) fr "niece E.L.G." (Castle Grove) 4 Jan 1869; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Old Lyme, New London County, Conn., illegible postmark; ". . . Julia has gone this evening to a Reunion of all the old scholars of their school in Monticello . . ."; Mary is well; Julia home from school, etc.

Engraved card for "Annual Ball of Nameaug Engine company, New London, Conn.

Aunt Angie fr Millie (Black Jack Douglas Co. K.) 12 Jan 1870; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Blackjack, Jan (illegible); entire letter, westward move, health: "Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1870, Black Jack Douglas Co. K./ Dear Aunt Angie,/ I hope a short note will be more acceptable to you than nothing, for I have promised a dozen people or more a note immediately on my arrival so of necessity they must be short./ Well my dear Aunt, we are safely here, thanks to a kind Providence, after having had a very pleasant trip. We also made some calls on the way, which we enjoyed highly, especially the visit at Mother's. I hope Mamma won't feel badly about my coming away. Please do your best at writing her and offering consolation./ I feel a long distance from home. Everything is so different here, scenery, manners, customs, homes & people. But I shall endeavor to be a good girl and be content with such things as I have. I hope dear Grandmother will be relieved when she hears that we made the journey without accident. Have you ever crossed prairies Auntie? It seemed very odd to me, and it seems odder still to live on one. Will's brother Horatio and his wife are very pleasant people & I shall like them very much, I am sure. Please don't be shocked at the cognomen of this place but write me. I shall want a great many letters now./ The chief church here is Presbyterian which I shall of course attend. We only have a minister on[?] Sunday mornings in a month, which I shall not enjoy much. What do you hear from Aunt Carrie? I think I must send her a line. It must be beautiful on these Kansas prairies in summer. Indeed it is pleasant now and very mild. I should think it might be a very healthy climate. Have you all recovered from the effects of that peculiar epidermis? I like to think that I helped trim the old church the last thing when I came away. I hope I may

help again sometime. Will likes it very much out here & I should if there were some familiar faces. Love to Grandma, affly/ Millie"

Envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburgh, New London County, Conn., postmarked Monticello, Sep? 9

Angie fr M.H. Brockway (Black Jack, Kansas) 23 Feb [1870]; with envelope addressed to Mrs. H.A. Burr, Lyme, Connecticut, postmarked Black Jack Kan. Feb 24 westward move, Carries's health; " Aunt Carrie wrote me some time ago. Was she not good? Poor Auntie; I am so sorry she is not better. I do wish she could be prevailed upon to keep quiet."; "We have had two cold days lately, but the weather as a general thing has been delicious, more like May than February. Only think, Auntie, for the last month there has not [been] a drop of rain or flake of snow fallen, and not a whole cloudy day. But once in a while the wind blows furiously, there being nothing to interrupt it on these prairies. I smiled at Montie's question. If he were here very likely he would think he saw 'wild horses' there are so many horses, but they are tame and quite harmless. Indeed I never saw so many. Every man has two or more. Single horses are hardly ever driven[?]. As soon as Spring comes and the grass I expect to have a pony all my own and you may imagine what delightful roads there are here, sans rocks, sans hills. My house if you wish to know is just the counterpart of my Hamburgh residence, only newer, and more convenient having bona fide stairs, instead of trap doors. The windows and doors are cased with black walnut. My gate is of the same material, ditto most of my furniture. Black walnut is the most common wood out in K. They make railroad ties of it. B.J. is not a remarkably picturesque village for few of the houses are painted, and there are no trees except a few young ones set out around private dwellings, but the country is very beautiful even in Winter. A great deal of it is sufficiently undulating to relieve monotony./ We are not so badly off for pastoral privileges as we might be. There are two churches here, Presbyterian, and United Bretheren, and there is preaching every Sabbath by one minister or the other. The Presbyterian minister I like very much. He seems a very good man, and preaches good, practical sermons, well adapted to a plain community. I hope we may be of some use here, but I hardly see now where I can./ We see brilliant prairie fires every night, almost. A few evenings since I beheld one quite too brilliant for the comfort of some. It came very near town, and did a good deal of damage to

Horatio's property, threatening his houses [horses?] also. 'Twas a grand sight, almost worth going to Kansas to see. I felt a little anxious about my own small domicile, after such an experience, but there is no danger now, the grass is so well burnt. It is very unusual for a fire to come so near a village; the roads[?] keep it away. I hear a great deal about Dr. Burr's new book [probably "Pater Mundi"]. It must be very interesting."; refers to "the famous 'burglary' "

Angie (Auntie) fr Millie (Black Jack Kansas) 21 April [1870?]; acknowledges receipt of letter and "Pater Mundi", "We have not finished the book yet but find it deeply interesting, and hope it will be the means of great deal of good. I do not wonder at it's popularity."; refers to unidentified "sad news", "sad event", "But what will my poor cousins do? I thought at first they might come to Iowa, but surely Nellie could not bear the journey! Soon there will not be any one in Hamburgh I shall care to go back and see. Do you think you will stay there a great while?/ I have never read 'Stepping Heavenward,' but would like to know where it can be obtained [probably by Elizabeth Prentiss, 1869]./ Are you having spring-like weather? Sometimes it is more than spring-like here. I am bewildered by the sudden changes we have experienced. The grass is fast growing green, very green in places. Peach trees in bloom, gooseberry bushes in leaf. For three days it was hot. I actually suffered, and put on summer dress; put out the fire and kept door and windows open. Imagine my profound astonishment, when the fourth night, water froze in the house, and the night after it snowed. I could not have been more surprised if I had experienced a frost in July at home. Today it is warm again . My house by this time seems almost as cozy as the one I left in Hamburgh, though not so finished a house as that even. I do not know whether I have mentioned that it was not plastered? Such is the case, at all events but I am so accustomed to it that I hardly think of it, but to a stranger I presume it would look oddly enough to see pictures hung against bare laths. Soon though we anticipate moving into a more commodious house, and one better suited to the hot weather, and butter-making, for I intent to distinguish myself in that particular science in a small way. I beg your pardon for such a soiled sheet. I certainly thought my hands were clean when I began, but Kansas abounds in 'matter out of place,' dust particularly, which is transferred from the roads to our dwellings with a remarkable degree of persistence, and bids defiance to all

efforts made to banish it. When one burns soft coat, as do I, it does not help matters much. . . I would like to know what you think about our joining the Presbyterian Church here. Mr. King, the pastor, is very anxious that we should but though I dread severing the connection with my mother church, I suppose we shall not be a part of it again at least not soon. And now I think of it what do you think of omitting the Bible in the public schools? I at first thought there was but one side to the question, but now am doubtful." ; re letter writing, "Consider how many correspondents I have. One or two letters home to write every week. Two sisters, three aunts & half a dozen cousins and friends, expect me to write two or three times to them . . ."

Auntie (Angie) fr Millie (Black Jack) 19 July [1870?]; acknowledges receipt of photographs, "Mr. Jennings certainly does excel in the art of photography, there are all so good. What a triumph it is to possess the pictures of three sisters, who, if I remember rightly, being disgusted with the way the sun treated them, once resolved 'never to try it again.' I feel quite sick now, but I wait for Freddie. I wish Mr. Jennings could 'take' him. Auntie, if it were not for the home missionary, I should send you \$300 back. If you do not want the paper yourself, I don't wish you to take it on my account. . . Did Sarah tell you I was in 'desperate haste' for a [sewing] machine? Why the truth is, in the early part of the summer I began to suspect that Will & myself would need a supply of underclothing soon. I have been living on my trousseau entirely, and everything seemed to give out at once. I dislike making underclothing and the formidable array of chemises, drawers, and shirts to be made slightly appalled me. Then the idea of the machine entered my head, and I began to make efforts to obtain it. Things growing worse all the time made my haste, as with a machine in prospect it was harder yet to think of sewing by hand. Dame Fashion is not particularly exacting here. Pretty much all I have seen this season is a lawn dress with cost \$2.50 and is not made up yet - on account of that wretched machine. And the weather - 95 [degrees] is the average. But said machine is on the way." ; new pony, "Yes Auntie I have a lovely pony. As cunning and gentle, and above all so easy to ride. I astonish myself with the length of my rides. An eight or ten mile ride seems nothing. Alas I have been 20 & 25 miles in one day! O, yes paint and plaster are trifles compared with the felicity of having a pony all your own. However we have moved, and rejoice in the possession of

plaster at least; the woodwork indoors being chiefly black walnut, paint is not necessary. Our present mansion is somewhat nearer the store, and rather more commodious than the other. Maria may keep her tears to herself for the present, but when I was there she nearly wept at the very idea of leaving Hamburg. . . Did I say I thought it [?] to read the Bible in the schools? I certainly think it ought to be read, but the question as I hear it is this. If Catholics pay school taxes should they not have a voice in the matter? And if they predominate in a community, and wish the Catholic version of the scriptures to be read, might it? Dear Auntie, I hope you have recovered from your rheumatism. How could you write, when it was in your right arm and shoulder? Do you not think it is a good thing for Ned to be in Papa's store?"; "Auntie, I thank you for your counsel. I hope we will try more earnestly to lead Christian lives here than at home. I believe in the 'tenth' system, but sometimes it is a little difficult to arrange it. Taking a tenth of what I spend, besides not being always practicable is no particular sacrifice, as Will is always ready to give me what I want. I have been laying down butter this season with a vision to selling it in the winter, butter here being 15 cents in summer & 30 to 40 in winter. I promised a tenth - and somewhat over - of what I made, which I think otherwise would be spend in books etc. . . I have a class in Sabbath School, but feel discouraged about it. It consists of four or five boys, aged from 14 to 16, though not particularly rugged (I don't see any rugged children Sundays though weekdays they all are) they might easily be put to shame by some rugged boys East. It requires a great deal of tack, talent, and piety, to teach a class. I feel exceedingly incompetent. I fear I never can interest them in their lesson. Although so old they can hardly read a single verse correctly, seem to know very little about the Bible, and care less. They don't learn their lessons at all. Pretty much all I do is to let them read the lesson & explain & exhort[?] a little. Of course if they don't make an effort, they don't become interested. If being harvesting is the excuse they might [?] omitting their lesson. What do you think? . . ."

Aunt Angie fr niece Mary E. Carpenter, (Castle Grove IA) 6 Jan 1868; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Hamburg, New London Co., Connecticut, postmarked Monticello; life in the west, pregnancy; "Many times since I have been living in my prairie home I have thought how pleasant it would be to be surprised by a letter from Aunt Angie . . . But I know you do not need to have me tell you

that besides my father, brother and sisters there is no one I would like so much to see or hear from as you. Could I see you I suppose one of your first questions would be 'how do you like the west?' If it had been left entirely to my own choices, aside from its separating me from all my friends, I should have preferred a home at the east, but as it seemed to be best for us to be located here, I have looked upon it as my future home and found so much to like and so much less than I expected to dislike, that I presume I shall soon become greatly attached to this place, and if it were not for relatives there, have no wish to return to the east. These rolling prairies look very pleasant to me and I do not wonder that to a farmer they are much more attractive than our stony Conn fields. The location of Monticello is, I think, very pleasant and it is a thriving business place./ The general opinion here is that it is sure to grow and will probably become a village of 4000 inhabitants. It has a good school, pleasant society, and improvements are constantly going on. The new church is nearly finished and will be dedicated in a few weeks./ Perhaps some one has informed you what is in the future for me. If so, you will not be surprised when I ask if you will be kind enough to send me a pattern or a description of an infant's shirt. I remember the flannel bands[?] and linen shirts mother used to have but have an idea something better has been invented for the rising generation of the present day. And will you inform me what in your opinion is the best rule for deciding upon the time when the event may be expected? This section is very healthy. Our clear weather and strong winds are very bracing. Their effect on me has been to improve my general health, and during the last few months I think I have been quite as well as I could expect to be. Within the last few days I have thought that I had never felt better though I know I could not endure as much as usual./ Poor Nellie, how discouraging it is that she has had another attack of severe neuralgia. And Alice too has been quite afflicted. I have felt very anxious about Eva's eyes. She has never written anything about them until within a few weeks, when she says 'perhaps I can see as well as I could before I went to Dr. Halstead.' . . . Is Mr. Hyde at home this winter? I hear that Millie is engaged but have not learned whether Willie has decided upon making the west his home or remaining east. I learned from the papers that Mr. Burr was invited to lecture at Amherst! Is he going so? . . . I learned from the girls that Aunt Carrie's health was very poor last summer but have not heard from her for several months. Is Uncle Joseph's lock business prospering? One

question more, are any kind of bibs desirable or necessary? If convenient will you answer soon . . ."; "P.S. Direct to Monticello Jones Co., Capt Carpenter wishes me to remember him with much regard to yourself and husband. M"

Dear Mrs. Burr fr Eva [?] (Castle Grove [Iowa?]) illegible date; [barely legible] re letter sent from Clifton Springs, mentions Carrie, mentions Eva Griffin[?], etc.

Envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Lyme, Conn, postmarked Bayonne NJ, June 28

Dear helpful Auntie (Angie?) fr niece Eliza[?] (Castle Grove) 26 April [1870?]; [very hard to read] mentions Mrs. Carpenter, mentions Aunt Carrie, refers to coming come, re grafting plants, re change in ministers at Monticello, etc.

My dear Aunt (Angie?) fr [Eva L. Griffin?] (Castle Grove) 9 Feb [1879?]; family sick; Kate Hubbard has scarlet fever; "Little Hattie" sick; Miss Parker's large wedding; "Can you advise me on the choice of the way to best take care of myself when not needed at home? I do not know enough to teach school, am not fitted for any situation requiring skill, or quickness, or even moderate ability, and perhaps neither energy[?] or constitution . . . As a minister's wife you are of course well-informed on all questions, and no doubt will be able to tell me where I would be likely to find some work suited to these peculiarities of mine, and which would be sufficiently remunerative to suit my wishes."; "What do you think of Mr. And Mrs. Wm. L. Brockway's going to a new home?"

Dear Aunt Angie fr Eva [Elisa?] L. Griffins (Castle Grove Iowa) 3 Sept 1868; with envelope addressed to Mrs. E.F. Burr, Old Lyme, New London Co., Conn, postmarked Anamo.. IO, Feb 10?; re Cousin Ellen's death [husband of Uncle Marvin?], ". . . but the news of Cousin Ellen's fearful death seemed so soon and unexpected, as to almost prevent my believing the sad truth. Uncle Marvin will feel this added sorrow very deeply and their home will be very lonely without her. It seems as if Mary Daniels could not have realized all she was doing, or she could never have committed the dreadful act. With my whole heart I pity the wretched[?] girl."; grandmother's health, "And does she miss Dr. Warren's medicines or counsel?"; re Montie, "If I rightly remember it was your intention to change from Montie to Hanford at some future time, has that time come?"; re housework, "Do you still have all your own work

to do yourself? Or have you now some pleasant [Irish?] companion to share the privilege with? Sister Mary still retains her Bohemian girl . . ."

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Montie fr EFB (Lyme) 22 Oct [no year]; "I have spent the best part of this P.M. in examining teachers. Five were passed through the hopper with more or less difficulty - two remain to suffer 'grind'./ Tomorrow our mother and myself are expected to go up to Mr. Raymond's (12 [P.] M.) to Marry[?] Mary to a son of Mr. Fosdick - an enterprise which your mother dreads & almost has a mind to decline ; but I think she will finally yield to pressure. She is having altogether too much to do; but I do not know how to relieve her without sending the boys away./ Among the names specially distinguished for opposition to Evolution?] have been Hugh Miller, Agassiz, Sir David - Brewster. Thiers[?], (who have only just passed away) Pasteur at present the most eminent scientist in France, Virchow[?] & Lozte the most eminent in Germany, Beale & the successor of Sir Isaac Newton t Cambridge Eng. & the present president of the British Association of Science Max Muller. The Philosophie Society of Great Britain which includes scholars and scientists of the first prominence was organized chiefly to oppose evolution. Though there were some good Christian scientists & scholars in the ranks of the evolut's, yet the leaders and bulwarks[?] of them are out & out infidels and atheists. If you meet with any difficulty in the matter that is not referred to in my book let me know it./ You will find some interesting facts in Dr. Deems'[?] address. Very possibly you will find in the College Library 'Kinns's Harmony of the Bible with Science' which contains in an appendix some 800 names of eminent scholars who are anti-evolutionists./ Tues. A.M. On taking down my scrip to your mother last night, I found her not feeling as though she could write this time. The fact is I found her taking a different view of a part of your letter from which I had taken, and much discouraged and cast down accordingly. I took you to mean that the matter, having been finally disposed of according to our wishes, you thought it best to put it out of sight altogether - which we are quite willing to do. Of course your mother did not seriously mean to ask for the letter etc. But she thinks that what you wrote in your last (some things) are not reconcilable with my theory, but that you are bent on - well, on being like that

poor boy of whom the wise man speaks as destined to  
distruction who 'will not hearken to his father and scorns  
to obey his mother', and only want to pursue your way  
without expostulation. I do not think you meant any such  
think; but if you sis not you had better say so in [?] in  
your next./ I am glad that you accounted[?] [?] of a  
monitorship; for I take it that in Amherst, as well as at  
Yale, this means both first class scholarship & first class  
deportment generally./ Mr. Morley is here painting the  
roof of the turret./ Pig has recovered from a surfeit of  
hard pears, and again has an appetite that means business./  
Most aff./ E.F. Burr/ I enclose a slip that shows what a  
sensible president they have down on N. Jersey./ I enclose  
my check for \$20./ I paid the expressage on the  
microscope./ No receipt from the Treasurer for the  
\$50 has come to me. Sent it in your next./ I send  
'Christian Thought'. There is some evolution matter in  
it."; newspaper clipping enclosed, no date, obituary of Dr.  
Ewer

Montie fr his mother, second half from EFB (Mansewood) 18  
Oct 1883[?]; with envelope addressed to Mr. H. Montrose  
Burr, Box 561, Amherst, postmarked Oct 18, Lyme Conn; "I am  
quite alone this evening, in the sitting room, where we  
have a fire on account of the present cold. Edith has  
taken a new departure and gone to meeting with the others –  
save [?] who is star gazing, or otherwise occupied out of  
the house. So, solitairement, I confront your letter and  
postal, both so enthusiastic over the new furniture. A  
'swell' I should say. Don't let it upset you. One way I  
look at it, I am please that you are surrounded by things  
which gratify your taste so highly. But on the other hand,  
I am afraid living in such splendor will make our home  
simplicity distasteful to you. Then altho' the splendor is  
not your own, it creates an atmosphere unfavorable to  
economy. Fine clothes, and fine fixings generally,  
harmonize so well with fine furniture. It need not spoil  
you, but I thought it not amiss to point out the temptation  
which lurks in it, like a thorn in the rose. You see,  
sailing off on a fresh sheet, I wax poetical./ Your letter  
touches upon things I would like so much to talk over.  
W.G's[?] affairs, and that letter. I should be neither  
woman nor mother not to want to know more about it./ Miss  
Angie sends love to you and wants you should know that her  
address until the first of Nov will be 144 Lexington  
Avenue, New York, whither she has gone to visit her sister  
– hope to hear from you – seemed pleased with the little  
speech I made in your behalf./ Miss Grace [?] called the

other day with Mrs. Edward and said that she heard of you now and then through Mary. She is cantering around the country along – such a dearth is there of escorts. No one of the family can make our your 'small black box [?]'.  
When you tell us what it is, we will see if you left it in Lyme./ Very aff, Mamma"; [second half from EFB]; saw Mr. A. Marvin and Mr. [?] Ely at meeting; pig sick all day; new stove and new carpet; "Am thinking of undertaking to paint the turret roof myself – as Morris whom I engaged weeks ago to do it does not make his appearance. So imagine you see me feeling my way carefully on the steep roof by means of a new ladder & an old rope."

Montie fr 1) EFB, 2) "Mamma" (Lyme) 4 June [no year]; with envelope addressed to Mr. H.M. Burr, Lock Box 36, Amherst Mass, postmarked Lyme, June 10; re farm crops, avoid night air; "The L.S.[?] in Joshuatown is being looked after by Dea. Griffin and his brother this summer. Yesterday they had 15 scholars. Mr. Knox and Fred to have a school of about the same size at [??] School House./ Willie is, apparently, doing very well. We shall soon have more work to do; as yet I have not put much upon him. Our corn has fairly got above ground. We have a fine piece of rye; and the grass promises fairly[?]./ I was disappointed on looking at the Catalogue this A.M. to find that Commencement is to be on the 27<sup>th</sup>. I had supposed it to be on the 21<sup>st</sup> and so we all had made up our minds to see you a week earlier than it seems we may count on. Well, the weeks are on wheels, not to say wings, and the vacation of vacations will be upon us almost before we are aware./ Has Prof. Richardson concluded to let you continue in his rooms?/ I have just been reading the 'Hecuba' of Euripides; but the 'Prometheus Vincetus' I do not remember to have read. Tacitus I used to like very much – especially for his conciseness. He would have made a capital sender of telegrams. Book rec'd. Most aff. P.S. Do not forget to avoid night air as much as possible."/ [from his mother] "Yes, with your chills, I hope you will be scrupulous in that matter. This is really a hot morning. Almost the first we have had – and an extremely busy one – baking, churning, washing & housecleaning. When your brain gets tired, as I know it must often, think of our work with our hands and be glad you have an occupation so noble. I was extremely sorry to hear of those chills. Hope to hear better things of your next time. . ."

Montie fr Angie (Mansewood) 24 May [no year]; with envelope addressed to Mr. H.M. Burr, Lock Box 91, Amherst, Mass,

postmarked May 24, Lyme, Conn; re health, marriage, etc.;

"This is Mountain day and I hope it is as bright and pleasant at A. as it is here. Mrs. Fox came back this morning, and though it is washing day and baking day, and piles of work to be done, I want to write a letter to my boy, which I did not succeed in doing the last time./ Now what are you doing today, by way of divertissement? Oh for a telephone to talk it all up. I hope you are not taking any extravagantly long walk, but taking it moderately out in the sunshine which is so pleasant after our long storm. I hope you are not getting any more shakes. . . Although it seemed to your father unwise - he would be the first one to say, come, if your health required it. You know his attitude pretty well. He had rather a poor week last week - a regular chill himself, but is looking better now./ I was glad to hear of your pleasant call on the Misses Ely. Mr. E. Ely has a fine span of horses & his wife helps him take care of them as they have no hostler as yet./ Mrs. John Sterling Jun is very sick with what the Dr. terms blood-poisoning./ Mr. Knox seems to be having very good success in his S.S.[?] meeting./ Just as we were about to retire last night, came a knock at the door. A verdant young man from O. Lyme, brought a middle aged woman to get the knot tied. . ."

Montie fr 1) EFB, 2) Angie (Lyme) 2 May [no year] with envelope addressed to Mr. H. Montrose Burr, Lock Box 36, Amherst, Mass, postmarked Lyme, Conn, illegible date);

"Today Fred & I have finished (after a very imperfect fashion) picking off what stones Mr. Clark left on the meadow across the street. . . Rosa presented us with a nice little cow about a week ago. So we are all armed and forearmed for the dairy business as soon as the traditional 5 weeks are gone. Yesterday your mother and I took a long ride on Mt Archer to see Mrs. Wood - so home through Joshuatown. Meanwhile Fred and Edith seem to have gone a Maying for cowslips to hang on Mr. Clark's door last eve./ Perhaps I did not tell you that I have a fine Dict'y for the Greek Testament, prepared specially for it; and I will send it to you when you come to that study. . . Harry Selden wrote us about his visit to Amherst and gratified us with a favorable account of you from his acquaintances among the faculty and others[?]. Well, we have excellent authority for thinking that 'a good name is better than precious[?] ointment.' That is Old Test't. And the New puts these words into our head, vis, 'I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth.' Most aff. E.F.B. Mispelt - 'opinion, annoyed, rehearsal'."

[from Angie] "We greatly missed the Monday letter. What do you think! Mrs. Wood says her daughter sends her two letters every week from her home at the south. But then she is not in College, I know. While the sons of the soil have been gathering stones, Mrs. Fox & I have been housecleaning. Don't you wish you had been here to move furniture & shake carpets?"; cold weather; "It was very pleasant to hear from you by the way of Hal. He wrote a long letter (full of the Selden glow) about his visit to A. [Amherst] and invited us to his ordination. Success to your B. Class. Was particularly pleased to learn you had been relieved of your intruder. Your Sab. Eve. Text makes a good motto for the week, 'Be Strong, etc.'. . . Mrs. L. does not improve much in health. Society meets at Mr. Luther's tomorrow eve. You should find enclosed a check for your pin. Let me know if you are likely to want another night shirt. Take care of yourself. Aff. Mamma"

Montie fr 1)EFB, 2) Mamma (Lyme) 20 Nov 1882; with envelope addressed to Mr. H. Montrose Burr, Lock Box 91, Amherst, Mass., postmarked Lyme, Conn, Nov 21; "I am afraid I shall have to do all the writing this time, as your mother is sick today, and has been on the lounge all the afternoon. It looks like a touch of malaria - chills and vomiting. Mrs. Fox promises to be back tomorrow. Meanwhile Edith is very helpful. I hope that your mother will be able to add something tomorrow./ Just here E. called me as her mother was vomiting again & faint. But she is now more quiet that I resume my writing - still - thinking she will be better tomorrow./ We had a letter from Mr. Gordon W-day. He cannot be with us at Thanksgiving but, as I understand him, consents to have W. come if he wishes./ Of course we are very glad to hear that you have neither 'flunked' nor 'fizzled' though just what the last word means I am a little uncertain even after consulting Fred[?] - who generally is well posted s to Anglo Saxon of that sort. You know what the wise man says, vis, 'The father of a wise son has joy of him'. So I hope that not to have fizzled is to have made a No 1 record in everything./ If you have Sophocles's Greek Grammar and do not use it bring it home with you./ I will leave the rest of the sheet till tomorrow - hoping that your mother will be able to use it. Most aff. E.F. Burr"; [next from Angie] "I am just crawling around this morning and that is all. So you must imagine all the nice things I would like to say to you and take the will for the deed. But I want to suggest that you have an occasion to bring any underclothes with you. I found a nice pr of drawers after you left. If you find an

odd cuff bring it along to match such an one here. Also if you have no further use for your small French dictionary I would be glad if you can bring that. Good bye with much love from Mamma"

Montie fr 1) EFB, 2) Angie (Lyme) 13 Nov [1883?]; "Where is the catalogue for this year? You will have to get a special certificate, will you not? – in order to come home on half fare./ I was glad to see in one paper that the Faculty have concluded to go back to the old plan of assigning the honors at commencement to the best scholars at large – those best, all the studies considered./ No, we should have justified the Faculty in expelling those disgraceful fellows, sine remedio, and in notifying all other colleges of the fact. It would be a hard thing for their parents; but such things should not be allowed./ I noticed some misspelt words in your last two letters 'meat' for meet – 'uncomonly' for uncommonly – 'weak' for week! 'reherasing' for rehearsing, 'a' for an before a vowel. Remember the 5 times a collegian ought not to make such mistakes, especially in his sophomore year./ You need not blush at being obliged to confess that you have not read, or even heard of, most of the books published – especially such as a poor scholar would be likely to name to you. As long as you maintain a high standing in your class for scholarships you can afford to confess considerable ignorance of general literature. That can be supplied further on./ Tonight Fred and I have been catching some chickens for Mr. Beckwith's market. I trusted Fred to tie them and left three in the shed, but on going in a few minutes later I found several at liberty, and all likely to be very soon./ Mr. Fox is away this week in order to take care of a brand new grandchild; and so your mother is up to the elbows in work and advises me not to leave much space for her./ Glad as we shall be to see you, I would not leave till the College is regularly dismissed or the regular lessons suspended. If you are in doubt take advice of the President or some member of the Faculty. Most Aff. E.F.B."; [from Angie} "Just like you I am too busy to think. E. says give Montie my love and tell him I am working 'as she is, like a bee.' And then we hope to see you so soon, that we will leave love and news etc. to be talked over in that good time coming. When G. decides whether he will come, let me know. . ."

Montie fr 1) EFB, 2) Angie (Lyme) 6 Nov [1882]; "What was my surprise today to receive a present instead of giving one. The experience is so new (I had got so far when I

bethought myself of a basket of grapes given me by the 'father' Beebe, as your mother calls him, and quantities of sweet apples from the Clarks, but these people are not my parishioners) that it quite set me up, and give me a charming glimpse of the possibilities of human nature. 'What was it?' A very large and handsome book shining in morocco and gold and fine engravings. As to the matter I can as yet say nothing, but I will venture to hope that the fair body has as fair a soul. 'Who gave it.' It came from Mrs. Dea. Cone of East Haddam, who once lived here and whose father was a doctor in the place, Dr. Brockway, with a very graceful note./ I have invited the New York Gordons to keep Thanksgiving with us and meet W.A.G. here. But, very likely, they will not accept. In any case you had better invite Gordon as well as Abbot./ Just think of being so disloyal to your native land as to say that Amherst scenery is better than Lyme scenery! I must have improved since I was there. Most aff. E.V. Burr"; [from Angie, Tues morning] "This is not an [?] pleasant morning in which to answer your pleasant letter. I quite admired your tact in answering E's letter, and I was just as much pleased as he at that glimpse of 'Manny Boo'[?] tossing up baby Richardson[?] You certainly are getting to be quite a traveler. 'Mare shanks' are not to be despised are they? I should like to have been your compagnon du voyage on that sight seeing walk and if I were as lively and limber as when I once climbed the Alps, I might have kept pace with you. But I am sure I need not warn you against the habit of studying while walking. Take warning by your father. It is a habit more easily acquired than broken up. The brain needs rest just as much as the body. Have you seen the comet? [Great Comet of 1882, September] I was valorous enough to rise for that purpose one of these cold mornings. There is another luminary just now coming above the horizon which I can survey more at my leisure. Thanksgiving. How many plans and anticipations in all our broad country gather about it. May a kind Providence realize ours. I shall be glad to see your friend and G. as well./ E. sends love and says, tell Montie I was very glad to get his letter. And now I must leave even this little bit of a letter for a momentous piece of housework which stares me in the face. Bring home a thankful heart in a sound body and that will materially help us to keep Thanksgiving. Very Aff. Mamma"

Montie fr 1) EFB, 2) Angie (Lyme) 30 Oct 1882; with envelope addressed to Mr. H. Montrose Burr, Lock Box 91, Amherst, Mass., postmarked Lyme, Conn, Oct 31; "As to the Fresh 'Requiescant[?] in pace'. Tough you say 'we' in

telling of how the poor fellows were robbed of their canes, I cannot but hope that you mean 'our class,' and that you had nothing to do with breaking the college rules. If, having good sound legs, they are foolish enough to want canes in addition, let them have them till such time as their [? ?] is gone by. See what manly, Christian Sophs they have at Williams - the whole voting, without any prompting, not to trouble the Fresh as to canes. Son't do anything whatever against the college rules - ie keep the promise you have made to them. I have said this before; but I should not relish having the 'college withdraw itself from you.' So line[?] upon line[?]./ Your expenses for October are more than I expected. Your account for September included \$1 for Post Office Box and yet you have an item of 25 cts for Box this month. I queried too about your Northampton expenses a little, at not being of the most economical test[?]. I enclose \$5 & some of our Autumn leaves to remind you of home and of those who have your best good at heart, and who will so much rejoice to see you [?] your face nobly./ Most aff. E.F. Burr/ 'discreSSION' = discretion."; [next from Mamma] "Edith and I went out for a little ride this P.M. around to Mrs. John Lord's where I heard another eulogium on my greatly honored father. You will have to be the very best of a man to be a worth grandson, as nearly as I can find out by the accounts of those who hold him in such grateful remembrance. You may be sure that I was glad to hear of your call at Prof. Morse's./ Now Montie is the time to show your 'back bone'. Don't go with the multitude after Freshmen. Try your hand at stemming a current. Who knows but you might tone up some weak kneed fellows and help to create a right sentiment and so save your college the disgrace of some such newspaper item as we see too often. As to your being personally involved in such matters I haven't a thought of such a thing. My boy! Oh, no./ I was glad to hear of your plan of mutual[?] instruction in the Bible class. I hope to hear the best things of it./ I souse a little news in the home letter now and then would spice it, but it is a thing you know which you cannot manufacture, or if you do, it is not worth anything. Absolutely, the only new things I know of, is that Spiritist Fox & father Beebe were at the last Wed. eve meeting and you will agree that that is news. I should not object to 'turning up' in your classroom this week and seeing (I suppose I should not hear) your debate. Very aff Mamma"

Month fr Edith (enclosed with above letter, child's handwriting) "Dear Montie/ I shall be very glad to see

you./ We have been selling our chickens./ We have had a little snow./ Mr. Stiles Ely is married to a minister's daughter./ What did you mean when you wrote that the sophomores pulled off the Freshman wig. I hope that they did not pull his hair out./ You must have looked funny dressed up. You must bring the shirt home to let us see it. It must have taken a long time to make it. So good buy/ your aff sister Edith"

Envelope addressed to Mr. H. Montrose Burr, Lock Box 36[crossed out] 91 Amherst, Mass, postmarked Lyme, Sept 30

Montie fr 1) EFB, 2) Angie (Lyme) 17 Oct 1882; re health, marriage; "Your two letters came today; and I was glad to find your signature 'writ large' on the family pledge. As to the 'medical uses,' that meant more especially the drinking; though I think I have sometimes heard of tobacco figuring in some small way in cutaneous troubles, vulgarly called the 'itch.'/ Tomorrow I have an expedition on hand from which I shrink - nothing less than going beyond Hadlyme church to marry a couple. Parties unknown to me. Scruples about going into another man's parish for such a purpose. But as? Are evil ?, and under pressure I consented - so must go. I think I will call on Mr. Clift and explain./ I have sometimes noticed that when young men make an easy choice of a profession it works to their disadvantage by leading them to neglect those college studies that do not bear in the plainest way on the line of life they propose for themselves. Thus one chooses the law, and he says, 'This Greek or Mathematics will not help me in my profession as much as something else.' It is time enough to begin professional studies after the college course is over. If a young man is wise enough to know that the best preparation for all the professions is a broad general culture & will not neglect any part of his college studies on account of an early choice of his line of life. I see no objection to his leisurely turning the matter over in his mind, and bring in the book not for information as to what is best in [?], deciding in a sort of provisional way what would be best. Of course, I have my partialities in favor of the Christian Ministry as affording by far the highest field for usefulness & influence to a person of talent & piety. But there are other useful callings in which one can serve his generation, and if your [?] and faculties shall finally seem to point elsewhere I shall not oppose. Meanwhile, do not be in a hurry to decide - keep your eyes & ears open - do nobly[?] present work, ask for guidance, and doubtless you will get it in time. Perhaps

your Mother will have<sup>3</sup> something to say on the matter; . . .  
. Aff E.F.B./ In regard to the lectures, I think I would omit them, both on account of the expense & also because I think that during sophomore year you will spend your time more profitably in 'cutting a clean swath & [?]' in your regular college studies. 'Repport' = Report"; [from Angie] "Your father is just starting off on his long, lonely ride - misty & dark - except for these bright leaves that gleam through the fog. And now I should like a long, quiet time in which to answer your letter. But Mrs. Fox has gone off on one of her uncertain visits and household matters press on one side, which one the other, E. is continually plying me with questions about her lessons - All the contents of your Sunday letter greatly interested me, but especially your thoughts on your 'life work'. I sympathize with you in your wish to have some definite aim before you, and if you could escape the danger that your father suggests of being a one sided man - losing the benefit of the studies that do not seem to you to bear directly on your chosen profession, I should say it was very desirable to fix upon your profession. I shall not deny that it would be a great satisfaction to me to have your hearty choice in favor of the ministry. But we are both very anxious not to influence you against your own choice or natural bent. But with such an aim before you, it seems to me that it would do much in forming your character - in taming tht 'untamed Adam.' I think in your choice of books, comparing etc, etc, you would be asking 'How will this tell on my future usefulness?' I think you will not suppose me to mean that your books should be all on Divinity or your associates all ministers, or ministers to be. Put would you not sift[?] a little closer? Especially I should say the Bible would come to the front. But it is the Lord's guidance I want you should have. I am very sure you will ask for it as I do. And be sure you expect an answer./ I noticed that Yale's Y.M.C.A. was flourishing and hoped to hear as much of yours. When do you have your Bible Class? I shall want to know all about it./ How is G. getting along? We are beginning to talk about Thanksgiving already. Tell G. we shall be happy to have him come with you./ Fred says that Edward Ely came up in the Mail Wagon and I must leve this and go to smoothing up a little E. has just come in with a tray of dishes and says, 'Give my love to Montie.' For incouraging say encouraging. . . I hope<sup>3</sup> you are doing nicely, physically, mentally and spiritually. Your aff  
Mamma"

Montie fr 1) EFB, 2) Angie (Lyme) 2 Oct 1882; with envelope addressed to Mr. H. Montrose Burr, Lock Box 91, Amherst, Mass, postmarked Lyme, Oct 3; "This P.M. I went to Hamburg to do my duty at Town Meeting; a part of which was to vote to [?]. We (your mother and myself) found the surroundings of the stores and church very unsavory with tobacco smoke and spittle; and this reminds me that you did not say in your last that you had fulfilled your promise and hunted[?] up the pledge and signed it ex. animo. It is possible that the thing is yet undone./ I wrote you on Saturday, enclosing my check for \$18 which I hope you rec. today./ Tomorrow I go to Goshuatown to marry Hayden Reynlds to a Miss Warner. Last week, by my absence, I missed of marrying Ely Harding to a Laplace[?] which I was sorry to do as it was a dead loss to your mother, and one which no doubt she feels keenly./ Next week I expect to send - I will change what I was about to say to, You will find enclosed my check for your semi annual tuition payment which you will hand to the Treasurer as soon as you can. Most. Aff. E.F.B."; [next from Angie] "We too are rejoicing in sun shiny weather once more. After the heavy rains the grass is as green as June and with the autumn leaves just showing, all things are fair to see. Did you not find them so in your walk of over 8 miles? What about that call on Prof Morse? You see neither your father nor I mean you shall fail in duty for the want of reminders. I prithee don't let Papa have to wash any more ink over that pledge. You have not spoken of your Thursday eve. Or class meetings. Do you attend them? As a member of the U.M.C. Ass. I hope to heard of your doing some good strokes in the one business. I have letters from Norwich (Aunt C. & Alice, both speaking of Hal's enthusiasm in his work. Alice gave me two sheets and a half of pleasant description of their visit and both she & your Auntie expressed regret at not seeing you last summer and hoped you would visit them in your coming vacation. We have not seen anything of Cousin Eliza yet, nor have we any very definite expectation of it. Edith wanted her to come so much as to build her hopes on rather a slender foundation. That's right. Write to Will. Mr. James Bill has his old chimney out, putting in new ones. I chould think they must be having an airy, not to say moist time. Ought you not to put on your thick flannels to guard against colds? I think you should have improved wonderfully in spelling, but you sometimes hleave out letters, e.g. sood for stood. Do you think of any book we have that you would like for S. reading? Affly. Mamma"

Montie fr 1) EFB, 2) Angie (Lyme) 9 Oct 1882; with envelope addressed to Mr. H. Montrose Burr, Lock Box 91, Amherst, Mass, postmarked Lyme, Oct 10; ". . . Edith is now in for chestnutting. The trees hang unusually full, and the balls are just beginning to open; so she and Fred, after serving an apprenticeship at picking up apples, were allowed to take to their clubs and brick bats and fight for their living - the living that children and savages have always delighted in since the coming in of the Stone Age. . . I was a little afraid on reading what you said about the 'rush' that you had been getting into mischief and hot water. I hope you will not be found lifting even a little finger in violation of any of the rules of the college. Most aff. E.F.B."; [from Angie] "and I thought, My dear Montie, that at that rate you would walk all the flesh off of yourself. But I suppose that was to all[?] what you could do. Don't you find that you are too much exhausted to study well after such long walks./ Mr. & Mrs. Ludington called a few days since and when I told them that your father had gone out for a walk for exercise, Mr. L. said 'Yes, that is better than riding.' So as you have no horse to ride, console yourself with that reflection./ Miss A. told me yesterday that she had had 'such a good letter from Montie.' So I am prepared to believe that she sent you a good reply and shall be very glad to see it. She poor lady, is, I am afraid taxing herself too much with housekeeping and school teaching. She told me that she was up five times the night before in efforts to quiet a toothache./ Did I tell you that Will Hyde had had an offer of a situation in Will Brockway's store in Kansas? We have not heard whether he is likely to accept of it. I wonder if G. has found his Stamp book. It does seem to me that I saw it lying with his college<sup>3</sup> scrapbook on the sofa in your room when he occupied it. E. & I wonder if you get any Chestnuts in your walks. Perhaps being neither a 'child' nor a 'savage' you no longer care for them. . . . With love from E. & Mamma"

Montie fr Mamma (Angie) Sat morning [Oct? 1882?]; with envelope addressed to Mr. H. Montrose Burr, Lock Box 91, Amherst, Mass, postmarked Lyme, Conn, Oct 18; re his visit, weather, " . . . Edit sends love and her birthday's best wishes."

Montie fr sister Edith (Lyme) 26 Sept [1882?]; " We are expecting cousin Eliza and Mr. Ely here with their little boy. I have not my little kitten from Mr. Griffin's and it is very playful. George has sold his dog for 21

dollars./ Miss Angie is teaching in the valley and she told me to tell you that she thought that you did not mind going to school as much as she did. Last week my composition was 'the History of our Hut'. I take music lessons a little while every day./ With my best love I am your sister Edith"

Montie fr 1) Mamma, 2) EFB, 26 Sept? [1882?]; with envelope addressed to Mr. H. Montrose Burr, Lock Box 91, Amherst, Mass., postmarked Lyme, Conn, Sep 26; 1) re French studies; Montie's trip to Northampton, "Well, I hope you had a very nice time, but as the Quaker said, 'Thee must not make a practice of it.'"; "E. had a very interesting S.L.[?] book this week in which a college fellow was saved from getting into a 'scrape' by the arrival of his sister's letter, telling him 'Remember I am praying for you.' He had already accepted an invitation to a Wine Supper, but the thought that his sister was praying for him gave him the strength to say No. So many times a day do I pray for you, that if you ever hesitate about what is right don't forget that I am praying for you."; 2) from EFB going to meetings at East Hampton then to New York; "I learn today that Mr. Ely has returned, leaving his daughters in Germany, and has been seen on his way to Amherst."; "You did not tell us in yours of today that you had hunted up (or down) that secretary & enrolled yourself among the elect. Be sure and do it right away . . ."

Montie fr 1) Mamma, 2) EFB, 18 Sept [1882?]; with envelope addressed to Mr. H. Montrose Burr, Lock Box 91, Amherst, Mass., postmarked Lyme, Conn, Sep 19; 1) "What could you have eaten for breakfast last Sat. morning? I thought that letter must have been born of indigestion. But I am very sure that by this time you have 'cooled off,' and your heart is as soft as wax. We are pretty busy too. Fred & E. studying - while I hear lessons push house cleaning - a little of everything and your father you may be sure is hard at work. I wish he were better fitted for it. Perhaps this hot weather has something to do with the matter. He has not been doing quite as well this week. I would like to have had your with us at our Call at Mr. Raymonds. The tasteful parlor and the fair young ladies, with the comfortable looking parents made quite a nice picture for that far away, farming region. Miss A. says, 'Tell Montie I dread going to my work quite as much as he did.' Her school commenced yesterday. She expects to ride there every day. I hope you are having good Sabbaths. I think of you especially then. Do you take long walks these lovely autumn days. I was too sleepy to write last night,

and the butter making has filled up my morning. . ."; 2) "To think of your getting 'riled' at your father! — and all because of a little pleasantry begotten, it may be, of better physical conditions! 'Well,' says someone, 'it has always been my fortune to be misunderstood.' Am I 100 years in advance of the age or 100 years behind it? I altogether prefer the first — born[?] of the dilemma./ Seriously, I did not suppose that you were entangled in that yoke of bondage./ As to the new carpet, I certainly shall be very glad to have you get along with the old as long as possible; for that is only what we are doing with many an old thing. If, at the beginning of next term you find yourself in straits[?] and rags I may find it easier to help you than I should now — though I suppose it belongs to Prof R. to supply all the needful furnishing of the room under the usual wear and tear."; "I hope that in your next letter you will be able to say that you have discovered that pledge with its cross. Mr. Clark has been plowing for rye in our field today & we (your mother & myself) have made a call at Mr. Raymond's."

Montie fr 1) Mamma, 2) EFB (Lyme) 17 Sept [1883?]; with envelope addressed to Mr. H. Montrose Burr, Box 561, Amherst, Mass., postmarked Lyme, Conn, Sep 18, and North Amherst, Mass., 1883 Sept 19; 1) "Your father admires your progress so much . . ."; "Your Auntie and Freda came by the 4:30 train, and have now gone to bed, so I take a few minutes before going off myself to send you my love and good wishes. . . Your Auntie and Freda look exactly as when I saw them last. How enthusiastic that sister of mine is over the old place. I believe she loves every timber of it. Will has brightened up wonderfully this evening. He needed to./ I should like to know about the 'lots of things you had no time to tell.' Don't crowd home letters off the program. . ."; 2) "I am glad to see such a solid laying out of the day. It 'means business.' My mouth almost waters in presence of the nice bill of daily fare you present. If you can manage to recite as well as the best in all your 4 studies for the term it will be quite an achievement . . . I am glad that you have reserved 2-1/2 hours for exercise. Let it be vigorous but not violent./ Mr. White preached for me yesterday . . . This P.M. we expect Mr. Hyde. W.'s case in some respects is just[?] now worse than usual. Sometimes looks like a mild case of demonical possession — demon's name Laziness, Vis Inertia, Suspended Animation, etc. Be thankful for a sound mind in a sound body."

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Nov 1848 Sister Hannah, brother Joseph (step broth,  
sister in law, brother in law), Abel Lord. Horseback,  
Lizzie Selden(?)

Nov 14 Mr. Burr – perfect stranger.

Nov 16 "Sons of Temperance" regalia etc. Also now 26

Nov 17 7 miles on horseback; Ellen Marvin; read  
Stephen's 'Travels'; Col. Geer – "the Lion of evening."  
Eliza

Dec 4 – Visit Carrie & Mary

Dec 12 Ride to Ne London. Dr. Noyes. 2 years out of  
school. Letter from Sarah, "it was tolerably long, and  
written in that inimitable style so peculiar to Sarah.["]  
Leander

Dec 16 Kathleen O Moore. Next Erastus

Dec 28 E. Morgan, Sarah Moore & Erastus called.

Dec 31 Headaches; Icy storm; Monthly concert;  
Sleighbing.

1849

Jan 2 Mr. Fairchild Temperance Lecture; "Paying dear  
for the whistle"; "He has paid dear, very dear, for his  
whistle" Benj. Franklin "The whistle Nov 1779; Franklin's  
"Bug in a rug" letter to Miss Shipley Sept 1772

Jan 9 Benevolent Ladies

Jan 12 Has the blues. Sleighrides ++++; "Alas! For  
the simplicity of olden times"

Jan 16 Describes ladies & gents at a tea party at  
Mrs. A. Lord; "Mr. B. a minister and I think he will never  
disgrace his profession by levity. What a pity I can not  
exchange a little of his volubility for some of his  
gravity."

Feb 14-15 Description of Miss Austin

Feb 16 Californian adventurer

Feb 18-19 Valentines

Feb 24 2 Beautiful members of the Lady's Book at the  
P.O. I am quite puzzled to know who could have sent them.

Feb 25 New Church building

March 16 [??]

March 17 Dr. Babcock to vaccinate the children

April 2 Defeat of his party – Joseph felt awful

April 4 "Mr. Griswold the millionaire of Lyme is  
dead"

April 12 Sewing Society at her home. Has visited  
Sister Mary quite frequently. Mr. Crane officiated at  
church. Shakespeare – reading

April 19 1849 Visit to New London to see Addie, Mr. Burr brought her Macaulay's History

May 1 Awoke with terrible headaches. Reading "Pilgrims Progress", not a book for children.

May 18 Mr. Pettergol preached. Foppish in appearance, flourished like an actor. Good sermon, though

May 15 Eliza's wedding tomorrow. Jane Lynde here.

May 16 Wedding, bride dressed beautifully, but painful expression. She endured it.

May 19 1849 [?] Mr. Burr's sermons increasingly interesting to her

June 3 Monthly concert. Dutch people sing at Mrs. Brockway's

June 5 Concert in the Village. 150 children

June 14 Beggar - intoxicated - Stole pony

June 30 Sarah back in Brooklyn. Cholera in New York. Learning Longfellow's 'Psalm of Life'

July 4 Thoughts on "Signers" - Sunset from a prospect[?] hill

July 17 Sarah arrived at Lyme. Stayed 1 month.

Aug 17-19 Sailing with Leander to Fenwick.

Aug 19 5 years ago i.e. 1844 bathing with Sarah at Black Hall nearly drowned

Aug 27 Temperance address - Hart

Sept 7 With Sarah in Brooklyn. Miserable trip on boat at first.

Sept 8 Art Union

Sept 10 Monsieur Bora - Italian; different from stiff-necked Yankees

Sept 11 Went to New York, lost Sarah; reading "Memoirs of McChayne"

Sept 18 Ride to Fort Hamilton

Sept 19 Balloon ascension. "The Peck.s" - female cattiness[?] - good (? 31) "Antiquity of her appearance". Reading Leamastions[?] "Memoirs of his youth", Finished "Evangeline", sad

Sept 20 Sarah's headaches

Sept 22 To Art Union - dazzling array

Sept 24 To Atlantic St. - frames for my pictures

Sept 25 Cousin Warrington (Gillette). Ticonderoga launched at Williamsburg. Mr. Noyes & Cousin Joseph visited us

Sept 28 1849 Shopping in New York. To Stewarts for 2 dresses.

Sept 29 To Greenwood cemetery. Monuments. To Grace Church - Episcopal service.

Oct 2 To John St. - promenading to find a car [?]. "The heavy rains of yesterday left the streets shockingly

muddy and I gave a little girl a half dime to sweep a crossing for us, though I could not perceive that her labors were of much service. Met a nodding acquaintance from Lyme on Broadway."

Oct 5 We then went to Castle Garden to visit the fair of the American Institute. I was highly gratified by the exhibition of American enterprise . . . eagle - bell - gold swords, vegetables - fruits - brilliant array.

Oct 6 Home. Half past one, when I landed at East Haddam. Mr Goodspeed to the hotel. Old-fashioned.

Oct 10 1849

Oct 18 Sewing Society at Mrs. Abel Lord's. Mr. Burr's sermons

1850

Jan 31 1850 Eddie dangerously ill - whooping cough & lung fever

Feb 4 Church supper at Hamburg. Told Joseph of my southern correspondent

Feb 15 Reading Joseph & Carrie's love letters.

Feb 20 1850 Now 21 years old. "Twenty one years of waywardness, ingratitude and folly! I have been struck with God's goodness to me". Typical of thoughts throughout diary. Reading "Corinne" - Madame de Stael's chief [?]

Feb 21 Finished Pelham Feb 28 Have been 6 weeks with Eddie - watching. Mar 31 Mr. Burr's beautiful sermons

April 1 Joseph told us defeat of whigs. Letter from John Brockway - mental distress - insanity.

April 4 Benevolent Society. Made "drawings"

April 7 1850 Horseback to Beckwith Hill. Mrs. Bill died.

April 11 Horseback to Hadlyme. 1-1/2 hours

April 12 Mr. ? asked if I was engaged. {Ely?} Rebuffed? Mr. ? leaves tomorrow

April 18 Ladies Society

April 20 Horseback to Hadlyme

April 24 Mrs. Parker & Fanny. Sarah had premature birth, dysentery, lived but a day [in New Orleans?]

May 7 Climbed a small mountain - Hadlyme

May 10 Visit Mrs. G. Lord down on the neck. Describes golden light - greensward etc. Reading "Cosmos"

May 17 Sarah & family on board Yorktown for New York via Cincinnati [from New Orleans?] Mr. & Mrs. Lord leaving town, emotional parting

May 21 Mr ? from Springfield spent a day with her.

May 23 Watched last night - remains of Mrs. Samuel Lord. Death from small pox?? Scarletina. Thought on death.

May 24 Gets vaccinated

June 5 1850 To Brooklyn. To hear the "Christys"  
[probably The New Christy Minstrels] Amused. Amusing but  
vulgar - will not go again. Reading Memoir of Chalmers.  
To hear Mr. Thomson in the Tabernacle. Bradbury's choir  
sing here - 40 singers

June 19 To Cousin Warrington up in 19<sup>th</sup> St.  
Collection of paintings. Dusseldorf gallery - paintings  
the same. "Fairies". To Hadlyme

June 21 Home with Sarah

June 25 Mr. Burr here. Leander. Nevins. Reading  
Longfellow's new poem. Misses Hyde & Mr. Worthington from  
Colchester. Jane Hyde beautiful. Uncle Gillet & family  
came. Mrs. Ely & Brockway called.

July 2 Sarah left.

July 4 Leander - on the "Cricket" to New Haven. Mr.  
George Ely from N.Y. Elm Clad city. Church spires.  
Pavilion House. College. Saw Tom Thumb. Fire works.  
Returned next day.

July 6 To Mr. Gillet on Grassy Hill

July 13 Eddie Selden - sick & medicine chest

July 16 Reading "Helen Fleetwood"

July 22 To village, carriage mended, "walked down to  
the burying ground, spent a long time in reading the  
inscriptions. One dated 1701.

July 24 Fanny Tiffany called. To fair in Lyme with  
W. Selden. Miss McCurdy. No fair.

July 25 Sewing Society. Nobody but President there.

July 31 Leander - horseback

Aug 2 1850 [somebody?] proposed to her.

Aug 5 Sailing with Erastus & Leander & Averys to  
Saybrook. Lady Fenwick's monument

Aug 6 To Carrie's. Her "case"

Aug 7 Gathered "Lotus" flowers

Aug 11 New dentist in New London filled her tooth.  
She weighed 100 pounds

Aug 15 Mrs. Mather O Fanny [?]

Aug 17-31 Vacation to Greenport; very good  
description

Sept 2 Miss Mary Ely on Lord's Hill. Erastus sickly

Sept 5 Sister Mary. Memories of Mrs. Smith

Sept 9 Collecting missionary subscriptions

Sept 12 Miss Leach

Sept 13 Uncle & Aunt Gillet. Uncle looks like Wm  
Penn, white hair, smokes pipe. Would like to sketch him.

Sept 17 To Laysville with Miss Leech. Matrimony  
discussed.

Sept 18 To New London. Saw a star by daylight

Sept 22 Niece Alice christened. Bible discussion,  
 heathen  
 Oct 3 Ordination of Mr. Burr. Mr. Cheeseboro. Mr.  
 Miner  
 Oct 8 1850 In Clintonville with Sarah. Far famed  
 boat "Connecticut" (page 61) passed through a ledge to  
 Newark. Stage for Camptown. Sarah's home - aristocratic  
 mansion.  
 Oct 10 Ride among aristocracy  
 Oct 15 To NY - Art Union, "Tom Thumb defending his  
 sweetheart"  
 Oct 17 Rode to "Connecticut Farm". Finished  
 Spencer's "Sketches"  
 Oct 28 Mr. George Lord "fresh from the west"; her boy  
 friend[?] again  
 Oct 29 1850 Called on E. {Ellen?} Marvin recently  
 from Wisconsin, Ohio etc - away a year. Called on Mr. W.  
 Ely. Took "new road" to Misses Brown.  
 Nov 8 To Village. Saw Mrs. Bartlett.  
 Nov 11 Mr. Goodwin's sermons. Reading Watts "On the  
 Mind"  
 Nov 14 Sewing Society, Mr. A. Lord. Reading Waylands  
 Moral Science [Francis Wayland: The Elements of Moral  
 Science]  
 Dec 9 1850 Engaged to Burr??  
 Dec 10 1850 Wrote Sarah [must look for letter]  
 Dec 12 Sewing Society. Mr ? talked to everyone but  
 me.  
 Dec 15 Mr. Abel Lord died. I am engaged.  
 Dec 24

1851

Jan 1851 Mr. [burr?] here. Ring from Mr. Ely. Went  
 to New London. Cricket frozen in ice. 6 degrees.  
 "Connecticut" did not come. Went to New York via Hartford  
 on cars.

Feb 18 1851 Finished "The Talisman" [Sir Walter  
 Scott?]

**45b 2 43-3 Burr 3; Angeline Lord Diary 1848-1851**  
Also includes 2 smaller pages dated 1840

[NEED TO READ; SEE NOTES BY PREVIOUS READER IN FOLDER 45A]

**46 1 Sarah Hyde, French Exercise Book Hand written**

[DID NOT READ]

**47 7 Burr; ~~Peter Lord Deed~~ [Peter Lord Deeds]**

- 8 Feb 1797, Peter Lord deed from Joseph Lord for "A certain piece of Meadow Lying on the Island called Calver[?] Island . . ."
- 23 April 1804, Peter Lord deed from Silas Robbins & Wife for "one certain piece of land lying in said Lyme third? Society & contains about four acres more or less . . ."
- 13 Aug 1811, Peter Lord deed from Eleazer Ely for ". . . two pieces of Land situate in the 3d Society? Of Lyme . . ." for \$1245.02
- 9 July 1821, Peter Lord deed from Reynolds & Elizabeth Lord for ". . . a certain tract of land situated in the north Society in said Lyme, containing about seventeen acres . . ."
- 12 July 1823, Peter Lord deed from Dorcas Ely for ". . . tract of land situate in the third Society of said Lyme containing about 50 acres . . ." for \$580.
- 5 June 1832, Peter Lord deed from Marshfield S. Parker for 3 pieces of land in Lyme
- 5 June 1832, Peter Lord deed from Marshfield S. Parker for "clothiers? Works situated in the third Society in said Lyme" for \$600

**48    14    Burr 48; Mehitabel Lord deeds**

- 7 April 1835, Mehitabel Lord (guardian of Phebe C. Lord, Sarah W. Lord & Harriet A. Lord) deed from Marshfield S. Parker, for 23 acres in Lyme, \$150
- 1 April 1834, agreement between Mehetible Lord and John S. Lord re rent to ML and real estate of M's late husband Peter Lord
- 23 Sept 1835, Mehitabil Lord (guardian of Phebe C. Lord, Sarah W. Lord & Harriet A. Lord) deed from David B. Date
- 8 July 1835, Mehitabil Lord (guardian of Phebe C. Lord, Sarah W. Lord & Harriet A. Lord) deed from Joseph Lord
- 22 March 1838, Mehitabel Lord (guardian of Phebe C. Lord, Sarah W. Lord & Harriet A. Lord) deed from Mehitabel Burnham
- 27 May 1839, Mehitabel Lord (guardian of Phebe C. Lord, Sarah W. Lord & Harriet A. Lord) deed from Judah Lord for land on Calves? Island
- 2 July 1839, mortgage Samuel Holmes & Brothers (Samuel, Christopher, John & Joseph) to Mehetable Lord, land in East Haddam

30 May 1840, Mehitabel Lord (guardian of Phebe C. Lord, Sarah W. Lord & Harriet A. Lord) deed from Obed B. Ely, land in Lyme  
28 Oct 1843, Henry M. Waite (guardian of Frederick A. Lord, John S. Lord, Samuel ? Lord) from George Moore, land in Lyme  
28 October 1843, George Moore's bond to Henry M. Waite, guardian  
14 Dec 1843, Mehitabel Lord (guardian of Phebe C. Lord, Sarah W. Lord & Harriet A. Lord) deed from Samuel M. Brockway & Nathaniel M. Brown  
1 Dec 1843, Mehetible Lord deed of assignment from H.M. Waite, Guardian  
March 1847, David B. Date deed from Mehitabel Lord  
7 March 1854, Mehitabel Lord deed from Ebenezer E. Brockway

**49    4    Burr; Burr Papers; Burr Deeds [Burr, Enoch Fitch – Lyme deeds]**

29 June 1866, E.F. Burr deed from Wm. H. Burr for land in Green's Farms (Westport)  
10 Feb 1862, Harriet A. Burr deed from Joseph & Caroline Selden and Edward G. & Sarah W. Hyde  
4 Sept 1862, E.F. Burr from Joseph & Caroline Selden and Edward G. & Sarah W. Hyde  
31 May 1866, Enoch F. Burr deed from James A. Bill

**50    3    42-8 Burr; M. Lord Account Books [Mehitabel Lord Account books, 1840-1845; 1853-1860; 1861-1870]**

Account book, Harriet Angelina Lord, Lyme, Conn, 1840-1845  
Account book, Aug 1853 – Oct 1861  
Account book, Nov 1861 – July 1870

**51    2    42-9 Burr papers, H. Angeline Lord account book [Angeline Lord Burr Account Book 1851-1889; 1846-1851]**

Account book, 1846-1851 [mostly household?]

Leather bound account book, 4 Feb 1851 (Lyme CT) – 13 Oct 1906 [mostly expenses for clothing and sewing items]

**52    1    52 Burr, Enoch F. Burr Account Book [Burr, Enoch Fitch, Account Book 1859-1875]**

Leather bound account book E.F. Burr (Hamburg) 24 April 1859–1875 [appears to be more business related, stamps, travel, donations

**53 13 53 Burr papers; Chicago Law Suit – Libel, Land[?]; [Chicago Land Correspondence – Libel suit & eviction**

- Envelope from A.C. Joslin & Co. (Cincinnati? to EFB, Hamburg, Henderson Co.
- Envelope to EFB, Hamburg, postmarked Chicago, May? 1858
- Envelope to EFB, Lyme, postmarked Chicago, Oct 11
- Envelope to EFB, Hamburg, postmarked Chicago
- To Rev. E.F. Burr, fr John M. Parker?, Dec 3; re sympathy for case?
- To EFB fr I. Griffin Ely [?] (Chicago) 23 Nov 1857, re "the most outrageous article I ever saw in print."
- To EFB fr J. Griffin Ely [?] (Chicago) 11 Dec 1857; re "Tribune Talk" article and libel
- To EFB fr I. Griffin Ely (Chicago) 16 Dec 1857
- To EFB fr I. Griffin Ely (Chicago) 9 Dec 1857; refusal of Chicago Tribune to publish EFB letter "unless they were paid at the rate of twenty five cents per line, and inserted it as an advertisement"; re trust deed of R.K. Swift [bought by EFB] for thirty one hundred dollars" [Swift said to be relation of Mrs. EFB]; re John H. Peck statements about EFB
- To EFB fr Peter W. Donne? (Chicago) 8 Dec 1857; re EFB & John Tear who is foster father of Donne, "I will come to your aid & let the public know that Tear is about as big a rascal as he has tried to make you appear."
- Notice to the Editors and Proprietors of the Congregational Herald, Chicago, Ill. Fr EFB (Lyme) 29 Dec 1857; "I invite you to send to the Register of the Middlesex Association, Rev. E.I. Doolittle, Chester, CT all such sworn evidence as you may be able to gather in support of your late charger: and, to quicken your diligence, I hereby notify you that if you fail to respond to this invitation within a reasonable time, or fail to convict me of unfitness for the office of the Gospel Ministry, it is my purpose, for Christ's sake, to prosecute you to extremity for reckless defamation."
- To EFB fr Geo. Scoville (Chicago) 9 Jan 1858; re refusal of the Tribune to publish article from Scoville "'as it deals in epithets disparaging to the Tribune's fairness and veracity'", re rent from Mr. Edwards
- To EFB fr Geo. Scoville (Chicago) 21 May 1858; Scoville will no longer "attend to collection of your rents"

and recommends others, "Mr. Edwards requested to know what you would sell the place for."  
To EFB fr David P. Slocum (Chicago) 1 Aug 1862; re Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR Co. requesting to buy right of way in front of Burr's lots in Chicago  
To EFB fr D.P. Slocum (Chicago) 8 Sept 1862; requesting to buy right of way (see above)  
To EFB fr Chas J. ? (Chicago) 11 Oct 1869  
To EFB fr Chas J. ? (Cincinnati) 6 Nov 1869

**54 2 Burr Chicago Deeds [Chicago Land Deeds]**

Deed, John Tear to George Scoville, 1 Nov 1856  
Deed (Indenture), 17 Nov 1857, George Scoville Trustee of John Tear (Chicago) to Enoch F. Burr (Lyme)

**55 36 Burr Papers, Chicago Land Records, Receipts [Chicago Account & Receipts]**

Aetna Insurance Company policy 7427 to EFB for \$1200 for "frame dwelling", Chicago, 12 Jan 1858  
Aetna Insurance Company policy 12920 to EFB for \$1200 for "frame dwelling", Chicago, 1 March 1862  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 14 Jan 1859  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 15 Jan 1859  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 18 Jan 1862  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 18 Jan 1862  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 12 May 1862  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 12 May 1862  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 22 April 1863  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 29 June 1864  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 10 March 1865  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 18 April 1866  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 27 Dec 1866  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 15 June 1867  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 24 Jan 1868  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 13 June 1868  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 10 Feb 1869  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 31 Aug 1869  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 7 May 1870  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 6 Sept 1870  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 18 Aug 1877  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 31 Aug 1877  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 20 May 1880  
Chicago tax receipt, EFB, 20 May 1880  
Chicago Warrant 440, EFB, paving, 13 Feb 1869  
Chicago Warrant 559, EFB, paving, 13 Feb 1869  
Receipt for paving, Chicago, 4 Aug 1880

Receipt? Re Lot 1 Block 30 Kinzies Addition owned by EFB,  
circa 1869  
Statement from Baird & Bradley (Chicago) to EFB re payment  
due, 19 Oct 1869  
Statement (receipt?) from Baird & Bradley (Chicago) to EFB,  
11 Dec 1869  
Statement (receipt?) from Baird & Bradley (Chicago) to EFB,  
15 July 1870  
Statement (receipt) from Baird & Bradley to EFB, 1870  
Baird & Bradley tax receipt to EFB, 31 Oct 1877  
To EFB fr Baird & Bradley (Chicago) 13 Nov 1880 re street  
paving  
Receipt to Baird & Bradley fr Thomas Wells 22 June 1880 re  
building sewer (attached to below)  
Permission issued by Dept of Public Works (Chicago) to  
Baird & Bradley for paving, 14 June 1880 (attached to  
above)

**56 4 Burr [Nicoll & Burr – Expenses in cases;  
dower rights]**

Receipt fr Circuit Court Cook County to Baird & Bradley re  
Frances B. Nicoll vs. Enoch F. Burr, 24 July 1869  
Statement (copy) to Baird & Bradley re Mrs? Nicoll's dower?  
rights on property owned by EFB  
Receipt to Scammon, McCagg & Fuller fr EFB 15 May 1869  
Statement fr Baird & Bradley to EFB 19 Oct 1869

**57 48 Burr papers, Bloomer, Mo & Tenn[?] land [Iowa-  
Nebraska Land, 1857-1876 Correspondence, mostly  
with Dexter C. Bloomer]**

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 26 Aug 1857; “. . .  
Money can be loaned here readily at three per cent a  
month, and we sometimes get even more than that rate  
for it. The securities offered, are what we in the  
West call good, and what are good beyond a doubt,  
although there are some eastern people who will not  
believe that any securities in the west can be good.”;  
and re purchasing “land warrants” and “loan them out  
to settlers . . . I have been doing business loaning  
money, selling land warrants &c for some time for the  
Reverend F? S? Bradley of Wilton Conn. . .”  
To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer's (Council Bluffs IO) 19 Dec 1857,  
re deeds of trust  
To EFB fr C. Robinson for Smith (Lawrence, KA) 16 Sept 1858  
re promissory note

To EFB fr C. Robinson for Smith (Lawrence Ka) 22 Oct [no year] re mortgage

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 23 Feb 1859?; re deeds and gold mines

To EFB fr C. Robinson per Smith (Lawrence, KA) 13 July 1859 re payment from John Vanderbilt

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 5 March 1860 re receipts for taxes paid on land in Iowa, etc.

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 26 Nov 1861 re EFB lands managed by DCB

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 10 July (or Feb) 1866 re tax receipts

To EFB fr Winchell & Robinson (real estate agents, Palmyra MO) 30 Sept 1857; re money and loan for land, "In regards to S.W. Mo Gov. land we say - we do not think many good lands can now be purchased at gov. prices near any contemplated RR - but still we think that as that part of Mo is rapidly filling up, good land any where there will soon command a very considerable advance upon Govmt price. Any of this land can be entered with warrants - but a recent order from the Gov. has prohibited any one person from entering more than 320 a at once. The land is rapidly being entered & we fear the chances are daily growing less & less bright."

To EFB fr Bloomer & Edmundson (Attys & real estate & insurance agents, Council Bluffs) 18 Feb 1867 re Union Pacific RR & North Western RR lines near EFB land

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 17 April 1868; re selling land

To EFB fr Bloomer & Edmundson, 13 April 1869 re EFB and brother's taxes in arrears

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 5 May 1869; re buying land

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 28 Sept 1869; re suit against H.H. Wilson & Co. for not paying for land (Otoe? County).

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 18 Dec 1869; " . . . I greatly regret that you have been so much distressed by the non receipt of the money for the land in Otoe Co. Wilson simply stole the money. . ."

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 14 April 1870; "I have not yet collected anything of the man in Nebraska City who stole your \$800. But I have at last obtained a judgment in your name against all three of the partners comprising the firm of Wilson Co., and I have this week received a letter from the attorney who has the matter in charge for us in which he speaks very

- confidently on the final collection of the debt and?  
of some of them. . ."
- To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 23 July 1870; tax bill
- To D.C. Bloomer fr Hollbrook & Brother (real estate office, Onawa IO) 19 Oct 1870; re account
- To D.C. Bloomer fr Treasurer's Office (Washington County, Blair NE) 19 Oct 1870 re land sold for taxes, to John Campbell of Omaha
- To D.C. Bloomer fr Alexander Reed (real estate agent & notary, Blair, Neb) 24 Oct 1870
- To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 20 Apr 1871; request for tax receipts on Taylor Co. land and payment of taxes due
- To D.C. Bloomer fr EFB (Amherst MA) 23 May 1871; "Please inform me when the right of redemption expires for my land and what taxes have not been paid."; with answer from DCB at bottom - Iowa Oct 1872, Nebraska Sept 1871.
- To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 17 Aug 1872; re purchase of Washington County land
- To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 15 July 1871; asking if EFB wants to sell his land
- To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 26 Aug 1872; asking if EFB wants to sell land
- To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 25 Sept 1872; land purchaser reneged, another will offer less
- To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 11 Nov 1872; another offer to buy EFB land
- To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 19 Sept 1873; "You will remember that the time for redemption of your land sold for taxes expires early in October."
- To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 2 May 1874; "I regret very much to find on inquiry in Monroe & Taylor counties, that you have allowed the lands owned by you in those counties to be deeded to the purchasers at tax sale. . ."
- To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 30 May 1874; re attempt to get payment from S(amuel) B. Fox.
- To D.C. Bloomer fr S.B. Fox (Herman, Neb) 25 May 1874, asking Bloomer to "please be as lenient on me as you can" until he (Fox) can pay note due on Burr land.
- To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 24 Dec 1874; ". . . Prospect of any money out of him [Fox] seems very poor indeed. It seems however that he is improving the land and thus making it more valuable. . ."
- To D.C. Bloomer fr S.B. Fox (Herman, NE) 9 March 1875; ". . . you sat you think I should raise money enough to pay

at least the interest. It would be a pleasure to me if I could do so, but is impossible for me to get it for as far as borrowing money that can't be done. . ."

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 10 Jan 1876; ". . . Fox has not paid anything on his 2 notes and the 3<sup>rd</sup> is now due. . ."

Memo probably written by EFB, 28 Jan 1876; "Returned Fox's mortgage & notes to Bloomer with instructions to accept \$600 cash & second mortgage & a chattel? Mortgage for \$250 instead of it."

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 4 Feb 1876; re Fox mortgage & notes sent on to A. Castellias in Blair, NE

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 12 May 1876; ". . . I have heard nothing further from Fox. I don't believe he will pay anything . . ."

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 9 Sept 1876; re foreclosing Fox mortgage.

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 29 Nov 1876; re foreclosing Fox mortgage

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 28 Feb 1878; "I enclose a letter from Mr. Davis, the [atty?] who foreclosed on Fox mortgage. There seems to be no other course to take but to have the property offered for sale by Shiff? & sold by him. . ."

To D.C. Bloomer fr Jesse T? Davis (Attorneys and Counselors at Law, Blair, NEB) 26 Feb 1878; ". . . Fox will not pay and? Has no intention of so doing . . ."

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 11 March 1878; "Fox's last offer is to deed the land back to you in full payment of the debt due from him."

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 28 May 1878; "S.B. Fox is dead. He died poor - at least so I am informed - nothing left to pay his debts . . . Now something must be done as Fox never paid any taxes and the land has been sold for same but I believe time for redemption has not expired yet. . ."

To EFB fr D.C. Bloomer (Council Bluffs) 23 Dec 1879; ". . . I had the deed from Fox & wife to you recorded. I can now sell the land for \$1000 in cash . . . This is a low price for the land but it is the best that can be done. . ."

To EFB fr I.K. Fund, Reorganization Committee of the East Tennessee Land Co (NYC) 2 June 1896; re purchase of stock of Reorganized Land Company; with envelope

To (probably) EFB fr I.K. Fund, Reorganization Committee of the East Tennessee Land Co (NYC) 15 Sept 1896; re

reorganization of Harriman Land Co. and Harriman & Northeastern RR Co.

**58    5        Burr; Iowa-Nebraska Deeds [Deeds, 1857-1861]**

Trustees Sale, Mathias Werts executed unto Dexter C. Bloomer (on behalf of E.F. Burr) land in Taylor Co., IO, recorded 24 Oct 1857  
Deed, Charles Claghorn to E.F. Burr, 160 acres in Monona Co., filed 4Dec 1858  
Deed ("indenture"), John Nelson to EFB, 160 acres Taylor Co., filed 4 Feb 1859  
Deed, Dexter C. Bloomer? to EFB, 160 acres from Henry B. Houghton in Washington Co. N.T. (Nebraska Territory), transferred for taxation 22 July 1861  
Deed, Dexter C. Bloomer (trustee) to EFB, 160 acres from Levi Yeoman(s)? in Washington Co. Nebraska Territory, transferred for taxation 22 July 1861

**59    42        Burr Papers, Nebraska Land receipts  
[Accounts & Receipts]**

Revenue Law of Nebraska Territory, Secs. 51 & 52 (handwritten)  
Advertisement, General Land Agency at Council Bluffs, Iowa, D.C. Bloomer, 1 Jan 1858  
Statement for EFB in relation to his land in Iowa and Nebraska in charge of D.C. Bloomer, 26 Nov 1861  
To EFB from D.C. Bloomer, 6 Feb 1864 re tax receipts for 1863, with list for Rev E.F. Burr In acct with D.C. Bloomer  
Tax receipt from Winchell & Robinson (Palmyra, Mo) to Wm H. & E.F. Burr for real estate in Shelby Co. MO, 20 Oct 1858  
To EFB fr Winchell & Robinson (Northern Missouri Land Agency, Palmyra MO) 29 Dec 1858 re interest, taxes, management fees; with envelope  
Document, Military Bounty Land Act of March 3, 1855, Register's Office Council Bluffs, 25 Feb 1858 re Military Land warrant No. 63,221 in name of John Cason located by EFB; attached to below  
Document, Military Bounty Land Act of March 3, 1855, No. 12,126, Council Bluffs, 25 Feb 1858, received from EFB, \$14.30, re warrant no. 63,221; attached to above  
Deed, John Nelson to EFB, 160 acres in Taylor Co. IO, filed 24 Nov 1858  
Tax receipt No. 314 to EFB, 21 Feb 1860, D.C. Bloomer, Taylor Co., Iowa

Tax receipt No. 217 to EFB, 21 Feb 1860, D.C. Bloomer,  
Taylor Co., Iowa

Tax receipt No. 56 to EFB, 17 Jan 1860, D.C. Bloomer,  
Crawford Co., Iowa

Tax receipt No. 165 to EFB, 28 Jan 1860, D.C. Bloomer,  
Monona Co., Iowa

Tax receipt No. 352 to EFB, Feb 1860, D.C. Bloomer, Monona  
Co., Iowa

Tax receipt to EFB, 10 Feb 1861, D.C. Bloomer, Crawford  
Co., Iowa

Tax receipt No. 365 to EFB, 27 March 1861, Bloomer &  
Kinsman, Monona Co., Iowa

Tax receipt No 983 to EFB, 29 Jan 1863, D.C. Bloomer,  
Monona Co., Iowa; attached to below

Tax receipt to EFB, 29 Jan 1863, D.C. Bloomer, Monona Co.,  
Iowa; attached to above

Tax receipt No 140 to EFB, 10 Feb 1863, D.C. Bloomer,  
Crawford Co., Iowa; attached to below

Tax receipt to EFB, 10 Feb 1863, D.C. Bloomer, Crawford Co.  
Iowa; attached to above

Tax receipt to EFB, 9 Dec 1863, D.C. Bloomer, Crawford Co.,  
Iowa

Tax receipt to EFB, 18 Jan? 1864, D.C. Bloomer, Monona Co.,  
Iowa

Tax receipt to EFB, 13 Jan 1865, D.C. Bloomer, Crawford  
Co., Iowa

Tax receipt to EFB, 13 Jan 1865, D.C. Bloomer, Monona Co.,  
Iowa

Tax receipt, Monona Treasurer's Office to EFB, 12 Jan 1866

Tax receipt, Crawford Treasurer's Office to EFB, 19 Jan  
1866; note at bottom "Will Mr. Burr give Right of Way  
free to Cedar Rapids & Mo River Rail Road? If so  
please inform Hon D.C. Bloomer of it - M.M. Henry"

Tax receipt No. 42 to EFB, 28 Nov 1864, Washington Co.,  
Neb., Treasurer's Office

Tax receipt No. 13 to EFB, 4 Dec 1865, Washington Co.,  
Neb., Treasurer's Office

Tax receipt No. 46 to EFB, 9 Jan 1867, Washington Co.,  
Neb., Treasurer's Office

Tax receipt No. 25 to EFB 7 Jan 1867, Monona Co., Iowa,  
Treasurer's Office

Tax receipt No. 143 to EFB, 19 Jan 1867, Crawford Co.,  
Neb., Treasurer's Office

Tax receipt No. 35 to EFB, 9 Jan 1868, Washington Co.,  
Neb., Treasurer's Office

Tax receipt No 397 to EFB, 30 April 1869, from Washington  
Co., Neb., Treasurer's Office

Tax receipt No. 219, 7 May 1860, Washington Co., Neb.  
Terr., Treasurer's Office from H.B. Houghton for P.W.  
Hitchcock

Tax receipt No. 186, 4 May 1860, from Washington Co., Neb.,  
Terr. Treasurer's Office from P.W. Hitchcock

Tax receipt No. 46 for EFB, 13 March 1861, from Taylor Co.,  
Iowa, Treasurer's Office for D.C. Bloomer

Tax receipt No. 499 to EFB, 21 April 1861, from Washington  
Co., Neb., Terr. Treasurer's Office for J.W.  
Daymond?

Tax receipt No. 18 for EFB, 28 Dec 1863, from Washington  
Co., Neb. Terr., Treasurer's Office per T.P.  
Kennard?

Tax receipt No. 107 for EFB, 5 May 1869, from Taylor Co.,  
Iowa, Treasurer's Office by Dale Smith & Co.

Tax receipt No. 137 to EFG, 30 May 1869, from Monona Co.,  
Iowa, Treasurer's Office

Tax receipt No. 29 to EFB, 13 Jan 1868, from Bloomer &  
Edmundson, for Monona Co., Iowa

Tax receipt No. 243 to EFB, 20 Jan 1868, from Bloomer &  
Edmundson, for Crawford Co., Iowa

**60 8 40-7 Burr Papers, Rochester, NY Corres, re New  
Church [Burr, letters on Church building]**

To EFB fr R.F Frazer (Rochester) 3 May 1866; re approval of  
"the enterprise" and contributions to it; mentions  
Eben Ely, Lorenzo Ely, Denison Ely; with envelope  
postmarked Rochester, May 3

To Sir (EFB?) Fr J?L? Selden (Rochester) 8 Jan 1867; re  
payment of dividend and future value of stock  
(telegraph stock?)

To Sir (EFB?) fr J?L? Selden (Rochester) 7 July 1867; "In  
reply to yours of the 2n inst let me first say that I  
consider myself entirely & solely to blame for what  
has occurred. . . I was ready, as soon as I saw that I  
had committed an error, to meet all the pecuniary  
consequences flowing from it. But as you very justly  
say, this alone would not remedy the evil. . . It is  
not too late however to modify our plans [for the  
church?], so as to render them somewhat more in  
accordance with the views of that portion of your  
parishioners whose opinions I ought to have  
ascertained before acting at all in the matter. . .  
What I propose to do is this. To draw up a new plan  
very considerably reducing the dimensions of the  
building, but retaining all, or nearly all that  
[goes?] to make up the style & taste of the structure

- & see if I cannot thus obtain the assent of the person[s?] named. . . "; with envelope postmarked Rochester, July 8
- To Sir (EFB) fr J?L? Selden (Rochester) 2 Sept 1867; re architectural plans for church
- To Sir (EFB?) fr J?L? Selden, (Rochester) 2 March 1868; re gold mines, ". . . The main difficulty in our way consists in the vast amount of money required to develop gold mines in a new & comparatively unexplored region. There are no doubt rich mines in the District where we are operating, but so many of the surface indications prove fallacious when excavations are carried down to any depths, that fortunes may be spent before striking a true paying vein. We are now at work upon two leads or veins which give fair promise of proving remunerative, but which we know may prove deceptive as so many others have done. It would be entirely unsafe therefore for you to lay the foundation walls of your proposed church during the coming summer. . ."
- To EFB fr J?L? Selden (Rochester) 14 April 1872; ". . . But the collapse of my fortunes was complete & I retained not a single share of Western Union & very little of any thing else, except a small annuity which I took the precaution to purchase when I saw the danger I was in. . ."; unable to contribute to church; refers to clipping about his brother (below)
- Newspaper clipping (nd) in defense of Judge Henry R. Selden [brother of J?L? Selden]; encl. with above
- To EFB fr L? L? Selden (Rochester) 21 July 1873?; re "Pater Mundi", new church, etc.

**61 1 Burr Notebook circa 1844-1848**

Leather bound notebook circa 1844-1848, "E.F. Burr Nov 1844; including "Sketch of an address at funeral of a liberally educated young man"; notes for sermons; accounts; diary (18 Sept 1848) "Went into fields for practice in preaching & after preaching for a while raised my eyes I found that I had an audience of 3 or 4 persons"

**62 1 Burr War Lecture at Westport, August 1862**

"War Lecture at Westport Aug 1862" (Civil War); handwritten, bound with 3 pink ribbons

**63 2 Burr Hymns MS**

"An Easter Hymn", ["Into their night no star has shone..."]  
"Oh Country, dear Country that lookest on me, . . ."

**64 4 Burr, Angeline Lord school awards, papers, etc.**

Award for punctuality, New London Female Academy (H.M. Farnsworth principal,) 9 April 1846 awarded to E. Howson?, N.D. Hurlbut, J.E. Hurlbut, B.A. Latham, H.A. Lord, L.P. Merrill, J. Rogers.

Award, "Presented to H.A. Lord by the Principal of the Female Academy for the first degree of excellence in scholarship in the first class. H.M. Farnsworth/ Principal/ New London April 9 1846"

Reward of Merit presented to Miss Angeline Lord

Valentine poem to Miss Angeline Lord

**65 14 Burr, Miscellaneous MS**

Prayer, Lyme, 19 August 1844

To Editor fr Edith, nd, poem

Copy of the Will and Testament of Mrs. Mehetebel Gillet, 29 March 1792 (with envelope); widow of Capt. Jonathan Gillet?; " . . . I give and Bequeath to Ruhannah? Gillet wife of my son in law Mr? Esra Gillet my gold Beads and also my Brass Kettle to her and her heirs forever. Thirdly I give and Bequeath to Molley Gillet wife of my son in law Capt Joseph Gillet all the Remainder of my moveable state that shall remain after what is above mentioned to her and her heirs forever to her . . . and appoint the above mentioned Capt Joseph Gillet my sole Executor . . ."

To Uncle fr F.S. Hyde (Groton, Conn.) 30 July 1903; drawing on letter of "hitch your wagon to a star"

Photograph of letter & envelope to Miss Hetta Gillet (Lyme) "Crucifixion Hymn" (handwritten); July 1828

Hymn (handwritten, with musical notes)

Notes "But I think I oft times feel the spirit"

To "Revered Friend" fr ? (nd); re friendship and religion

To (Florence?) fr Harriet A. Lord (nd); partial letter

Notes on Spring and Winter

Alphabet or code (handwritten)

Letter fragment in foreign language

Poem? "Joseph made known to his brethren"

**66 9 Burr Miscellaneous Receipts**

Freight Receipt, Hartford & New York Steamboat Co., Steamer  
*City of Hartford*, to Ms M. Lord, 3 Dec 1857  
To EFB fr E.J. Taylor (Continental Insurance Co, W  
Eastpoint?) 28 Dec 1876; re policy  
Insurance policy #45511, Middlesex Mutual Assurance  
Company, Middletown, Conn. Issued to Rev. E.F. Burr,  
26 Dec 1876, \$1000 "On his frame Dwelling House  
situate on the South side of the road at Green's Farms  
in town of Westport, Conn."  
Note (in full) "Lemuel Gilbert/ 416 Washington St/  
Pianoforte Manufacturer/ Boston, Mass."  
Receipt/Bill to Mrs. M. Lord fr Lemuel Gilbert (Boston) 5  
April 1851 for pianoforte  
Receipt/Bill to Mrs. Lord fr H.A. Brockway, 25 May 1838;  
for ewer & basin, tea set, cups & saucers, dining  
plates, etc.  
Visitation notice to Mrs. Mehetable Lord fr Phebe Ely  
To Dr. I. Van Antwerp (NY) fr D. Alesane? Ely (Baltimore),  
nd; re lost claims, asked B.H. Latrobe of this city,  
lawyer, collected \$3700 on mortgages, "take good care  
of my Caroline", Mr. Chase has received a "good agency  
in Ohio which will be worth at least \$2000".  
Note [1869?]; re claims & payments involving Mr. Longley,  
Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammill

**67 9 Burr, Miscellaneous printed matter**

"Missionary Hymn" (one page)  
Poem after Psalm 46 (one page)  
Paper template and directions for making the "Army Woolen  
Mitten", Willcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine, NY  
Booklet, "The New Progressive Drawing Book Containing  
Lithographed Sketches", publ. By C.P. Huestis, NY  
Booklet, "Prends et Lis! Souvenirs de Saint Augustin",  
published Paris, Ch. Meyrueis et Co., 1855  
Printed page, "A Thought on Emancipation"  
Ticket to "Dr. Burr's Lectures, on 'The Latest Astronomy  
against the Latest Atheism,' last lecture, 18 March  
1872  
Postcard invitation to EFB, postmarked New Haven May 8,  
Anniversary of Yale Theological Seminary, 15 May 1879  
Envelope containing pressed leaves with hand written  
identifications

**68 10 Burr: Broadsides, Advertisements, etc.**

Yellow envelope, "For superintendent of Sabbath School,  
Pastor of [Hamburg] Church"; [1868], addressed to Rev  
Mr Burr, handwritten at top "Brig - Morning Star"  
Printed letter, "American Board - Foreign Missions,  
District of Southern New England, Hartford, Conn.,  
Jan. 1, 1868/ Dear Children of the Sabbath School";  
from J.P. Skeele; re missionary in Tientsin, China;  
with card below  
Donation solicitation card with picture of brigantine  
*Morning Star*; donations for Mission School Enterprise;  
with printed letter above  
Advertisement (Descriptive Circular and Price List), 1 Feb  
1877; J. Stevens & Company, Chicopee Falls, Mass.;  
breech-loading shot guns, single shot guns, sporting  
rifles, etc.  
Advertisement (Descriptive Circular and Retail Price List),  
1 July 1875; J. Stevens & Company, Chicopee Falls,  
Mass.; patent breech-loading fire arms, etc.  
Advertisement; Moseley Iron Bridge and Corrugated Roof Co.,  
98 Nassau Street, New York  
Advertisement, Robert Carter & Bros., 530 Broadway, New  
York, June 1867, "New Books for Summer Reading"  
Printed letter, "Freedmen./ The American Missionary  
Association:/ Its Work Among them./ To the Evangelical  
Ministers and Churches of the United States"; July  
1864; [Civil War]  
Printed Request & Invitation to EFB to repeat his lectures  
on "the Latest Astronomy against the Latest Atheism",  
from professors and ministers, New York, 3 Feb 1872  
To Mr. Gordon fr Gates, Tweedy & Co., breeders of Plymouth  
Rocks & Light Brahmas [chickens] (Norwich) 17 July  
1878; re thanks for his patronage.

**69 18 44-2 Burr Papers; H.M. Burr clips [Hanford  
Montrose Burr] (for photograph of Helen Saxton  
Burr see document box Burr Collection 70028)**

Book review by Rev. Albert Barnes from Nichols & Noyes,  
Boston, for "Pater Mundi" and "Ecce Coelum" by EFB;  
child's handwritten (Montie Burr) note on back, "...  
I want to be a good boy ..."; with envelope  
Book review (fragment) for "Ecce Coelum" by EFB, from  
Nichols & Noyes, Boston; handwritten (by child?) on  
back "Dear Jesus please make me a good boy for Jesus  
sake amen"; possibly goes with envelope below  
Envelope "For Dear Jesus/ Heaven" from Montie; possibly  
goes with above fragment

Newspaper clipping; marriage of Clara, daughter of Wm. F. Saxton, and Rev. Montrose Hanford Burr; intend to settle in Lowell Mass where Montrose Burr called to his first parish; he recently graduated from Amherst College and Hartford Theological Seminary; bride is "secretary of the Saugatuck Conn regional Sunday school for the past three years and besides being a teacher of a large class of young boys has aided materially in all church work."

Newspaper clipping; "Rev. H.M. Burr Accepts a Call to Springfield" (Park Congregational Church]

Newspaper clipping from "The Norwalk Hour", Norwalk, Conn, Sat 23 June 1888; announcing wedding of Clara Helena Saxton to Hanford Montrose Burr on June 21, 1888; ceremony performed by EFB

Newspaper clipping (June 1902); death of Mrs. Clara Helen Burr, "after a long illness"; born May 7 1868[?]; leaves husband, parents, 2 children (Harold & Eleanor), a brother Edward R. Saxton of NY, and a sister Mrs. B.L. Woodworth of Westport, Ct; burial at Saugatuck, CT; early life spent in Paris; attended Miss Augusta Smith's school, Southport, CT; "For many years she has been an invalid isolated from the affairs of the world and at times even from her friends, but throughout she had maintained high courage."

Wedding Announcement, Clara Helen Saxton to Hanford M. Burr, 21 June 1888, Saugatuck Conn.; with envelope

Newspaper clipping; H.M. Burr to accept position at Park Congregational Church, Springfield, Mass.; salary \$1500

Newspaper (Springfield) clipping; "Rev Hanford Montrose Burr, Assistant Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Lowell, Who Has Accepted a Call to the Pastorate of the Park Congregational Church in This City."; engraved portrait.

To Montie fr Will Gordon (Hunter, NY) 17 Aug 1878; re chickens, going to a dance, going to the Catskills, visit, etc.; with envelope postmarked Hunter NY, Aug 19

List of furniture; accompanies diagram below

Diagram of house "Plan of house in Antiuel[?]" ; accompanies list above

Diagram of house interior with rooms identified as "My Parlor", "Capt Sherwood", "Mr. Stein", "My Sleeping Room, Angie, Clara, baby", "Ante Chamber", "Count", "Nurse"

Program for Ordination of Hanford M. Burr, pastor's  
assistant, Wed, 24 Oct 1888, First Congregational  
Church, Lowell, Mass.  
Newspaper clipping; first sermon by new associate pastor at  
First Congregational Church, Rev. H.M. Burr  
Newspaper clipper; farewell reception for Rev. H.M. Burr,  
assistant pastor 1<sup>st</sup> Cong. Church, by Ladies'  
Benevolent society; presented with French clock,  
silver napkin-ring, gold \$10 piece  
Newspaper clipping, 25 Oct 1888 re ordination of H.M. Burr

**70 5 Burr Papers, Hanford Genealogy**

To EFB ("Dear Sir and Cousin") fr Mary S. Sim [?] (Brooklyn  
NY) 29 Jan 1872; re genealogy of "my father's and your  
mother's family"; descendants of Rev. Thomas Hanford;  
with envelope postmarked Norwalk Ct (probably  
erroneously matched with this letter)  
To EFB fr Mary S. Sim (Brooklyn) 4 March 1872; re genealogy  
Genealogical notes presumably from Mary S. Sim; re John  
Compton Hanford of Wollas Hall [England] 8 June 1819,  
and descendants  
Transcription from "Beauties of England and Wales", London  
1814 by John Britton, vol 21, re Wollas-Hall (Hanford  
Family)  
Burr family genealogy notes

**71 12 Burr Papers; Correspondence – Publishers**

To EFB fr J.W. Harper, Jr., Harper & Brothers Publishers  
(New York) 18 Aug 1868; re declining "Ecce Coelum"  
(parts of letter torn off); with envelope  
To EFB fr Noyes & Holmes Co. Publishers (Boston) 6 July  
1870; re corrected proof, foreign copyrights  
To EFB fr W.W. Rand, publishing dept. American Tract  
Society (NY) 27 March 1871; re price paid for  
copyright, manuscript for consideration, etc.  
To EFB fr W.W. Rand, American Tract Society (New York) 10  
April 1872; re "About Spiritualism", "Facts in aid of  
Faith"  
To EFB fr J.M. Stevenson, American Tract Society (NY) 16  
Dec 1870; re costs of books, request "Shall you not  
write us a book?"  
Copyright and Royalty Memorandum to EFB fr Methodist Book  
Concern (New York) 31 July 1897; \$88 for "Dio the  
Athenian" and "Sunday Afternoons"; with envelope

Copyright and Royalty Memorandum to EFB fr Methodist Book Concern (New York) 30 July 1898; \$2.49 for "Dio the Athenian" and "Sunday Afternoons"; with envelope  
To EFB fr Wilbur B. Ketcham, Publisher (New York) 7 July 1897; re royalties for "Aleph the Chaldean"; with envelope  
To EFB fr Wilbur B. Ketcham, Publisher (New York) 5 Oct 1898; re royalties for "Aleph the Chaldean"; with envelope  
Invoice to EFB fr Wilbur B. Ketcham, Publisher (New York) 22 Sept 1898; re "Life Geo. Muller"  
Invoice to EFB fr Baker & Taylor Co., Publishers (New York) 30 Oct [1897?]; re "Fabius"; with letter below  
To EFB fr Baker & Taylor Co., publishers (NY) 1 Nov 1897; re enclosed bill (see above) and copyright

**72 11 Burr Papers; reviews, etc.**

[\* These items found pinned together]

Newspaper clipping; review of 5 books by EFB  
Newspaper clipping; review by Walter P. Doe of "Workers and Work" by EFB; "Its pages have a flavor of egotism which is distasteful."  
Newspaper clipping; review of "In the Vineyard: A Plea for Christian Work" by EFB; "Somewhat quaint in style, it is terse, apposite, admonitory, pungent, but persuasive, winning, convincing."  
Newspaper clipping (possibly from "Working Church"); review of "In the Vineyard: A Plea for Christian Work" by EFB  
Newspaper clipping; review of "Sunday Afternoons," a children's book by EFB  
Newspaper clipping; review of "The Voyage, a Song of the Seas" by EFB, book of poems  
Newspaper clipping; review of "Sunday Afternoon" by EFB  
\*Book review (handwritten) 4 Dec 1884  
\*Book review (handwritten transcription?)  
\*Magazine clipping; review of "Ecce Terra" by EFB  
\*Book review (handwritten transcription?)

**73 13 [New Folder; Burr letters and postcards 1874-1903, thanks you for books; bound together with string; unbound and opened 7/9/09 by volunteer Rodi York]**

To EFB (Lyme) fr J.H. Seelye (Amherst College) 25 Dec 1874, with envelope; thanks for book "Song of the Seas"  
To EFB (Lyme) fr Roswell D. Hitchcock (NYC) 18 March 1876, with envelope; thanks for "In the Vineyard"

To EFB (Lyme) fr E.B. Adams (Westport, Conn) 29 Dec 1876,  
with envelope; thanks for book

To EFB (Lyme) fr Edw? E. Salisbury (New Haven) 28 Dec 1877,  
with envelope; thanks for book

To EFB (Lyme) fr Rev. C. Philit (Les Ollieres, Ardeche,  
France) 30 April 1884; thanks for "Ecce Terra" and  
"Ecce Coelum"

Postcard to EFB (Lyme) fr Rev. C. Philit (Les Ollieres,  
France) 2 June 1884; thanks for "Ecce Coelum"

Postcard to EFB (Lyme) fr Rev. C. Philit (Les Ollieres,  
France) 11? June? 1884; thanks for "Ecce Coelum"

Postcard to EFB (Lyme) fr Rev. C. Philit (pastor, President  
du Consistoire, des Ollieres, Ardeche, France) 29 Sept  
1888; thanks for book

Postcard to EFB (Lyme) fr Rev. C. Philit (Les Ollieres,  
France) 29 Jan 1889; thanks for books

Postcard to EFB (Lyme) fr Rev. C. Philit (Les Ollieres,  
Ardeche, France) ? Feb 1889; thanks for "Universal  
Beliefs"

To EFB, Classmate (Lyme) fr H.L. Dawes (Pittsfield, MA) 13  
Nov 1897; thanks for "Fabius the Roman"

To EFB (Lyme) fr Otis Cary (Kyoto, Japan) 26 Feb 1902, with  
envelope; thanks for book "The Stars of God"

To EFB (Lyme) fr Helen Marr Campbell (Washington DC) 21 Feb  
1903, with envelope; thanks for book; written on  
Braille paper, "Your book entitled 'Aleph the  
Chaldean' has just been read to us, that is to say, to  
the ones of us who are blind in the family. How we  
did enjoy it . . . Could not some good people put that  
grand book into New York point for the Blind?"

**74 16 [New Folder; Burr, publishers 1872-1900, bound  
together with string; unbound and opened  
7/9/09 by volunteer Rodi York]**

To EFB (Lyme) fr J.H. Vincent, Sunday School & Tract  
Departments (NYC), 3 Sept 1872, with envelope; re  
"lectures to children"

To EFB (Lyme) fr J.H. Vincent (Plainfield NJ), Sunday  
School & Tract Departments (NYC), 6 Sept 1872, with  
envelope; re poem "The Voyage"

To EFB (Lyme) fr J. H., Vincent (Plainfield NJ), Sunday  
School & Tract Departments (NYC), 25 Sept 1872?, with  
envelope; "The Sermons are delightful. . . We will  
publish them. I am charmed with them. If you could  
weave a little fable or parable or story or bit of  
history into each one it would make them actually  
perfect. . ."

To EFB (Lyme) fr J.H. Vincent, Sunday School & Tract  
Departments (Methodist Episcopal Church, NYC), 6 Aug  
1873, with envelope; re illustrations for poem

To EFB (Lyme) fr J.H. Vincent, Sunday School & Tract  
Departments (Methodist Episcopal Church, NYC), 11  
March 1874, with envelope; re printing "Children's  
Sermons, illustrations, etc.

\*Envelope to EFB (Lyme) fr American Tract Society (NYC);  
containing the following letters(\*)

\*To EFB fr G.L. Shearer, American Tract Society (NYC) 16  
Feb 1897; re copyright expiration, renewal, and  
printing costs for "Ecce Coelum"

\*To Dr. Shearer fr EFB? (unsigned, probably draft of letter  
to be sent to Shearer) 16 March 1897; response to  
above letter, which "was not satisfactory"; re  
ownership of printing plates?

\*To Dr. Shearer fr EFB? (unsigned, probably another draft  
of letter to be sent to Shearer) nd; response to  
above letter, which "is not satisfactory"; re  
ownership of printing plates?

\*To EFB fr G.L. Shearer, American Tract Society (NYC) 10  
June 1897; ". . . Whether you or this Society is the  
owner of these plates [perhaps for "Ecce Coelum?] it  
is not necessary to discuss. You have definitely  
assigned them to the American Tract Society. . . . "If  
you wish Ad Fidem we will release the plates of that  
book to you . . ."

\*To EFB fr G.L. Shearer, American Tract Society (NYC) 18  
June 1897; "I have your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup>. We will  
endeavor to keep the books in stock according to  
contract, though some of them have a very slow sale  
and it seems a waste of money to print an edition of a  
book that sells in four consecutive years respectively  
8, 7, 5 and 12 copies. . ."

Statement of Account to EFB, fr American Tract Society  
(NYC) 1 June 1898; payment received

To EFB (Lyme) fr publishers Baker & Taylor Co. (NYC) 1 Jan  
1899, with envelope; copyright invoice for "Fabius the  
Roman"

To EFB (Lyme) fr publishers Baker & Taylor Co. (NYC) 1 July  
1899, with envelope; copyright invoice for "Fabius the  
Roman"

To EFB (Lyme) fr publishers Baker & Taylor Co. (NYC) 1 Jan  
1900, with envelope; copyright invoice for "Fabius the  
Roman"; with letter below

To EFB (Lyme) fr publishers Baker & Taylor Co., (NYC) 26  
Feb 1900, in above envelope; re royalty check and  
error correction.

75 44 [New Folder; Burr, thanks for books 1868-1902,  
bound together with string; unbound and opened  
7/16/09 by volunteer Rodi York]

- To EFB (Lyme) fr C.S. Syman (New Haven CT) 10 Dec 1868,  
with envelope; thank you for "Ecce Coelum"
- To Field & Changhead? Fr Mary Ford (Bellevue OH) 18 Jan  
1869; re purchasing "Ecce Coelum"
- To EFB (Lyme) fr G.B. Willcox (New London CT) 3 May 1869,  
with envelope; re "Ecce Coelum"
- To EFB fr Edw. W. Hooker (Newburyport MA) 17 June 1869; re  
"Ecce Coelum"
- \*To EFB ("Classmate") fr H.L. Dawes (Washington DC) 16 Jan  
1870; re "Pater Mundi" (\* All in same envelope  
"Testimonials for Pater Mundi")
- \*To EFB ("Dear Brother") fr E.H. Burr (nd); (\* All in same  
envelope "Testimonials for Pater Mundi")
- \*To EFB fr J.H. Seelye (Amherst College) 7 Jan 1870; (\* All  
in same envelope "Testimonials for Pater Mundi")
- \*To EFB fr Albert Barnes (Philadelphia) 8 Jan 1870; (\* All  
in same envelope "Testimonials for Pater Mundi")
- To EFB (Lyme) fr Edw. W. Hooker (Newburyport MA) 17 June  
1870, with envelope; re "Pater Mundi"
- To EFB (Lyme) fr Marie K.A. Benchley (New Haven) 18 April  
1870, with envelope; re pamphlet she wrote
- To EFB fr Geo. W. Holmes (Marion Iowa) 19 Apr 1870; with  
envelope; re "Ecce Coelum" and "Pater Mundi"
- To EFB (Lyme) fr J.W. Overand (Hartford CT) 13 Feb 1871,  
with envelope; re "Ecce Coelum" and E.A. Poe's  
"Eureka"
- To EFB (Lyme) fr C.H. Balslaugh (Wernersville PA) 28 June  
1871 with envelope; re bad health, unable to read, an  
invalid
- To EFB? Fr C.H. Balslaugh (Dauphin Co PA) 7 Dec 1869, in  
envelope with above letter; re books, ". . . I am an  
invalid. Since April 10, 1853 I have been dependent  
for food and raiment. I had been a long time  
helpless, and 6 years speechless. Now I can again  
help myself and also use my voice. I still suffer  
much. . ."
- To EFB fr Daniel Holt (Lowell MA) 29 March 1870; with  
envelope; re "Pater Mundi" and "views of creation"
- To EFB (Lyme) fr J. Emery Fisher (pastor of Pres. Church,  
Kendallville IND) 12 Aug 1871, with envelope; request  
for "your Photograph with your Autograph."; portion  
cut out at top

- To EFB (Lyme) fr C.H. Balslaugh (Wernersville, Bucks Co., PA) 17 Aug 1871, with envelope; thank you for "Ad Fidem"
- To EFB (Lyme) fr Edw. W. Hooker (West Salem, WI), 22 Aug 1871, with envelope; received book
- To EFB (Lyme) fr N.G. Clark, American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (Boston) 29 Nov 1871, with envelope; re receiving 50 copies of "Ad Fidem" for missionaries
- To EFB (Lyme) fr Mrs. A.J. (or L.) Holbrook (Gouverneur NY) with envelope; re book club reading his books
- To EFB fr H.E. Wheeler, L.H. Biglow & Co0., printers & stationers (NYC) 12 Feb 1872; with envelope from Mason Young, NYC, for Woolsey Fund of Yale College; re previous meeting, "Ecce Coelum"
- Printed page "Planet Systems"; in Biglow letter above
- Printed page "Sun Systems"; in Biglow letter above
- To EFB fr Wm. Windsor (Sycamore IL) 29 Feb 1872, no envelope; re "Ecce Coelum"
- To EFB fr W.W. Atterbury, New York Sabbath Committee (NYC) 9 April 1872; with envelope; re "Ad Fidem"
- To EFB (Lyme) fr Jessie Usher (Higganum CT) 10 Oct 1872, with envelope; re "Ecce Coelum"
- To EFB (Lyme) fr Horace J. Smith, West Laurel Hill Cemetery (Hestonville, Phila, PA) 21 Jan 1873, with envelope; thank you for 2 books
- To EFB (Lyme) fr E?N?D. Spelman (Quincy MA) 16 March 1873, with envelope; re "Pater Mundi"
- To EFB (Lyme) fr Geo. B. Lindsay? (Perrysburg OH) 1 July 1873, with envelope; re "Ecce Coelum"? (2 pages, different handwriting)
- To EFB (Lyme) fr George B. Lindsay (Perrysburg OH) 18 July 1873, with envelope; re "Ecce Coelum"?
- To EFB (Lyme) fr Charles Hodge (Princeton NJ) 25 Oct 1873, with envelope; thank you for "Doctrine of Evolution"
- To EFB (Lyme) fr Lyman H. Atwater (new Jersey) 7 April 1875, with envelope; thank you for book (The Voyage?), ". . . It shows that Science and poesy have no mutual repugnance but may coalesce in the same mind. I hope you feel disposed to continue your efforts to clear up the issues between Science and religion and the respective counterparts? of each."
- To EFB fr S.I. Prine?, Editorial Rooms, New York Observer (NYC) 19 May 1875; re publication of Prof. Stephen Alexander of Princeton
- To EFB (Lyme) fr A.P. Peabody (Cambridge) 13 Nov 1875, with envelope; re "Parish Christianity"

To EFB (Lyme) fr Austin Phelps (Andover MA) 21 March 1876,  
with envelope; thank you for book

To EFB (Lyme) fr C.H. Balslaugh (Dauphin Co. PA) 20 April  
1876, with envelope; re book "Parish Christianity"

To EFB fr C.A. Hobbs (Mason City IL) 1 June 1876; with  
envelope; re "Nebula & Nebulas theory" in "Ecce  
Coelum"

To EFB (Lyme) fr John P. Gullinan, Theological Seminary  
(Andover MA) 29 Nov 1880, with envelope; re "Dio the  
Armenian"

To EFB (Lyme) fr Julius H. Seelye (Amherst College) 9 May  
1887, with envelope; re "Universal Beliefs"

To EFB (Lyme) fr H.L. Dawes (Pittsfield MA) 29 Dec 1895,  
with envelope; thank you for "The Stars of God"

To EFB (Lyme) fr Rev. W.G. Hanna (Knox Church Manse, Mount  
Forest, Ont. Canada) 7 April 1899, with envelope; re  
"Fabius the Roman" with newspaper clipping of Hanna's  
review of it

To EFB fr F.E. Jeffery (Melur, South India) 27 Feb 1902;  
with envelope; re "The Stars of God"; contains the  
following 2 printed letters

Printed missionary letter fr F.E. Jeffery (Camp  
Terupuvanam) 4 July 1901); contained in 27 Feb 1902  
letter to EFB

Printed missionary letter fr F.E. Jeffery (Melur, India)  
Nov 1901); contained in 27 Feb 1902 letter to EFB

**76 39 [New Folder; Burr, thanks for books 1969-1888,  
bound together with string; unbound and opened  
7/16/09 by volunteer Rodi York]**

To EFB? R E. Hall (Auburn NY) 19 Feb (no year); thanks for  
book

To EFB fr S.B.S. Bissell, nd; re "Ecce Coelum"

To EFB fr Henry M. Field (Office of the Evangelist, NY) 11  
Dec 1868; with envelope; re "Ecce Coelum" and Miss  
Evelyn McCurdy

To Editor of the Evangelist fr Edward N. Lord? (Sonconauk?  
IL) 18 Jan 1869; re obtaining copy of "Ecce Coelum"

To EFB fr Geo. H. Griffin (pastor of Plymouth Cong. Ch.,  
Milford, CT) 30 Aug 1869; with envelope; re "parish  
astronomy" and size of sun

To EFB fr Lucia M. Marsh (Rochester NY) 13 Feb 1870; ". . .  
On page 17 of 'Pater Mundi' you give practical  
experiments which you say can be made by all; will you  
refer to the first chapter of the Epistle of James,  
sixth and seventh verses, and then tell me how the  
tests you name can be used by 'one who wavereth'? How

can one obtain a rational faith in this manner since faith is necessary to the efficacy of the experiment?"

To EFB fr Edwin Hall (Auburn NY) 1 March 1870; with envelope; re "Pater Mundi"

To EFB fr D.C. Gilman (New Haven) 13 March 1870; with envelope; re new book; (envelope also contains the following letter.

To EFB fr D.C. Gilman (New York) 28 March 1870; (in above envelope); re remarks about "Ecce Coelum" from Rev. Dr. Martin, president of new university in Peking

To EFB fr T.L. Cuyler? (Brooklyn) 23 April 1870; with envelope; re "Pater Mundi"

To EFB fr Austin Phelps (Andover MA) 15 July 1870; with envelope; re "Pater Mundi"

To EFB (c/o Nichols & Noyes, Boston) fr W.N. Washburn (Greenfield) 13 Sept 1870; with envelope; request for autograph

To EFB fr John Sherwood (NYC) 20 Oct 1870; re "Ecce Coelum"

To EFB fr A. L. Barber (Wallingford CT) 25 Nov 1870; with envelope; re "Pater Mundi" and "Ecce Coelum"

To EFB fr Theo. Slengler? (Brooklyn) 28 Nov 1870; with envelope; re "Ecce Coelum"; mentions Maj. Gen. Casey (US Army)

To EFB fr Austin Phelps (Andover MA) 29 March 1871; with envelope; re "Ad Fidem"

To EFB fr W.A. Stearns (Bedford MA) 10 April 1871; with envelope; re "Ad Fidem"

To EFB fr Howard Crosby (NYC) 15 April 1871; with envelope; re "Ad Fidem"

To EFB fr Roswell D. Hitchcock (NYC) 30 June 1871; with envelope; re "Ad Fidem"

To EFB fr Chas. P. McIlvaine (Cincinnati) 13 Nov 1871; with envelope; re "Ad Fidem"

To EFB fr D.H. Drake (Westfield MA) 20 Nov 1871; with envelope; re books

To EFB fr Geo. G. Smith (Pittsford NY) 19 Dec 1871; ". . . I am a young country pastor. . ." re advice

To EFB fr Chas. J. H. Read (Providence RI) 7 Feb 1872; with envelope; re books

To EFB fr Alice L. Green (Madison [NJ?]) 7 March 1872; with envelope; re source of quotation

To EFB fr Sidney G. Law (Redding CT) 19 Nov 1872; with envelope; re lectures and "Ad Fidem"

To EFB fr J.H. Vincent, Editorial Office (New York) 16 Jan 1873; with envelope; re "terms of our agreement" and second series of "Pater Mundi"

To EFB fr Edwin Hall (Auburn NY) 26 April 1873; with envelope; re second series of "Pater Mundi"

To EFB fr F.W? Zabriskie (Sabrook) 6 May 1873; re "Pater Mundi"

To EFB fr J.W. Andrews (Marietta College) 10 June 1873; with envelope; re second series of "Pater Mundi"

To EFB fr Caroline H. Young (Campbell Hall) 28 Dec 1874; with envelope; re books

To EFB fr W.A. Stearns (Amherst) 22 Feb 1875?; with envelope; re "My Voyage"

To EFB fr E.B. Adams (Westport) 28 Dec 1875; with envelope; re books

To EFB fr C.H. Balslaugh (Dauphin Co. PA) 10 March 1876; re "Parish Christianity"

To EFB fr Stephen? H? Tying (St. ? Rectory, NYC) 18 March 1876; with envelope; re book

To EFB fr Harriet Gipe? (Dauphin Co. PA) 24 March 1876; with envelope; re "Parish Christianity"?

To EFB fr W.H. Withrow, Christian Guardian & Evangelical Witness magazine (Toronto) 30 May 1876; with envelope; re books

To EFB fr G. Frederick Wright (Oberlin Ohio) 27 Dec 1884; with envelope; acknowledges EFB donation

To EFB fr John Brocklesby (Hartford CT) 12 June 1885; with envelope of City Hotel, Hartford; re books

To EFB fr Wm? Dawson (Univ. of Montreal? Letterhead) 19 Sept 1888; re "Long Ago"; ". . . In answer to your question, I do not think there is any evidence of decline in the acceptance of Evolution by scientific men. The present tendency is to the separation of the old Darwinism into a number of more or less discordant doctrines, more or less destructive of one another, as well as of the original hypothesis. The result of this remains to be seen, but I have no doubt it will ultimately tend to sounder views."

**77    39    [New Folder made from one of multiple folders marked 73; letters to E.F. Burr, thanks for lectures & books, 1849 and 1866-1899]**

To C.J. McCurdy (Lyme CT) fr E. Swift (Westport CT) 10 Oct 1849; letter of introduction for Rev E.F. Burr

To EFB fr Edw. W. Hooker (Brunswick ME) 5 July 1867; answering June 24 letter re "Ecce Coelum"

To EFB fr C.S. Lyman? (New Haven) 9 Jan 1868; request for program of lectures in order to print invitation cards

To E. Adams & W. Burr fr Edward W. Hooker (Brunswick ME) 1 July 1869; re death & baptism dates for various Burr family members

- To EFB fr Austin Phelps (Bar Harbor ME) 27 May 1887; re  
"Universal Beliefs"
- To EFB fr S.S. Ralston (La Claire, Iowa) 13 May 1884; re  
"Ecce Coelum", "Pater Mundi", "Ad Fidem", and "Ecce  
Terra", and request for ". . .a personal interview – a  
free interchange of thought. . ."
- To EFB fr J.E. Burr (Fisherville, NH) 26 March 1877; re  
Burr genealogy, Burrs in Bridgewater, MA; family names  
include John, Jonathan, and John G. (grandfather of  
J.E. Burr, moved to VA 1817) and his children Betsy,  
John Jay, Martin C, and Mary; John G moved to  
Worthington MA and had 2 more children Elbridge Gerry  
(father of J.E. Burr) and Louise
- To EFB fr Julius H. Seelye (Amherst College) 28 Jan 1884;  
re "Ecce Terra"
- To EFB fr W.A. Stearns (Amherst College) 16 Sept 1867; re  
"Ecce Coelum"
- To EFB fr Julius H. Seelye (Amherst College) 24 March 1884;  
re "Ecce Terra"
- To EFB fr Mrs. Henry W. Benchley (Ithaca NY) 29 March (no  
year); with envelope; "Doubtless, dear Sir, you have  
known of the lack of orthodoxy at Cornell University.  
Hearing so much of these unevangelical (sic.) views  
since I came here, I have been very desirous that the  
Professors and Students should hear a course of your  
Lectures. . . I write to know upon what conditions you  
will give a course of lectures here. . . Believe me  
you would be accomplishing great good by swaying the  
minds of our Professors and Senior Students toward  
evangelical (sic.) truth."
- To EFB fr J.H. Seelye (Amherst College) 22 May 1873, with  
envelope; re "Pater Mundi" 2<sup>nd</sup> series, ". . . I am  
sorry to learn, through Dr. Stearns, of your ill  
health. . ."
- To EFB fr E.S. Dwight (Hadley) 14 July 1870; thank you on  
behalf of Trustees of Amherst for lectures  
Handwritten copy by W.A. Stearns of Amherst College records  
for 11 July 1868, vote to thank EFB for lectures and  
W.H. Mosley of Boston for defraying the expenses.
- To EFB fr T.S. Child (Hartford CT) 13 April 1872, with  
envelope; thanks for book
- To EFB fr Thos P. Field (New London) 2 May 1873, with  
envelope; request to lecture of relationship of  
science and religion
- To EFB fr J.W. Andrews (Marietta College) 26 Dec 1868;  
thanks for book
- To EFB fr T.S. Child (Theological Seminary, Hartford) 21  
Feb 1872; re scheduling EFB lectures

- To EFB fr G.B. Willcox (New London) 21 April 1866; with handwritten copy of resolution from congregation thanking EFB for "astronomical lectures"
- To EFB fr Rev. A.L. Bloodgood (Monroe Michigan) 25 March 1872; with envelope; re lectures, "Ecce Coelum", and "Ad Fidem"
- To EFB fr Edwin Hall (Auburn NY) 16 March 1872; with envelope; requesting lecture
- To EFB fr John Brocklerby, President of P.B.K. Society in Trinity College (Hartford CT) 12 Feb 1873; with envelope; request that EFB " . . . accept appointment of Orator of the Society for next Commencement . . ."
- To EFB fr Mark Hopkins (Williams College) 1 Feb 1872; with envelope; re giving lecture
- To EFB fr G.B. Willcox (New London) 27 Jan 1866; lecture well received
- To EFB fr J? Stiles Ely (NYC) 5 Feb 1872; request for lecture with copied signatures of the following: Saml F.B. Morse, Stephen H. Tyng, Charles Butler, C.D. Foss (of Methodist Church), James M. Ludlow, Wm. M. Paxton, I. Hall, H.M. Field, S.I. Prime, G.L. Prentiss, E.A. Washburn (rector Calvary Church), J? Stiles Ely, Wm. E. Dodge, Jr., W. Adams, M.S. Hutton, R.R. Booth, E.P. Rogers, T.W. Chambers, James O. Murray, Phillip Schaff, John Spaulding, S.D. Burchard, O.E. Eastman, Fredk Marquand, Willard Parker, ? Randolph, Jno. A. Stewart, Wm. A. Booth, Nathan Bishop, Wm. F. Morgan.
- To EFB fr H.L Dawes, classmate (Pittsfield, MA) 28 June 1871; with envelope; re "Ad Fidem" and "Ecce Coelum"
- To EFB fr W.A. Stearns (Amherst College) 24 Sept 1866; with envelope; re lecture series
- To EFB fr Julius H. Seelye (Amherst College) 16 April 1880; with envelope; re "Dio the Athenian"
- To EFB fr John M. Parker, Charter Oak Life Insurance Co (Hartford CT) 16 July 1868; with envelope postmarked New Haven, Sept 22 (probably mismatched to letter); congratulations upon receiving DD Degree
- To EFB (dear classmate) fr H.L. Dawes (Pittsford MA) 19 Oct 1872; with envelope; invitation to stay at Dawes house when in town to lecture
- To EFB fr W.L. Tyler (Amherst College) 28 March 1871; with envelope; thanks for "Ad Fidem"
- To EFB fr W.A. Stearns (Amherst College) 11 March 1876; with envelope; thanks for "Works in the Vineyard" and request for lectures
- To EFB fr W.A. Stearns (Amherst College) 24 April 1871; with envelope; condolence on death of EFB's mother

To EFB fr W.A. Stearns (Amherst College) 3 April 1868; with envelope; apology and correction for date of lecture

To EFB fr T.S. Child (Hartford CT) 1 March 1872; with envelope; re scheduling lectures and invitation to EFB, Mrs. Burr, and their son to visit

To EFB fr T.S. Child (Hartford) 28 March 1872; apology for missing lecture due to death of mother

To EFB fr E.S Dwight (Hadley) 23 July 1868; thanks from Amherst Board of Trustees for Bur lectures on "The Scientific Evidences & Illustrations of Religion"

To EFB fr W.A. Stearns (Amherst College) 17? June 1868; thanks for lectures; "Please forward me you bill for traveling & hotel expenses . . ."

To EFB fr W.A. Stearns (Amherst College) 24 May 1867; re lectures at Amherst

To EFB fr E.S. Dwight (Amherst College) 6 July 1869; Amherst College Board of Trustees thanks for lectures on "Scientific Evidences & Illustrations of Religion"

To EFB fr Theo. L. Cuyler? (Brooklyn) 24 March 1871; with envelope; re upcoming lecture

To EFB fr Edwin Hall (Auburn NY) 27 March 1872; re EFB lectures at next YMCA season

To EFB fr W.A. Stearns (Amherst College) 11 July 1868; vote of thanks from Amherst trustees (probably for lectures), re college conferring Doctor of Divinity to EFB

To EFB (dear classmate) fr H.L. Dawes (Pittsfield MA) 29 Aug 1899; thanks for poem "Not With Us"

**78 19 [New folder made from one of many folders marked 73; 40-11 Burr Papers, correspondence - literary; 1868-1887; renumbered as folder 78 (RY 7/23/09)]**

To EFB fr A.P. Peabody (Cambridge MA) 13 July 1868; thanks or "Ecce Coelum", refers to Amherst honors (see folder 77)

To EFB fr W.A. Stearns (Amherst College) 14 March 1868; re scheduling lectures

To EFB fr A.P. Peabody (Cambridge MA) 14 Jan 1870; thanks and praise for "Pater Mundi"

To EFB fr A.P. Peabody (Cambridge MA) 7 April 1871; with envelope; praise for "Ad Fidem"

To EFB fr Roswell D. Hitchcock, editor of new "Cyclopaedia" (NYC) 29 March 1873; request for biographical info

To EFB fr A.P. Peabody (Cambridge MA) 28 April 1873; with envelope; thanks for "Pater Mundi"; ". . . This last work of yours seems to be, in design, arrangement & execution, admirably fitted to counteract the

dangerous tendency of the dominant scientific heresy of the day. Yet you are only second-best on your side of the questions at issue. To a careful thinker Darwin is his own best antagonist. He is wonderfully frank; in his books he shows the poverty of his own arsenal of facts & arguments; & I believe that hardly any better service could be done to the cause (one & inseparable) of scientific & religious truth than a fair presentation of Darwin vs. Darwin, - a refutation of him by the orderly setting forth of his admissions & omissions. But all this without prejudice to the transcendent merit of your book, which is equally loyal to religion & to science, supplies an essential need of our time, & cannot but be an instrument of great & enduring good, especially with young men of culture who are not exposed to the perils of skepticism, & best fitted to appreciate the antidote you have furnished. . ."

- To EFB fr Samuel Hast (Trinity College) 9 July 1873; with envelope; thanks from Connecticut Beta of the Phi Beta Kappa Society for lecture, and request for book
- To EFB fr Austin Phelps (Andover MA) 2 May 1873; with envelope; thanks for "Pater Mundi" 2<sup>nd</sup> series,
- To EFB fr Austin Phelps (Saratoga NY) 8 Oct 1875; with envelope; thanks for book
- To EFB fr Mark Hopkins (Williams College) 2 Nov 1875; with envelope; thanks for book
- To EFB fr A.P. Peabody (Cambridge MA) 1 April 1876; with envelope; thanks for book; praises last chapter "Wages for Work"
- To EFB fr A.P. Peabody (Cambridge MA) 15 April 1880; with envelope; thanks for "Dio the Athenian"
- To EFB fr A.P. Peabody (Cambridge MA) 1 Jan 1884; thanks & praise for book
- To EFB fr Mark Hopkins (Williams College) 8 June 1885; with envelope; thanks for "Celestial Empires"
- To EFB fr Mak Hopkins (Williams College) 14 May 1887; with envelope; thanks for "Universal Beliefs"
- To EFB fr Victoria Institute, Philosophical Society of Great Britain (London) 7 Jan 1883; with envelope; invitation to join the institute either as a member or as an associate
- To EFB fr Austin Phelps (Andover MA) 28 Dec 1883; praise of books
- To EFB? Fr L.C. Bartlett (President's Room, Dartmouth College, Hanover NH) 4 Feb 1884; thanks for "Ecce Terra"

To EFB fr Jno. C. Strong (Buffalo) 18 Oct 1872; 6-page letter handwritten on legal paper; re "Ecce Coelum" and "Pater Mundi", descendant of Aaron Burr, ". . . I have great doubts about the assumed verities of the Christian Religion and incline to the belief its alleged facts are legendary and fictional . . . [graduated Yale 1842, lawyer] . . . And many & the choicest principles of my religion and yours are the same. The necessity of Religion as an instrument for the cultivation of the moral qualities of our nature I also concede therefore believing it well for a man to go along with the established religion of his age & people & not reject and stand aloof from a system that has so much of truth & good to mankind in it even though you believe its broad underlying facts are fictional and legendary. . . Nevertheless I incline strongly to the opinion the Bible is in no peculiar sense the word of God. . .", etc.

**79    32    [Burr correspondence mostly about his books, 1869-1904; one of many folders marked 73, renumbered as folder 79 (RY 7/30/09)]**

- To EFB fr Henry M. Field (Evangelist Office NY) 28 Jan 1869; re papers ordered and bill
- To EFB fr Albert Barnes (Barnet?) (Philadelphia) 27? Feb 1869; with envelope postmarked Phila, 1 May; thanks for book
- To EFB fr B?B.B., on letterhead of City of New York, Department of Finance, Comptroller's Office (Weston?) 30 March 1870; with envelope; re death of Mr. Griffin, etc.
- To EFB fr M.W. Reynolds (Harpoot, India? Turkey?) 29 Feb 1872; with envelope and 2 printed sheets; re "Ad Fidem", missions in Turkey? "Harpoot Report April 1872" (printed), hymn printed in Turkish?
- To EFB fr E.P. Rogers (NY), 26 March 1872; with envelope; re EPR daughter's health, re EFB lectures
- To EFB fr J.H. Vincent, Dept. of Sunday-Schools & Tracts, Methodist Episcopal Church (NYC) 3 June 1872; with envelope; re "Worlds Overhead" and proposed "The Young Peoples' Half Hour Series"; see following "Note"
- Note from J.H.V (J.H. Vincent) nd (possibly included in a bove letter; re advertising "Ad Fidem"
- To EFB fr Geo. D. Cummins (NYC) 6 Feb 1874; with envelope; re "Confederacy of Churches"

Postcard to EFB fr Parish Mutual Association (NY) 20 Aug 1874; re death of Rev. Christian Kessler at Lehi8ghton PA and membership assessment.

To EFB fr W.D. Griffin (Boston) 16 Dec 1893; re recently published religious book; another letter on back handwritten in pencil, refers to Montie, Edith, Capt. Gillet, etc.

To "my dear cousin" (EFB) fr Harriet B. Smith (Southport) 11 Nov (no year); thanking for her visit to EFB & Angie; refers to Mea and Clara, Uncle Salmon, cousin William Burr

To EFB fr C.W. Kilbon (Adams, via Durban, Natal, So. Africa) 15 Nov 1901; with envelope postmarked Durban Natal; with photograph; re "Stars of God", "Ecce Coelum", ". . .I will enclose a picture - tho poor - of our present theological class of the Zulu Mission with their wives, who also attend many of the class exercises with their husbands. Rev. J.C. Doorward associated with me, stands at your left & the building beyond is Jubilee Hall of the [?] Sem'y of the Zulu Mission."; handwritten on back of photo "Theol. Men & their wives - 1901 - Adams Theol. School, Natal, South Africa"

To EFB fr J.D. Davis (Kyoto) 8 May 1902, typed; with envelope; re "The Stars of God"

To EFB ("cousin Enoch") fr C. Hanford Henderson (Marienfeld, Chesham, NH) 10 Sept 1904; with envelope; refers to CHH's grandfather Thomas Cooke Hanford, CHH's mother Mary Hanford, CHH's sister Harriet, to "our cousins" Augusta and Clara Smith, "... Harriet is married and lives in New York - 635 West 115<sup>th</sup> Street - as her husband Dr. Henry Rogers Seager is a professor at Columbia... I am a settled old bachelor ..."

Postcard to EFB fr Wm. B. Cary?, postmarked Lyme, March 28; re next meeting of Middlesex Association and lecture by EFB

Envelope to EFB Lyme, postmarked Amherst MA, Aug 8

Envelope "To the 'Pastor' of the Congregational Church, Lyme, Conn" postmarked South Malden MA, Aug 10?

Envelope to EFB postmarked New York, Jan 6

Envelope to EFB postmarked New York, April 18

Envelope to EFB postmarked New Haven CT, Mar 27, possibly from Prof Lyman, 1871

Envelope of Charter Oak Life Insurance Co to EFB

Envelope to EFB postmarked Hartford CT, May 11

Envelope to EFB postmarked Amherst MA, 7 June 1887

Envelope to EFB postmarked Amherst MA, May 20

Envelope to EFB postmarked New York, April ?; possibly contained Tract on Spiritualism April 1872?

Envelope to EFB; handwritten in pencil "July 8. 70"

\*Envelope "Copy of letters to & from Rev. L.A. Piddock Mar. 30, 1898, containing the following (\*) handwritten copies

\*To "Dear Sir" (Piddock?) fr EFB? no signature, nd (copy); draft of following letter re publisher going out of business

\*To Charles Piddock fr EFB? 30 March 1898 (copy); re publisher going out of business, "I do not think you ought to be surprised. The public would be surprised to learn that a Christian minister could deal so unscrupulously as you have done with a formal contract. But this is not all. You represented yourself to the public as a successful publisher of first class books. On the strength of this representation I accepted your offer for my manuscript. Almost immediately after the printing and while the book was being most favorably noticed by the press and the outlook was most promising, you suddenly concluded to go out of business and began to crowd the book on dealers at panic prices. . ."

\*To Piddock fr EFB April 20 (copy); re no response to previous letter

Receipt to EFB from John Ten Brook (Hanover St., NY) 17 Oct 1869; with envelope postmarked Union Depost PA, Mar ?; for \$2,097.50 for bonds

Envelope to EFB fr The Ely Re-Union; (EFB?) handwritten notes, number calculations on front, and poem? on back.

**80 19 ["Enoch Burr letters"; Burr correspondence, mostly with "brother" and "Willie", 1866-1887, most re selling land via Chicago agents; folder marked 74, renumbered as folder 80 (RY 7/30/09)]**

To brother fr EFB (Lyme) 29 Feb 1866; re land in Chicago?, "I have just received a note from our agent in Chicago saying there has been another decision in favor of the Davis? Claim, and advising that we pay. The lawyer offered at one time to take \$300 - whether he would do so now I do not know. . ."

To brother fr EFB (Lyme) 3 May 1866; re land ownership, "I am quite reluctant to be encumbered again with any part of the land. And my impression is that the old arrangement is the profitable? one for you in the long run. Still, as you think differently and insist upon

it, we will go back to my offer of cash full[?].

This. . . was to let you have the land north of your house in return for your Bond and your half of the Chicago place. . ."

- To brother fr EFB (Lyme) 29 Jan 1871; re annuity
- To brother fr EFB (Lyme) 30 Sept 1871; re money, taxes
- To brother fr EFB (Lyme) 7 Oct 1875; re Chicago tax
- To brother fr EFB (Lyme) 2 July 1878; re land for sale in Chicago?, re Mr. Ely's daughter to marry Amherst professor, re Brockways moving to Middletown?
- To brother fr EFB (Lyme) 4 June 1879; weather, Angie to "put the church in order for the season", upcoming visit to New London
- To brother fr EFB (Lyme) 23 Feb (nd); "Pres. M'Cosk of Princeton College, New Jersey, wants me to collect what information I can about Pres. Aaron Burr, one of the earlier presidents of that college. He was born and bred in Fairfield and perhaps Mary's friends could hunt up the whole genealogical connections of his family with ours. . . The following is all I know about the family. 1. Jonathan Burr (born in eng. 1604 came to this country in 1639, settled as a minister in Dorchester, Mass. 2. John Burr (son of above settled in Fairfield about 1846). 3. Peter Burr (son of John, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of CT died about 1725."
- To W fr EFB (Lyme) 27 April 1880; re finances and land
- To Willie fr EFB (Lyme) 28 April 1881; re sale of lot in Chicago
- To Willie fr EFB (Lyme) 10 May 1881; re money from sale of Chicago lot
- To Willie fr EFB (Lyme) 12 May 1881; re renting lots in Chicago; Miss H and dislocated hip
- To W fr EFB (Lyme) 15 April 1882; re money, ". . . I have had such large bills to pay on account of M's sickness . . .", Montie back (to school?)
- To W fr EFB (Lyme) 9? Nov 1882; "Of course I should be sorry to embarrass in any way a movement for the advantage of the School District. At the same time, I confess, I should feel unpleasantly to have the premises occupied as I can imagine they might be, if sold. The land was donated solely for school purposes. It would not have been given for any other. I may have given a deed of it; but I have no recollection of having done so."
- To W fr EFB (Lyme) 25 April 1887; re selling land, re family; "I think I would accept and close up the matter [?] whether we promised to accept any offer

made or not. Has Elwood paid for the purchase yet? Edith has been sick most of the time since January, but is now better. Willie Hyde has broken down in health & his business, and has returned to us for recuperation. Montie has returned to Amherst after a vacation of two weeks – feeling almost like a junior, the last term of sophomore year being so short. How time flies with these boys as they turn into men! I mean that M shall [?] the land of his father next vacation. Edward Ely & wife came up yesterday to superintend the [?] on Prospect Hill. He [?] the farm house."

To Elisa? Fr EFB (Lyme) 16 April [no year]; re land for sale via Chicago agents, getting second opinion on price; ". . . If Mr. Sherwood can secure for us a better offer than our usual agents can, without embarrassing my relations to them, I would of course accept his offer – otherwise I should feel bound to give the preference to those who have long acted for us. He will know what is considered the fair thing as between agents. If we sell, I suppose it will be necessary to cancel Mrs. Nicoll's claim; but as her offer seems about the same as that of two years ago, I would like, pending the negotiations for sale, to see if we cannot reduce her figures somewhat. I have written to Chicago about the matter. . . "

To W fr EFB (Lyme) 3 May [no year]; re sale of property via Chicago agents; re taxes

To Willie fr EFB (Lyme) 18 May [no year]; re selling land, Baird & Bradley, agents; ". . . But the thing ought to be so managed that we shall not be obliged to pay a commission of 2-1/2 per cent to two agents. . . "

To W fr EFB (Lyme) 26 Oct [no year]; re land for sale, re school district, re Montie doing well at school [jr. at Amherst]; ". . . I would not decline to contribute \$5 for the good of the School District, but I cannot say that it seems to me just, much less generous, to require me to pay any sum, however small, for land, which I parted with for school purposes only and which, of course, would never have been given at all had it been supposed that in a few years the District would hand it over to some party where occupancy would damage the contiguous property."

To Willie fr EFB (Lyme) 14 May [no year]; "I received your letter yesterday. I see that you did not understand what I intended to say, vis, that for the sake of having all my share down at once in ready money I would abate? \$200. The notes do not admit? of being

divided. One party or the other must hold them. On the whole, I think the best way for all parties is for me to let you have all the cash. This amounts to within a few dollars of your full share – and perhaps you will accept that as a final settlement – especially, as for many years I have been subject to various small expenses in connection with the management. If this is satisfactory you will find the money in Barlow's hands, to whom the Administrators can give a receipt in full & surrender the certificate I gave you. We are still in deep [rest of letter cut out]"