

still very feeble, but slowly improv-
ing, Mrs Dea Mills is at present
more comfortable, Dea Wheeler of
our orchard trees rucks are,

Our son's family are at present
in unusual health, Charles has
at times overpassed beyond his
strength, About the first of the
year he was taken, strange to say
very much as I was when you were
with us; faintness, dizziness, loss of
appetite, loss of sleep & ~~loss~~ of irrita-
tion of the heart, The Dr set him up
in a few days, Besides his labors
in the advanced classes, he has re-
vited, & compiled his entire course of
lectures of last year, dividing them
into chapters, for the press, His manu-
script has been approved in New-

York, & is now sent to London for
the approval of that branch of the firm
It may possibly fail, we think the chan-
ce is good that it will be out in the
spring, I say nothing about this, nor about



My letter to
you concerning
not sending
again

Amherst Feb 4th 1874

My Dear friend Mary,

We were very glad
to receive your last letter, Please
accept our hearty thanks for your
promptness in writing, & for
all the kind expressions your
letters contain, Indeed, we some-
times feel younger for those sweet
pages of friendship, they are like
a fresh galeland of open upon
our furrowed brow, - In my
last letter to you, I strangely forgot
to acknowledge the receipt of your
brother's picture, Willard looks a
little older, perhaps on account of
his
beard covering his smooth face & chin,

In two weeks from Friday next
you will expect your brother, with
his
new wife, on the very day your school

will ease, The event of your only
brother taking to himself a wife, is
an exceedingly interesting & important
step, not only to him ^{self} & his companion
but also to yourself & to your dear
Parents, In these strange times, more
is thought of an event like this, than
it was in times gone by, - Most
sincerely do we hope, it may be a joy
& a constant comfort to all your hearts.
We think it will be very pleasant
for you to make them a visit in
the spring, Should ^{you} find in this man
sister, (as we hope you will) a genial
loving friend, one whose heart is warm,
whose sympathies are active; - it
will be a great comfort to you, a
blessing which your nature requires,
since the sorrowful experience of
the past year, - - In the half sheet
I spoke of, which has since been burnt,
I think there was nothing but what
you have omitted, only I promised

if life was spared, I would sit
& send to you another Aetium a
surgon, & better variety of first leaves,

The large four horse omnibus
runs every hour from Mineral Spr
ing Hotel, half a mile west of the P. O.,
up by our house to the head of the
Avenue at Mr. Scotts, round trip 10c

You will have observed by the
papers I have sent you that Mr
Cuffield is again in hot water.
This time, his shafts are directed to
the lady students in the Medical
College, Poor man, - He thinks religion
has departed from the University,
leaves his old friend Dr. Toppin as
tanned off more than ten years ago,
& so every thing goes wrong, Mr C., in
todays paper says let us drop it all,
He has again been driven to the wall.
It so happens that not one of the Profe-
sors attend his church, This is, & has
been a sore trial to him, - Mr Scott is

For our son is very chummy, seldom
telling what he has done, & never telling
what he is going to do, Make no allusion
to this in any letter, - You will ex-
pect me to say something about Charlie,
He is making fair progress with his books
but he had almost every thing to learn
when he came here, - not only in his
books, but in his general deportment,
He is nervous & excitable very fond
of play in almost any form, He has
no vicious habits, we must exercise
much patience, & do him all the good
we can for the good of the boy, & for the
memory of his own dear mother.

I enclose his picture taken the 17th of
last month the day he was twelve
years old, It is a good picture, in the
chin you see a little of his mother's face,
Charlie, & his picture is all that is left
of dear Emma, only the sweet memory
of her gentle nature & her constant
love, This is enough to do all that
lies in our power for his good, We hope
not to be disappointed in those efforts,

I am glad to be able to say that
from the week of prayer there has been
an increasing religious interest in

The Young men Christian Association
of the University, for the past week
or more, an unusual degree of Christian
activity has been quite manifest in
their meetings, some conversions among
the students are reported, & quite a num-
ber are enquiring for the way of life,
The churches are being awakened, &
the hope is expressed that a general
revival of religion may be at our
door, There is perhaps no place in
our nation where the results of a general
revival of religion would be more
widely felt than here at this time,

If all the students should be converted
more than 1000 in number, what
an array of influence to be spread
over the whole land by these young
men, so soon to be representative
men carrying a weighty influence where
ever they may go, My letter is abun-
dantly too long & must be brought to
a close, Please write after your brother
has made his visit, Give our love
to your parents, & claim a large share
for yourself, Mrs. A joins in this request
Your friend, most affectionately
Charles Adams,