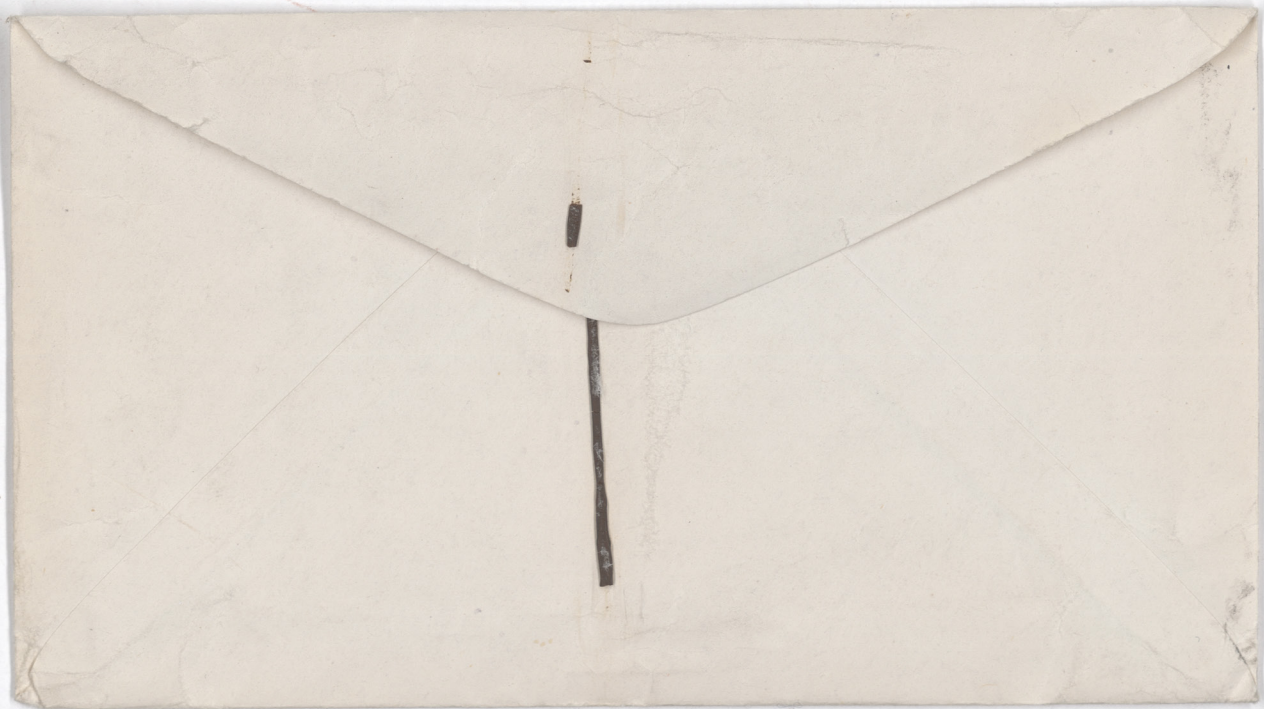


Low letters to Mother -
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Father called her "Snips"



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Miss Lizzie Campbell,
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Township of Standly,
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Another sheet yet Lizzie, dont get impatient, for I intend to fill this too if it wont make the letter too heavy. you may as well know it now as hereafter. Let me see I was talking about Mr. Stevenson, but see I have said all on that subject but one thing, now listen Lizzie and dont tell for I have really been so wildly like as to jump and with a boy too. While at Mr. S. we went out to the lot and Robert challenged me to jump as far as him. I mounted the stump and tried it, he strained every nerve to beat me but in vain. I kept close upon his heels. Why Lizzie I felt as if it did me a great deal of good. I havent had to jump since I left Scotland let me see, that is nine years. Poor Robert looked rather crest fallen but I could not help that. Dear Lizzie you say Mr. Laverock has gone, well I dont whether it is for the better or not, but I sincerely hope it will. People here have a great talk about British Columbia, the papers say the diggers make on an average \$10. per. day. and that none are disappointed, I hope that is the case and that Mr. Laverock. will be very successful. Mr. Laverock must be very lonely. I think she had better stayed in New Haven dont you Lizzie. The next time you write tell her I should like very much to hear how she is getting along. Dear Lizzie you say you have as much sewing as you can do have you started dressmaking, how do you like it tell me all about it. I wish I was as far advanced in my business as you are in yours. perhaps I wont teach next Fall yet. On talking to Miss Smith about it she advised me to stay till I had read Birgle

and probably we wont begin that till next fall. There is a German
class formed, and I of course am a member, it is pretty easy for me
at present, but I intend to learn all I possibly can. I have also
been studying geometry for a long time, but mathematics as you know
is no great favorite with me, I suppose I dont progress as I ought to
So Lizzie you see it is nothing but study, study with me, get I
prefer it to sewing. Lizzie you say when you get married you
say you will come over and see me, when that time comes perhaps
you may forget me for a time at least, but remember you shall
hear from me, and know that I can scold as well as any husband
But Lizzie if you dont get a husband (I am looking forward for
your company in a life of single blessedness, they say misery likes
company, but it is not misery in this instance but blessedness, see
single blessedness) I say if you dont get a husband dont blame
yourself, but your trade, for yours with mine I believe gets
an old maids name. Dear Lizzie in one of your letters you
said you went to a Mission Sunday School till me if you have a class
of boys & girls, how large the school is, how conducted, and everything about
At Bethany Mr. Brown is very anxious to have the scholars repeat the
ten commandments together, he wishes them to be able to repeat
them at the next monthly concert, but I rather doubt it, there is
also some talk among the teachers of a picnic, but I dont know whether
I shall have any thing to do with it or not, as my time is precious
Dear Lizzie since I wrote last I have finished my bed cover, I did
nothing but crochet for several weeks, so that my sewing has got behind
But as soon as I get along a little with that, I shall begin my window cur-
tains. The weather is getting very warm, we are going to have a large

crop of cherries this year, you know last year there was not a
cherry to be found. I believe fruit of all kinds will be very plentiful
around New Haven at least; how does Canada fare in this respect
I hope for your sake there will be plenty of pears if nothing
else. Dear Lizzy I see by the paper you sent, you Canadian
seem to think America can never be a united people again, it
may be so, but for the welfare of the nation I hope not. I am
glad that the senate and people see the necessity of the entire
abolition of slavery; they have taken the first step viz. freeing the
slaves in the District of Columbia, but I hope they will not be
content with this but go on till slavery in America will be among
the things that were. They have great improvements to make in
that respect yet, here in the north, the colored man has the liberty
to go from state to state to be where, and even that is granted
under certain conditions he must not go in this car or that car
and must subject himself at all times to the will of the white man
Instead of being regarded as a man he is scorned and despised and
in many instances placed upon a level with the brute
No. America can never become the first nation in the world
until every inch of her soil is declared like England to be a
refuge for all colors, nations, and tribes from every accusation
but that of crime. Then she may proudly boast of being
The land of the free, and home of the brave,
and not omit them. But forgive me Lizzy, I am forgetting
myself, and wearing out your patience besides. You will answer
this long string of nonsense, the first chance you get, wont you
like a good girl. Pray I know would write you if I gave

a chance, however you may expect a few lines from her the
next time I write. Robert wishes me to ask a favor of you
you know he was afflicted with the stamp fever when you
was here, he has recovered a little but the dregs of the disease
still remain, he wishes me to ask you to be so kind as to send
him some medicine, which like the drunkards' bowl never
satisfies but creates a longing desire for more. Tell Lizzie
the long and short of the matter is that you will send him
several of the American ten ct. stamps which you received
on my former letters, if not destroyed, of course any Canadian
Stamps will be acceptable. But Lizzie I must close
and dont you think it time, I do I assure you for my
hand is so stiff I can hardly hold the pen. I meant to
have sent a paper when I received your last but neglected
it, but shall send one with this. Father and Mother
and all of your scotch friends together with Mrs. Higby
wish to be remembered. My kindest love Lizzie
dear, Hoping you will write soon to

Your old friend

Miss C. Ketch

P.S. I forgot to tell you I am one of the vice presidents
of the Band of Hope, and Nellie is again president
Write soon Lizzie and donnie forget
Lizzie

a long letter too

Dear Lezzie I shall send you
the Scottish American weekly for
the sake of the story entitled Rachel
Hoble. It is a temperance prize essay
supposed to be written by a lady in
Glasgow. But perhaps you may have
heard of it or even read it, if so please
tell me and I can send you another
paper; but I will suppose you have
not seen it, at least till I receive fur-
ther notice. I have delayed sending
the paper till I wrote because the
first number was wanting for a long
time, and hoped to give you some
idea of its contents, but that is found
and as a matter of course another lost.
But Lezzie the lost paper happened
to contain but a little over a column
and I can give all the particulars in
a few words, you will find it on the
last page. I hope every paper will reach

you as it is very provoking to loose part of
an interesting story. It seems some have
not reached you, as I have sent a paper
every week but once when I am sorry to
say that I forgot. but if that happens
again I will send the two in one, and
will post them myself. The papers
will be about two weeks old or you
get them as Mr. Bryden reads them
also and generally keeps them about a
week. It is the only paper which
father enjoys, and mother says the
only one which she can believe,

Dear Lizzie I dont know what I should
do if I was situated as you are as regards
Sunday. Am very busy every day of the
week but Sunday more than usual
especially if I go out in the evening
as I do very pleasant evening go down
to the Bethel. It is a very short
walk when compared with the one
we used to take together and much
more agreeable too. We had quite a

heavy fall of snow this week, the deepest we
have had this year yet. Sleighing has been
all the rage for the last two days, but
it is about as much as the horses can do
to draw them along today, and can't be
very agreeable for the occupants as muddy
snow and water splashes continually
over them. Have you ever tried the sles-
ing? I have had no chance for want of ice,
we have no skating pond in our yard
this year simply for want of frost. It has
been a very mild winter so far with the
exception of two days the last of which the
coldest was 38° of frost in the morning,
and only 2° at night, quite a change
for less than 12 hrs. wasn't it? But
Lizzie I must now close the time which
I allotted to write this letter in is nearly up
viz. 20 minutes. pretty fast writing for me
and consequently very poorly done, but I know
you will excuse all my shortcomings, and
please don't punish me by delaying as long as I
have but write soon a very long letter and
you will give your friend very much pleasure
Lucie Ketch

Mr. Morgan hired a house in the country quite a distance from any village. Rachel in a short time found that one of his reasons for taking such a remote house was that intoxicating drink could not be easily obtained, and also that the inhabitants of the house were total abstinents. The situation at first was not very agreeable but towards the close of the day became more acceptable on account of the surrounding scenery. After supper John, Rachel and Fanny took a walk together when Rachel proposed to John that they become total abstinents during their stay in the country said he was willing but his health would not permit him to do so, but he could take a glass in a private manner. She tried to show him his error but he remained firm in his first opinion, and thus their walk was ended. The next morning Rachel makes the acquaintance of Mr. Brown the lady of the house, which you will find in the next paper which I will send next week. Write soon Love to your old friend Susa.

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that God is again blessing his people and that many are turning from
the path of sin to the way of holiness and truth. There is a slight
indication of a revival here in the southern part of the city but I
think the people taken as a whole are too much engaged with the
war to produce a general interest over the city. But I hope these
judges of wrong for this nation or individually and as well as the
purifying influence of the gospel. Dear Peggy you ask if I have
heard from Mr. Gaverock. I have heard nothing whatever
concerning her but what little you have told me in your
letters. I write two letters last neither of which she
answered and although I should like very much to
hear from her, it being a year next month since she
last wrote. I shall think it is my duty to write again
still I should like very much if you would send her
address and if I have time I may write. I hope Mr.
Gaverock may succeed, for he well deserves success.
I should think Mrs. G. would be very lonely in a
strange place. Peggy when you write to her tell her
I should like very much to know if she had forgotten me.
Your request I will gladly grant, provided
you will grant me one in return, that is a much
longer time than I have yet received. I have set you
an example and I believe you will follow it. When you
have a chance to have a paper which you do not require for
other purposes please send it over this way. We have
had a very changeable winter so far, some days the doors
are left open during the day and a part of the winter and
the cold never felt we have had but 22 degrees of frost.

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New Haven Aug 16th 62

Dear Lizzie

I received your long looked for letter yesterday, but was very sorry indeed to learn that sickness was the cause of your long silence. I was prepared for almost any other reason than that you was always so healthy here in New Haven never complained but once and that from the same cause, but from what Dr. Austin said I thought there was no danger whatever of consumption, and to look at you no one would think you could be liable to that trouble, but appearances are deceitful. I am very glad that you have so far recovered that you can travel, but Lizzie you must be very careful of yourself. Beware of heating yourself and then getting cooled right off. Lizzie you say you think you will come over and see us this Fall or next Spring take my advice and think no longer but decide to do so at once, and let it be the Fall. first because it is much more pleasanter then than in the Spring, if you remember it was either unpleasant overhead or underfoot and one would not feel inclined to go anywhere, and you know we would have a great many places to visit. Second because the change of air would be very beneficial for New Haven is considered a very healthy place, and third because I haven't patience to wait till Spring

Then let it be the Gull. Your mother may not like to trust you to my charge, but tell her I have a mother who will do everything for your benefit, and whose decision I would be willing to abide by at all times concerning your own precious self while under our charge. She need not fear the war for unless it is the scarcity of change, for which ~~gold and~~ postage stamps are substituted, and a recruiting office here and there all things go on as before in New Haven; but if there is any chance of the rebels coming to New Haven we will bundle you off in time to escape them. But Lizzy ~~godding~~ aside I hope you will prevail upon your father and mother to allow you to come. It is not as if you were going to a strange place where you have but few friends, but you have tried it and liked it very much, and you there are a great many here who would be very glad to see you. I have been asked repeatedly if I have heard from Lizzy or Mr. Laverock lately, but always had to answer no now Lizzy I can say yes, but I wont tell them the best of it that you are coming over, I will keep it as a little bit of a surprise and let you tell them in your own person. Now dear Lizzy I hope you wont need to be urged further, but be assured we will do everything that can be done to make you comfortable, and before you start make arrangements to ~~stay~~ make a long stay. Willie intends going to New York soon to draw so we can have his room which is larger than ours, and we can get along splendidly. I posted a short letter last Monday you would it.

about the time I got yours. I was entirely out of patience
and thought the best thing I could do was to write. I sent
two papers the Courier and Register which I hope you
have received. I have not yet received yours but expect it tomorrow.
You say you sent four papers I have not received one
of them since your last letter in May. I have sent 2
since that time but probably they have not reached
their home. I will send you one with this. Lizzie
did I tell you I had finished my bedcover and begun to knit
window curtains. you must learn to knit when you come here.
Cotton is very expensive now, I got 6 pounds for my curtains
and paid 10 to a skin or 75 ct per pound. if it is any
cheaper there I would advise you to get a pound or two of No. 1
for I intend to have you knit that small table cover with
the flower in the center and another with a bird sitting
on a branch. If you want to knit covers for ~~tables~~ tables
bureaus or anything else bring their length and breadth
on a string or anything convenient but be sure and not confuse
one with the other. Do you think you could manage to
come about the beginning or middle of October. November
is sometimes pretty cold but pleasant and even in December
we have often very agreeable weather. we will have a chance
of going to east and west rocks. I intended to go to both
of these places during vacation but I will wait till you
come that we may enjoy the view together. Lizzie
if you come in the Fall you may have a chance to see
Mr. McNeil. When you enter Bethany you wont

know where you are, the room is greatly improved, but you will judge for yourself. When you know we can have chestnuts Walnuts &c. while in Spring there is nothing of the kind to be had. So if it is at all convenient, I hope you will be here in October. If possible, write me when at Toronto and tell me if you feel strong enough to venture the journey. of course you will let me know when you start and what time you intend to reach New Haven that I may be the first to welcome you here. I have given you no news whatever hoping you may soon be here to learn and see all for yourself. Dear Lizzie tell Mr. Laverock I have wish she would take pity on me and write if I only had her address I would not give her peace till she wrote, even if she should declare I was a perfect pest. Does Mr. Laverock intend coming home soon? I hope he has succeeded well.

But dear Lizzie I must now stop as I want Willie to take this down to the post with him that I may know what stamps to put on hereafter, I heard there was a tax on foreign letters, but he will find out whether it is true or not. All your friends wish to be kindly remembered. Mary would write but she has been away all afternoon. Dear Lizzie you must excuse this scrawl and take the will for the deed, for anything is better than nothing. Accept my love hoping you may post yourself instead of a letter, that we may meet once more, write soon if able to your true friend Susie

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Miss Lizzie Campbell,
Bayfield,
Township of Standly,
Canada West.

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New Haven Nov. 19th 1844

Dear Lizzie

I have no doubt - you think me deserving your severest criticism. Perhaps you are right, but I have been away from home in the midst of a group of young noisy children ever since I received your last. I made one attempt to write, but resolved to get home before trying it again. So Lizzie don't be too harsh with me. Now Lizzie dear I wish to ask you a question. don't think me inquisitive, but really I had cause to believe that your last letter would bear another name than Campbell. Mr^r Gaverock informed us that you was going to be married in a month, and yet you never mentioned the subject. But Lizzie I have a short letter

to write this time as I wish to en-
close two likenesses one for yourself and
one for a Mrs Park Hamilton if
I remember correctly. Mrs L. left
half a doz. here & the remaining four
to be sent to her. If she does not
write me I think it best to send them
to you when you can forward them.
Was not at home when she came and
consequently did not see her. I expect^{ed}
her to come up to Hartford to see me
but was very much dissapointed.
I think she was offended at my
leaving home, but was doctors orders
and could not be disobeyed. I hope
she has arrived safely and suffered
no dissapointments. Dear Lizzie I
hope you will forgive my long delay
I have just received your paper
whose appeal I could not resist. Was
not able to send you a paper as
I just got home this week and they
got none where I was. Expect one with
. this

867/8/8.

New Haven Feb. 25th 1763

Dear Lizzie,

Bours of Jan. 23^d

was truly welcome, and would have been answered before this, but I have been very busy; what with my lessons, my curtains, and helping father by making, writing, or filling bags with seed, my time is pretty much occupied; as for visiting I have been out but three afternoons this year, a good scolding is in store for me wherever I go. But I guess ^{my} ~~your~~ shoulders are broad enough to bear it all. I imagin Lizzie if you was here I should be apt to shirk my lessons and every thing else as much as possible. I had hoped to be teaching this Spring, so that I might have more time to spend with you, but I am afraid I am doomed to disappointment, am often sent out to teach, and

have become pretty well used to the
business, but the hard times com-
pell all to retain their places, and
there is no opening ^{spring} whatever now;
yet I hope there will be soon, I mean
to go myself to Dr. Thomas and ask him
about it. But you know Lizzie we
are all apt to be disappointed in
our most cherished plans, as you your-
self once wrote, (I need not remind you
of the subject). You say you spent
a very lonesome Christmas and
New Year. Let me say very few loved
those days so hopefully as you. I assure
I didn't, first because there was no church
to go to, and second if there had been
one open probably I should not have
gone. But Lizzie I think I hear you
say how wicked, well I know that very
well Lizzie without being told so I
hope you will spare yourself the
trouble of going further. I was at Mrs.
Byrdens on Christmas, and they

were down at our house New Year. We had a very good time discussing mother's currant leaf &c. but be assured nothing stronger than lemonade was passed round. to be sure we had Adam's wine for the lovers of that sparkling beverage, but I am sorry to say it was not very often called for.

I received a letter from Mrs Laverock about two weeks ago she said nothing about being sick, but promised to write a longer letter in answer to mine. I wrote last week and expect to hear from her soon. I was a little disappointed to find you had not sent her address, but it makes no difference now. You may suppose I was very glad to hear from her for I thought she would never write to me again. She gave no reason for her delay but said it was not thoughtless ^{miss} I know she must have been worried about Mrs Laverock and many other things which I know nothing about.

therefor I can willingly forget the past
I told her that I expected you this Spring
so I hope she will urge you to go there no
more, but give me the preference for
once. Lizzie tell me in your next if
my hopes may be realized and that I
may see Lizzie Campbell this spring
~~and~~ bearing no other name than Miss
C. Do you know Miss Pimble has changed
her name to Mrs. Manderville, but she
still condescends to mingle with us at
Bethany. Mr. Atherton has again left
us and gone back to war, he has not
yet favored Miss Washburn with his
name. But Lizzie so goes the world
people seem to long for trials and respon-
sibilities, for my part I intend to stay
clear of them if not always, as long as
possible at least. Bethany is getting
along nicely. They have started a new
plan and created a Society called
"Bethany Aid Society" but I want to
see how it works or I say anything about
I shall be able to tell you all about it in my
next

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Miss Lizzie Campbell,
No. 26 Bayfield,
Township of Standly,
Canada West.

PARIS
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New Haven, May 12th 1844

Dearest Lizzy,

"Long expected come at last"
I think I hear you say, but Lizzy you
know "better late than never". I am not
going to make any excuse, but simply wish
to say that I am and have been very happy,
and with that assertion I throw myself
upon your mercy. I was too tired to write
you last night and have got up early
this morning for that purpose. Being com-
pelled to be in the open air as much as possible
I get very much fatigued towards night and feel
inclined to do nothing whatever. O Lizzy I
wish I was with you or you with me then we
would enjoy a long walk wouldn't we? But
never mind Lizzy when I get married.

(for old maids sometimes have a chance) I shall compell him to take me to Niagara then I believe I could persuade you to come home with me. But Lizzy dont worry you shall be among the first to know when such a catastrophe threatens a certain old maid of twenty one with whom you have the honor to be acquainted. I have given up all hopes of coming this summer at least, for I shall be under Dr Lighthulls care till July and then even if I could come it would be too late. If dreams could transport the body as well as the mind from one place to another I should have been with you long ago, for I have often imagined myself in your company wandering from place to place, and as happy as one could wish to be. But Lizzy I hope we shall meet yet; I feel as if it could not be otherwise. Last week there was a little boy nearly four years old here, while looking over the cases lying on the table he came running to me with gowns and holding it up said "she looks pretty

when she smiled, don't she "Lucie"? I took it
in my hand, but could not restrain the tears
that would come, why I know not. The poor
little fellow thought he had offended me
but I soon convinced him of the contrary
and succeeded in calming myself. Why
I was so affected I know not, for I have
often gazed upon your face but never with
such sad emotions. I told Walter I would
tell Lizzie what a certain little boy thought
of her, so I have fulfilled my promise. Am
going out to Mr. Stevensons next week, but
know I should enjoy it much better if I thought
you was going with me. You remember
Mr. Baird don't you? who made quite an
impression on Mr. Larrocks warm sym-
pathetic heart; her husband died about
the begining of Winter and she with her
two children have been staying with Steven-
till the present time, so she has had quite
an addition to her family. Mr. Baird
has reformed, never having tasted any of that
abominable stuff since she went out there

Now Lizzie if you had seen me yesterday
forenoon I have no doubt you would laugh
at me and say I was a pretty temperance
girl, for I took a raw egg in wine, but
if you had seen the face I made you
would come to the conclusion of ~~any~~ that
I was not a tippler of my own accord. Lizzie
dear I hope you will be able to tell me in
your next that you have entirely recovered.
Have you had your photograph taken
yet if so dont forget me. I intend to have
some more taken soon, and if they are any-
thing like you shall have one. It is now
a long time since I heard from you, for
you did not write the last time Mrs.
Laverock wrote. Please remember me
this time if with but a few words.
Tell Mrs. Laverock I have neither seen
nor heard anything more of Mr. Johnston.
Her told mother he did not know whether
he would settle in New Haven or New
York, but he may be here for aught I know.
Dear Lizzie please write soon and believe me ever
Your true friend, Susie.

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San Francisco July 27th 39

My dear Leppie

I dreamt of you
and home all night last night
it seemed to me that you were
on the point of being married
and that I came to say good
by but could not get near
enough for a long while
until when I told you that
I was going away forever
you said maybe I'll go with
you. dear Leppie you
can't imagine how happy
you made me feel although
it was only a dream it was
pleasant to think of
I am afraid it will only

be in dreams that I will
see you for some time
but Charles takes no change
I am with you very often
the past has a peculiar pleasure
for me, New Haven especially
Char. Lynde do you remember
the day that you cried to
go home & you made me feel
tenderly that day although
I could you & make me
cry now when I think of
it, and another day when
Char. Lynde and you Temm
and myself went to the woods
and spent such a pleasant
day making wreaths and giving
them to whom they were most
becoming. I sometimes wish
we never had left New
Haven it was so pleasant

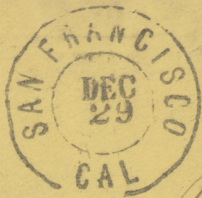
There the world was very bright
to me then, but it has changed
or rather it is I who have changed
and the world has wrought the
change - dear sister never
place your whole affections
on perishable objects -
reserve a portion for Him
who holds thy destiny in his
hand, and you will be
prepared to meet adversity
when it comes no matter
in what shape it may appear
I often wonder what you are
doing, Katy to let me say
would not write to me any more
I hope you have got me by this
time, as I long to hear from
you very much, as you know

that I dread the next letter I am
afraid that I will hear of your
marriage and then you will
never think of writing to me
if that is going to be the case
I must look to Kate for letters
and you will always hear of
me through her

we neither of us has been
very well this summer
but I hope we both will be
better soon

Dear Lizzy tell me how Mother's
health is and dear sister I
want you to promise me that
you wont send her a baby you
ought not to have worked so
hard this Spring for every
one

867/8/11



Mrs C. W. Watkins Jr

Hamilton

Per Steamer

Canada West

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867/8/12



Miss Lizzie Campbell.
Care Meakins & Son
Hamilton,
Canada West



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New Haven April 1856.

My Dear Lizzie

I received your kind and welcome letter today and hasten to answer it. It is a long time since I wrote you and have been expecting an answer for some time and had concluded that you had forgotten your old New Haven friends but was happily disappointed in receiving your letter. I hope by the time you get this you will be enjoying better health than you have in the past. I am hard at work again fitting the New Haven ladies out with their spring bonnets. I think I like millinery better this season than ever before, you say in your letter that you are working, at dressmaking I suppose. Dear Lizzie we have no permanent minister at Howe St now, Mr Abbott has resigned and left us in a bad state with

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- out a pastor, but we have a minister who
is to be with us for six weeks he is Henry
Ward Beecher's nephew we like him very
much. Mrs Stevenson was quite well the
last time we saw her she always inquires
for you when I see her. Where are those two
Mr. Johnsons? we never see nor hear any
thing about them are they in New Haven
United States or Canada. I am glad to
hear that Canada is ready for the rascals
Fenians I hope if they come near you
that you will give them a tremendous
good whipping for they deserve it the
wretches there is nothing bad enough for them
We often speak about them there must
be a great excitement in Canada I hope
you will teach them how to fight. I
have not received your paper yet, shall
be glad to see it, for I like to read about
the Fenians I shall send you one in
return, I will send you one of my carte
de visites when I get some taken you

must send me one of yours in your
next letter because I have an idea that you
must be greatly changed you have been
sick so much. I think if you come back
to New Haven you would get strong
again I hope you will some time come
down and make us a visit

You will find enclosed Dear Susie's
hair it was all cut off when she was
first confined to her bed. Dear Leggie
does it seem possible that it is over a
year since she died. It seems but like
yesterday to look back.

Willie has no pictures now but will
send one when he gets one taken

I hope that you will not be so long in
answering this letter as you was the last
if you follow my example you will do
well for I answer yours the day I get it

I hope this will find you much better
and hoping to hear from you soon I
remain

Yours truly

Christina C. Veitch

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Dec 14 - 1866

My dearest Sister Fanny

George has

just brought me your dear
welcome letter and also one
from Peter so well he
told me that he had called
to see you and your husband
and found you both well
dear sister I am glad you
will be satisfied with a few
lines for I do not feel able to
write a long letter tonight and
the steamer goes in the morning
dear Fanny I suppose you
have heard of my sickness
George wrote to Peter while
I was sick, and I wrote to
Kate when ever I was able

to sit up. But I dont get strong
very fast, Last week I try
ed to ch a little house cleaning
and had myself up again
my spine is affected between
my shoulders. But I think
It will be better by and bye
How dear Sister I will all
most scold you for letting
me that I forget you

Dear Sister you must never
let such thoughts enter your
head long enough to write
them - and of yours are
very much when you tell me
that I forget you

Dear Sister I was very much pleas
ed some time ago to get a letter
from you and your husband
and to hear off your happiness
happiness will go further to add
to my happiness than hear of
you and your husband

dearest sister what would
I not give to see you the weather
here in during the winter
Season is delightful we
have no frost or snow
and the sun is so bright
and warm I often wish
that I had my little sister
dear to enjoy some of our
bright sunny days with our
dearest sister. Cheer up
I hope and trust we will
meet yet on this Earth
and let us not have to say
to each other that we have
twice in vain that we have
up nothing where it will not
be taken from us
dear sister make your
Heavenly Father your guide
and Comforter go to him
with all your troubles ask
for Jesus sake who loves

and gave himself for
us he will do all things
well, you only trust in
dearest Sister should
or just off to buy - dearest
Sister make me truly happy
by telling me that you will
give your heart to God
you will have a great many
things to contend with
but He will give you
grace to bear it
dear Sister I will try and
write often give our
kindest regards to William
and all the rest, I suppose that
I may wish you a happy
New Year good bye
dear Sister
don't forget
when you write

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GOLDEN
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San Francisco Dec 20 1894

My Dear Niece

Your letter of Nov 5th I received while I was in the Country

I was glad to hear from you and know that you were all well and comfortably settled in your new home. I know you will like it. Hamilton is a very pretty City and must be greatly improved since I saw it last about 18 years ago.

When I went down to the Country I was quite sick

I left San Francisco at 8 o'clock
in the morning and after
a pleasant ride in the Cars
I reached San Miguel at
4 o'clock in the Afternoon 216
Miles from S. F. I remained
there over night, and next
morning took the Stage for
Cholame, 35 Miles the weather
was delightful, just warm
enough to be pleasant,

When within a mile of
Cholame your Aunt Mappie
met me with a Buckboard
to which I transferred my
belongings and from there
it was about 10 miles further
to Annette, where we arrived
about 4 o'clock in the afternoon

I was glad to find your
Aunt Mappie well I remained
almost two months the first

Month I did not improve
much, but after that I
began to feel the benefit of
the Change, and Change of diet
I had plenty of Cream milk
and eggs Chickens and so
forth I had a very good
appetite and before I left
I felt first rate. The last
5 weeks I was there worked
hard every day helping to
put up a barn, with the help
of your Aunt Maggie,
your Aunt has lots to keep
her busy, she has got 3 Cows
two Calves 50 or 60 Chickens
a few ducks and turkey,
2 horses and a very fine Collie
her pet, it was given to her
by a neighbor its mother got
hurt and had to be shot she
brought it upon eggs and milk

if it is within the sound of her
voice it will come to her when
she calls her, she will come
to the door and strike it with
her foot and your Aunt will say
is that you Hannie she will
answer her, and wont leave
until she gets her drink of
milk.

I was very sorry I
could not stay, but will
have to wait a while longer
I got back to the City about
the first of Dec and back
to the Shop to work again

The weather was fine all the
time I was there but since
I left there has been a great
deal of rain which was greatly
needed The Country was very
dry

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SAN FRANCISCO
JUL 20
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Dear Lizzie I think
this letter is large enough
I will send your other
letter the next time I write
it to Miss Lizzie. Campbell
is only a note from Maggie
do write to Maggie Jayfield
and send your
loves she wants.

Mother's de arite Canada West
Per Steamer

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Miss Bizzie Campbell
Care Meekins & Son
Hamilton,
C. W.

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San Francisco July 30th 1867

My Dear Sister Lizzie

I was
 very much disappointed in not
 getting a letter from you
 by the last steamer perhaps
 the fault is mine but in this
 case I expect more than I give
 however I hope you and all
 dear friends are well

George is just well and I am
 as well as usual - better I think
 than I have been for the past year
 I sometimes think that if I could
 reach my dear native land
 that I would get strong again
 I sometimes think of coming
 home on visit and then again
 I think it would be best to wait
 till George can come with

we trust of my health is spared. I
trust both are well we will come
together - but we will not subject
to our coming as directed too far
in the future to say when it
will be. I am glad to hear
that you are recovering your
strength how is dear good
brother Mrs. C. she ever speaks
of me or son I quite forgot
and Eliza how do she bear up
I know she will mourn it
off her little one she is so affec-
tionate - but those little ones are only
transplanted to bloom in
a warmer world than this cold
world of ours. Dear Sister
Trust him to do all things I
will

Dear Sister when next you
hear from Mother has she
gone home I wish you
would tell me all about

Another Mrs she intended to remain
in Toledo near Legye I want
her to go to school and I want
you to join with me to try and
persuade her to go it is too bad
to have her lose her time I have
written to her about it and
am waiting anxiously to hear
her decision

Mrs Legye I think in all
probability you will have a
visitor from San Francisco
in the person of a Lady by
the name of Mrs Landon
she is going to visit some
friends in London &c and
as she passes through Hamilton
I expect her to call and spend
a few days with you I have
known her ever since I came
here she has spent many
a day and night in our house
and will be able to answer

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New Haven, November 9th, 1861.

Dear Lizzie,

You can't imagine how glad I was to receive your letter. I never felt so impatient to hear from you before, perhaps it was because I have not heard from Mr. Laverock since the end of August, and certain dread fears lingering in my mind that you might not write either; but I will banish such thoughts for the much expected letter arrived in due time. Father gave me it last Saturday a very stormy day. Why Lizzie would you believe that long wharf was flooded, you remember that long walk we had on the planks before we reached the Elm City, well some say it was flooded two feet others three, which is correct I don't know, one thing is certain that ships were drifted by the wind right over it. The wind blew with such violence during the night that I thought several times ~~that~~ our house would be blown over. What made it more strange it occurred just a year the very day since the Baptist church steeple was blown down at the bottom of the new green. The railroad track was so completely flooded at one place that the passengers thought they were running into the sea, and one man actually jumped into the water, and was with some difficulty saved. My time is pretty much occupied, what with lessons and sewing I can spare little time for visiting, wherever I go I am shure to be lectured for not coming sooner, indeed weeks pass in which I never think of going out, finding plenty at home to occupy my attention. Lizzie I have learned to knit I have finished a furrow cover of the rope pattern, and am knitting one of the spider pattern. I intend to knit window curtains of the leaf pattern, but not till that everlasting bed cover is finished which I doubt will not be this year. Now Lizzie would you believe it I went to the sewing society a few weeks ago, do

you think. I left in a better frame of mind than when I went & by no means.
I found every thing as I expected, only a little more forbidden than I thought
possible, and mostly all by the factory girls, dressed in their silks and satins aiming
at the actions and appearances of the cultivated persons they however go beyond the
mask and appear ridiculous to all. About the sons and daughters of Temperance
I am plagued to death almost. It seems to me a great many have determined
among themselves to force me to enter, but I will baffle their combined efforts.
I am more determined than ever to have nothing to do with that society.

I told one of them I considered myself above entering a flirtation school. I
tried to do to others as I would have them do to me; not wishing my own feelings
trifled with. I had no desire to trifle with those of others. Hence, I added, I
would consider myself out of place in the division room.

Nov. 1st.

Dear Lizzy since I penned the above I have
been sick. While sitting writing the last line of the above division I felt a
peculiar feeling in my throat which caused me to cough and spitting what
should it be but blood. I instantly threw down the pen, flew down stairs
and called for mother, but no mother was to be found, she had gone out;
now I thought "I am in a fix, what can I do." Robert started immediately
after her, but it was about 1/2 of an hour or the same. Seeing the quantity
of blood I had spitten and still continuing to do so she became alarmed and
sent for father to bring a doctor. He at last arrived when I felt a little
better. After asking innumerable questions he wrote out a prescription and
desiring to know how I felt in the morning, ^{departed} I continued spitting during
the night. On the next morning he came ~~to~~ pounded my lungs, found
them quite sound, examined my throat and said the blood proceeded from
the throat. He warned me to be very careful of myself during the winter
~~I should~~ and not get cold. I kept my bed for 2 or 3 days and at last

Here I am sitting on Sunday afternoon finishing this letter to you. It has been quite cold today and I am compelled to keep the house. Tomorrow I intend to go to school if pleasant. Now Lizzie you know the reason of my long delay at last. You remember the old adage "better late than never". I presume it is so in this case. Since I commenced this letter I have had one from Mrs. Laverock in answer to one I sent before I received yours last. She has been quite troubled what with pickences and anxiety about her things she must have had enough to weigh her down. However I hope it is all for the best and she may yet prosper as formerly.

Dear Lizzie you asked me about the flowers well I cant tell you much about them only I heard father say he had got every thing in the greenhouse and was now prepared for winter, but I promise you a large bouquet when you come to see me, now, dont forget. I havent seen Mrs. Steinson nor any of the others so you may know I keep within bounds. I called on Mrs. Murlow the other day while passing, her baby is as homely as ever poor thing it must suffer a great deal. She seemed quiet cheerful and wished to be remembered to you. I have not been down to the Bethel for several Sunday but the Temperance movement is rapidly progressing in that quarter. Our Band of Hope met 2 weeks ago I think.

I have ^{not} the exact number of signers, but I should think about 25 or 30. The next meeting is delayed till Christmas Eve, when it is to be held in the church which is to be ornamented with evergreens and a good time is expected by all the members. I wish you was here to enjoy it with us but that is impossible so we must hope for the best, that we may meet again ere long. The Mission school is still carried on with renewed vigor. The sewing society is given up and the money expended for providing

clothes for the destitute children of the school. They have just returned
from church, where Mr. Abbott has been preaching on the signs of
the times, and of course running down aristocratic England, as he
is pleased to term her, for all that is low and mean. And praising
up France and the Disunited States as every thing that is
perfect and holy. I actually wish the northerners were beaten
it is absurd to hear them talk. "When we settle this difficulty
with the south we will show England who she is tampering
with" As Robert says they must spell able first. Indeed the
long and short of it is a government founded upon slavery
must have a downfall and that speedy. Father says
he will never enter House of Commons again whether he keeps this threat
or not I cant tell. Now Lizzie there is this large sheet filled
and nothing much after all. But it is one of my faults, not being
able to think in the right time, tell me how you spend
your time, what you are doing & c

Now Dear Lizzie you must excuse this scrawl as my hand
is very unsteady at present, but if you can read it, it is all
I care for. However you will have some work to do you can do
so. I forgot to send you a paper with the last letter but will
send one with this if I dont forget. I beg you to send me a
Canada paper I should like to hear what they say about American
troubles. But I must now go to tea and may as well close
now as at any other time. All join with me in sending
their kind love to you. Now Lizzie dear write soon do
please to your
True Friend
Susie Perch

New Haven, March 30th (62

Dear Lizzie,

I can't remember what is the matter with you; your last letter is dated Dec. which letter I answered, and in return received a paper saying you had got my answer. I have sent four papers since but no return either in the shape of a paper or letter. From this I have come to the conclusion that you are sick, perhaps your hand is bad again and prevents you from writing. I received a letter from M^{rs}. Laverock a few weeks ago, she said you had written her several times but had received no answer, said she could not account for it, wished me to say if I had heard from you lately. Of course I said no, and told her I was in the dock as well as she. So does Lizzie you see I was rather puzzled here, for I thought if you was sick some of your friends would have written M^{rs}. Laverock, but then the thought would come perhaps they are waiting for better news. M^{rs}. L. is nervous, and M^{rs}. L. going away she might get

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over excited if she knew of Lizzie's sickness, hence
their delay in writing. But dear Lizzie I
will away with all surmises for the present
and hope when you receive this you will write
if possible; if but a line to say I am still rem-
bered. Dear Lizzie I suppose you will
take as much interest in New Haven affairs
as ever, so I will let you know everything as
usual. Bethany Sunday School is increasing
in numbers as the weather and walking grows
better. During the winter it was the mere
shadow of a School, indeed many days it could
hardly be called such. But I am glad to say
it is daily improving. Mr. Brown inquired
after Miss Campbell, wished to know if
she liked Canada as well as New Haven, asked
if there was any hope of her return, expressed a
desire that she and Mr. Laverock ere long
return again to us, as he wanted several teachers
such as they at Bethany. Dear Lizzie you know
I could not answer his first question as I never
heard you say which you preferred. But in the

last I heartily joined, and shall ever hope that
 such may be the case. When you get married
 Lizzie you will come to ~~show Heaven to love~~
 or at least come and see us, and you may be
 sure of an Old Spirits welcome. Lizzie
 do you know it is a year this month since
 the Band of Hope was started. We are to
 have our annual meeting in a few weeks
 Willie is very busy preparing for it there
 are to be a great many dialogues spoken Mr.
 Chase has written one especially for the
 occasion. Five ct. admission from all but
 those who take part in the performance
 To take 5 ct. from a man Panke is like
 stating his very heart blood, and many even
 now protest against it, and to us their
 own words declare that "The Band of Hope
 may go to rack and ruin or they pay five
 ct for admission". Things don't look so
 prosperous as before when no charge was
 made, but I hope and trust we shall

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have a full house. New officers are to be elected
the ensuing month. As I am one of the
committee I will tell you all about that
in my next. not having met I dont know
how things will turn out. But if I had
my wish I should have all new officers.

I know Willie is pretty tired of his position
as he has a great deal to do, and if his time
was not his own he could not perform half
that devolves upon him. I am afraid
we will have to give up Deacon Smith
as his son has been sick for months and
the doctor have lost all hopes of his recovery
and say he may yet linger for a long time.

You know Geppie he went to war in
the 3 months regiment. Conn. 2d Co.
Gep he caught cold at the battle of
Bull Run which went to his lungs
and in all probability will never recover.
Deacon Smith being worn out by watching
feel as if he could not do justice to his
position as Leader and therefor resign

his office. Waldo Abbott has been proposed
but whether he will accept the place or not
I do not know. I will tell you all about
the officers and how the meeting comes off
in my next. The Bethel has made another
move much for the better in every respect
It is now held in a small chapel in Orange
St. between Crown and George Sts. with
half although they are now surrounded by modern
improvements. I enjoyed the meetings down
at the old Bethel much better than now
perhaps ^{the loss of} Captain French takes away my relish
but he attends as often as his many duties
will allow. and as Captain of the Police
can tell many a story which well illustrate
the effects of rum upon its victims.
Mr. Cook is secretary and still flashes
fire from those piercing eyes which
you once dreaded so much. He read a
tearing letter from little Brad who is still
as bitter against the (Creator) as ever
and says it is hard for a temperate man

to remain temperate in the army. And once
 in a while one who once was a tottle abstainer
 may be seen reaking about. But he still
 kept his pledge and added with Gods
 help until my dying day. I have lost
 all interest whatever in Howe St. Sunday
 School. Mr. Sudd has been taken very sick
 left college and gone home. The whole class is
 joined with Mr. Morris' across the aisle.
 Although he is a very good teacher, still I do
 not feel at home ^{there}, and if another class is formed
 I shall join it. let the teacher be what he
 pleases, provided he is not Mr. Hind. The other
 class seem to consider us intruders, and you know
 Lizzie it is not very pleasant to go to school
 (Sunday School especially) and be placed in that
 position. Dear Lizzie do you know Mr
 Hyde has left New Haven, and there is
 some talk of he and Carrie getting married
 soon. Well if they will be such fools I wish
 them joy. Dear Lizzie when you write

(as I hope you will be able to do so soon) if there is anything you want to know please remind me of it. as I am so apt to forget everything just at the time I want to remember it. In that case I shall have your letter to refer to.

We had a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Pillans last week. They were well when they wrote, but had been very sick. he with a sore leg (lumb) and she with a very bad cold. They have been greatly disappointed in not getting direct to New Zealand, and from what they say may get come back here, however I hope not, for she would be grumbling forever about her trials and troubles, and make everyone sick tired that came near her.

Well Gizzie what do you think about the War? Whom do you favor the North or South? I hardly know what to say the North has gained a little advantage in their position, but if all accounts be true have only served to move the Southern arm, and inspire them to stronger efforts. It seems they are building

Iron clad vessels in New Orleans, which will
make great havoc both on sea and land. They
could easily destroy the blockade, proceed up the
Potomac and lay Washington in ruins. then
proceeding along the Atlantic coast destroy
every town and city on the shore; and then
what would become of us all, I am afraid as
the boys say we would be "goners". But I
hope this will not be the case.

Dear Lizzie when you get this if
you cannot write will you please send a paper
and put a cross or some other mark on it
then I will know you are sick. but if well
and healthy you may put no mark. this I
think will be a better plan than writing on
the paper. as I have been cautioned against this
by friends who have had papers opened and found
quite an amount of money. but dear Lizzie
I hope you will be able to answer me by
a long letter, remember I shall expect it. I
remain your true and sincere friend. Jessie

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New Haven May 19th 1862

Dear Lizzie,

You cant imagin how happy I was to receive your welcome letter, which became more welcome because I thought I was forgotten; but I am very glad to find I have been greatly mistaken. Robert brought it up while we were at dinner he handed it to me saying, "news from Lizzie at last." (Why) Lizzie I never got so excited over a letter before, I had not even patience to wait till it was opened; Lizzie you know there is a certain old saying which says, "The more hurry the less speed," at last I found it so in this instance. (Why) if you had seen me you would have said it was from a lover well beloved. (Think of it, an old maid talking about a lover). I often thought you might have written and I never received your letter, which on reading I found to be the case. I never shall be able to forgive the post for failing in its duty 'tis the first time it has played me false; from this time forward I shall be quite suspicious of the Rebel, and watch him narrowly.

Dear Lizzie so much has transpired within the last few weeks, that I dont know where to put all that I wish to say. I know I shall tire your patience or I get half through, but you must lay it aside to amuse you in your idle moments. I think I will begin with the Sabbath; the first thing in order is Bethany. We are getting along very well, it is rapidly increasing in number, we shall soon have to occupy the other room again. The room is greatly improved in appearance, the benches have been painted and the floor carpeted, so that now it looks quite nicely. They have started the

evening prayer meetings again, also the sewing school on Saturday evenings, but I
shant be able to attend regularly, for I cant spare the time. There is also a
teachers meeting this week, and it is greatly needed. This is only the third
since Mr. Laverock left. Mr. Abbott still preaches politics, and
denounces England as selfish, perfidious, aristocratic, indeed everything
that is bad. The nations destined to save the world are France and
America (according to his version of it) it seems ^{to me} neither of them look very
much like it at present. But for all that he is an excellent preacher
but Leppie you know every one has his own faults, and although his
seems to me to be rather a great one, still I endeavor to ~~over~~ look it in
when compared with his many good qualities. Our Sunday School
teacher at Haver St. has left us and gone to war as chaplain of the 8th
Conn. Inf. Who we shall have I dont know. Mr. W. Murray has
taken it since Mr. Morriss left, but he leaves college in about 3
weeks and cant continue to keep it. I wish we could have another Mr.
McC. similar in all respects to the first; but there is no use of wishing
we must just take whoever comes and be content. The Bethel is still
above ground although it is the only Dash Away Club of the three left
I am happy to say it is progressing rather than declining. Captain
French on account of his police duties cannot be present every evening
but comes on every opportunity and puts his shoulder to the wheel,
"Keep the ball rolling" is his motto and a very good one it is too.

The Annual meeting of the Band of Hope met last Thursday
evening, and "we had a real good time" as the Dankeis say. We have
some excellent speakers in our society. O. Leppie I wish you could have
spoken in on Thursday, I know you would have been astonished at
our improvement within the last year. We have a little boy about

8 or 9 who often addressed the soldiers while in the city and received from them
the title of little Major. He is a splendid speaker, ~~with~~ ^{has} a clear ringing
voice, accents in the right place with suitable gestures, and is quite
a Little Orator. Many of the High School boys have joined the Band
all of whom are very good speakers. On Thursday we had a great many
speeches by the members of the band, besides quite a long animated
address from Cap. French. in the course of his remarks he said he
had hated the family of rum, from the oldest member to the youngest,
ever since his boyhood, but now that he was connected with the
police he hated it with a perfect hatred, said he would not hesitate
in saying that the 99th part of all the misery in the world was
caused either directly or indirectly by rum. Bert Luzzi you
can imagine what he said for yourself. you know him of
old. He took his part in the midst of great applause in which
the governor who was present heartily joined. After singing and
several speeches by the Band, Kallie announced Governor Buck-
ingham of Connecticut. He was received with loud applause
and during the course of his speech he told a story which I will
tell you if you have patience to read it. He said while coming to
New Haven in the cars, he was told an incident by a gentleman
which he could not refrain from telling us. While at ^{in public} dinner in
Washington the wine was passed around one man was known
to pass it by without touching, on being asked his reason he said,
When I was a boy about 12 I was very poor, and my comrades were
accustomed to put aside part of wages for drink and tobacco, but I
thought, I had more need of a pair of shoes than tobacco or
rum, I concluded this was an honest way in which I might

yet what I so much needed, viz. put aside my money for shoes
instead of tobacco and rum, if my companions do not approve
of my purpose and consider me wise in so doing I shall consider
their opinion as not worth possessing, for I know my course
to be right. This boy said the Governor has grown to be a
man six feet three inches, and his name is Abraham
Screever, would we had more Abers in this world,
don't you think so too Lizzie? The exercises were closed by Peter
the Great in the carpenter yard in Holland and Stanley the deuter
But you must have read the story and know all about it. I will only
say that Hallie was the deuter dressed in ^{blue} overalls and jacket with a great
black mustash on the upper lip, how you would have laughed if you
had seen him, why Lizzie he would make the ugliest man I ever saw
if he wore a mustash, especially a black one. The meeting was closed
at ten, and even at that late hour had not accomplished what they
intended. Barrington was selected governor on the 7th and we
had quite a turnout the procession was stated by some paper to be
two miles long, but think they must either have gone beyond
the mark or invented some new mile for the occasion however
it was well worth going to see. Dear Lizzie we had a letter
from Mrs. Pillsbury a short time ago she is going to sail on the 15th of
June, well I am glad she is going, and hope she will be contented
on her arrival at New Zealand but I rather doubt it. I went out to
Mrs. Stevensons last Saturday I thought I should be blown away it
was so windy. I thought several times on going out if Lizzie was only with
me I wouldnt consider this wind a trouble. Mrs. Stevenson has been very sick
but is now better she inquired after you and Mr. Larruck, and sends her love, ~~off you~~
But Lizzie I must drop writing till my hand recovers itself. I see you will hardly
be able to make out this page, but I will try and make the rest readable.

Toronto New Haven, Jan. 25th / 61.

My Dear Lizzie,

I received your long looked for letter with great pleasure, but was very sorry to learn you have been troubled with a poor hand. I hope it was not a fever if so you must have suffered greatly, but I hope it is better entirely and you again able to do everything as formerly. Dear Lizzie I could not imagine why you did not write. I thought something very unusual must have happened, for you were always so punctual. ~~It~~ I have been the dilatory one. Lizzie I have a great deal to say so I must dispatch everything in business still, if I know how. First the "School"; busy as ever, advancing farther and farther into the mysteries of the Latin language of which "Ego tu amo" is but a part of the first step. In Algebra I am in a perfect fog of formulas, rules, numbers, &c, &c, ^{and} how I shall escape does not as yet appear. Ancient History and Logic better together, although it is rather dry, still I enjoy it very well; thus you have the regular course till Friday then comes reading, spelling, defining and arithmetic, another plague then comes reading and writing composition (the crowning point)

But Lizzie I have been busier than usual for the last three weeks I have been --- guess --- well I see you can't I will tell I have been teaching. now don't laugh for it is true. I have been so engaged for nearly a week at a \$4 a day, good wages for an apprentice in it. I have learned something which I intend to profit by in any future course, it is the strict but kind and all will go well" Now for the Sunday school. It has been so stormy the last two Sundays I did not go out to Bethany but I think that school is rapidly declining, they have had a

many changes of late both of superintendants and teachers that it is constantly
loosing ground. Of the teachers who were there when Mr. Sparcock
left there only remains Mr. Brown as superintendant Messrs Ware and
Gates, Miss Gray and Miss Parmlee, strangers have taken the place
of the others which of course is not very agreeable to the children. As long
as Mr. Mcmill or someone to supply his place every way, is wanting it will
not prosper. Our Sunday school class is somewhat better situated
than when I last wrote. We have for teacher a Mr. Ladd a theological
student preparing for a missionary, but he is as sober as a judge, he is
entirely different from Mr. Mcmill in every respect. Dear Lizzy
you spoke of a man being immersed on a cold day in the lake, that seems
appears to me to be ~~very unwise~~ ^{in that way}. I don't think God requires
anyone to endanger their life by professing him before men. I
know they take their authority from the bible but those passages
can be rendered either way, then the climate of Palestine ^{was} mild
so that such an act would be perfectly agreeable to the body and not
endanger the life of the convert. But circumstances alter cases
hence I think it is not right. We had a glorious meeting on
Christmas Eve, The trial of Alcohol, comprising a jury, Chief justice
judge, witnesses, prisoner and all other accompaniments to complete
the scene of a court room. ^(was the most interesting) Willie was the opposing lawyer and
did his part exceedingly well. Robert and Johnnie Chester formed
two of the jury, while Gany had no desire to speak before a crowded
church, she of course declined, as for me you know I am too old minded
to take any part in the exercise but that of spectator. Benjamin
Higby represented Alcohol, he appeared in a ragged old coat, with
an old cloth that had once seen better day, pinned to his coat tail

a bottle, of course, was seen peeping from his coat pocket, and an old
straw hat (which seemed to have seen generation after generation
rise and fall) completed his attire. Poor Benny was condemned
to take up his abode in the gutter. but the next day I saw
~~him~~ him, and asking why he had disobeyed orders, he said with
his own broad smile, "I did not quite agree with them, there
I thought I had as much right to walk the streets as any
of them, so I jumped out and went about my own business."
The church was very neatly trimmed for the occasion, the house
was crowded, and after the members of the Band had done their
part, who do you think addressed us. I think I here you say
Mr. Greuce: yes Captain Greuce was there and spoke in his own
animated style. Then came Deacon Smith who caused the
tears to flow down many a cheek, so feelingly did he portray
the evils of intemperance and the blessings of temperance.
Dear Lizzie I can only say that you lost quite a treat and
wished over and over again that you had been there. I know
you would have enjoyed it. The weather very cold with ^{ice} snow.
It has been very mild here till about a week ago; we have ^{had} quite
an ice storm, many of the trees are entirely spoiled; large branches
broken off by the weight of the ice. The fence surrounding the
green was broken down by a heavy branch falling upon it. You
remember we had quite a skating pond in our back yard last
winter; Robert by great exertions has at length provided us
with one the whole length of the yard. I have been on the skates
three times and have at length learned to skate. have you been
trying it. I never put on my skates but what I wonder if you

are also learning, do Lizzie try and learn, so that when I come to
ice bound Canada we can skate together. Now Lizzie I
am in earnest for I intend to begin to teach next fall, and
if I cant persuade you to come over to New Haven I may
come up your way ere long. At last to the Niagara Falls
for I must if possible see that world renowned cataract.
But I am looking too far forward, perhaps by that time
you will be Lizzie's no more but Mrs. Somebody with a
husband and large family to look after. When Lizzie you
may bid farewell to peace and quietness. I see you have been
very busy, I only wish I could say the same at least as far as
sewing is concerned. I have a dress which has been lying in the
house for three months at least, it will probably see till my
August vacation then it may be finished. Lizzie see not we
in Canada. I have learned a new way and if they are used I
might be able to send you one in a little some time, please
tell me in your next. Before you sent that actual Roberts
favorite was "Father and I went down to Camp" but it is "Canke
Dovell ran away Dixie he ran after". Gary and Robert were out
in the yard skating yesterday, they sung it through from beginning
to end several times. The neighbors must have heard of "Buddie
and Candy" however they did not care but continued to sing
till they were tired. Lizzie do you know the city is expected
to be illuminated in a few weeks, the bells ring, cannons
fire, and everyone running hither and thither filled with
~~joy~~ joy and gladness because the "Victory is won". Not
so hasty my Canke friend the victory is not yet decided

867/8/20?

Dear Lizzie do you remember good old Mr Anderson, he is
dead: he died last November. He did what he could while on
earth and has now gone to his reward. Mr Pillans is still
in Edinburgh, by some misunderstanding with the Captain
they have been detained and Mr P. is confined to bed with a
sore leg, what will become of them I dont know they want
to come back here, but I hope they wont. ~~He anticipates~~

You asked me what I thought of the war between England
and Bankdom. For the benefit of both nations I hope such
an event may never occurs, but still I should like to see the
Bankes boasting pride laid in the dust. They were exult-
ing in the thought that Mason and Shill were wrecked
but alas their vain hopes were built upon the sand.

Again this revolt of the South against the British govern-
ment they declare to be the best news they have heard for a
long time, and further say the United States government
should proclaim them belligerents as Britain did towards
the South. Poor deluded creatures they had better settle
their own difficulties before they interfere with those of others

Do you have blighting if not just step over to New Heaven
and I'll warrant a good high ride. Lizzie do you remember
Mrs. Laverock said she never knew a Saturday but what
the sun was seen I have found three have you seen
any or did you forget to watch?

Now Lizzie I want you to
write me a longer letter than you have ever favored
me with as yet wont you please. When you write
to Mrs. Laverock tell her I am getting impatient to
hear from her I sent her a sock pattern and am longing
to know if she has got it. Lizzie will you send me
a paper when you get this I will send one with it
if I dont forget as I did once. Now Lizzie dear dont
forget to write write a long letter soon. All send
their kindest love to you. But Lizzie some folks
me saying more, but I think you have enough and will
be heartily tired out ere you get through, but I have so
much to say when I begin I cant stop, that is my
only excuse. I send you my kind love with the best of
wishes for your future welfare. Now Lizzie write soon
and dont forget a long letter to your true friend
Sherris

867/8/22

New Haven, Oct 3^d 1862

Dear Lizzie,

On getting home from school this noon mother said there was a letter for me on the chack. I knew it must be either from Canada or Scotland as I daily expected a letter from each of these place. However the mystery was soon solved, for sitting down with hat and chack still on, and my books in my arm I was soon deep in its contents, was a little puzzled at first thought it was also a letter from Mr. Loring but this was caused by the difference of the hand writing, for I had no sooner begun to read than I found my mistake. I see your letter is dated the 26 Sept. and this is Friday 3^d of Oct. your letter must have been delayed in some way or other so you see it will be impossible for you to get this before leaving for home, as you in all probability will be there already, and this cant leave here till Monday. I think it will be the safest way to send it to the Square. Am very glad to hear that you are recovering your health, hope you may soon get quit of those fainting fits and be as well as ever. Lizzie was your attach in New Haven the first of your sickness, or was you troubled with it before, for New Haven generally speaking is a very healthy place, but perhaps you was kept to close, but I'll warrant you plenty air and exercise when you come over again. Am a little disappointed that you have delayed your visit, but perhaps it is better so. In your weak state.

it would be too great an undertaking, and you might not
recover from ~~the~~ ^{its} effects for a long time to come, and again May
is the first pleasant month of Spring and June, July and August
although sometimes rather warm or still very pleasant. I expect
to be teaching or that time and you can go with me when
you feel like it and see me out with the rod. I should like
very well if you could be here ^{August} vacation, but we will have plenty
time to talk about that. When I told mother you spoke of
coming over this Fall or next Spring, she said although she
would like to see you very much, still she thought times were
rather hard for much traveling this Fall at least. Well I said
I'd not only ask her to come but urge her, and then she can't say
she has never been invited. But mother said there's another
thing Lizzie has been very sick, and I am afraid traveling so
far will do her more harm than good, and I have no doubt
but that her mother will think so too. It happens to be
the case Lizzie don't it? but I feel as if my mother knows
best, and I know you can also trust your mother. So Lizzie
bear it patiently and wait the appointed time. I shall be
very glad to see your cousin and shall do all in my power to
make her stay agreeable. Am afraid she won't make a very
lasting impression on Walter, but I suppose there will be
no harm in trying. He was boasting the other night that he
could get half a dozen wives if he only said the word. I asked
him why he didn't say the word and be done with it. O!
said, ^{my} of these surprises is as much as a poor fellow can support
and I am only pondering which of them will be most profitable

But Lizzy joking aside I believe he is in a fix for the present at least, as far as love matters are concerned. While I am on this subject I may as well finish it up. I told you Mr. Atherton was engaged, and you ask to whom if to Mary Bradley, No. I would pity the poor man who got entangled in her net, but I guess you meant Amelia Bradley. I have not seen her for a long time, her mother has gone out west to follow the fortunes of her new husband, but I believe Amelia is still in the city. She has not been so fortunate (for so she would consider it) as to catch a husband. But Lizzy I won't worry your patience any longer Mr. Atherton is engaged to Miss Sarah Washburn. don't look astonished, for it is a fact. I wish him joy, she may make a pretty good wife but rather silly to my taste. Now Lizzy a lecture for you I hope you don't mean to commit matrimony. What will the world come to, I will soon be left alone in all my glory. there is at least one consolation, there will be more honors left for me to win, I told a certain gent (as you please to call them, however he is not a New Heaven gent) that married people grew selfish all of a sudden, and as I had no desire for that qualification I never would marry unless I did not know what I was doing. He laughed, but could not ~~make~~ ^{make} me change my opinion, or at least make me own that I was wrong. But Lizzy that is the case, for I have made married people own it as a truth, so Lizzy if you don't want to be selfish, pause and think ere, it be too late. Be by all means come to one your former self and your own country.

I am not naturally nervous but I believe it would really make me so to have a man continually running after one and afraid to do the least thing for fear of offending any Lord. No. I intend to enjoy freedom as long as it is in my power. So Lizzy I am afraid you will look in vain for a letter announcing my marriage, and give up in despair of ever standing as my Bride-maid. But be assured if such a misfortune should happen me you will be the first to know of it and be the chosen one to witness the sacrifice. But Dear Lizzy you say you expected to be — well I won't say it, but were dissatisfied, has he proved false. Not be to these men, they are as wolves clothed in sheeps clothing, but don't despair, "where there is a will there is a way" you can put this saying into force and prove its truth by experience. Lizzy tell me in your next if you was in earnest and what your expected name might be for Somebody is only fictitious. But Lizzy I have wasted my time and paper in nothing but nonsense, and given you no news whatever. But if I can find a few moments tomorrow, I will do what I can, to inform you concerning New H. affairs. Mr. Stevenson is coming in tomorrow to spend the day, but I will write you a few more lines in the evening. Mr. Brown has just got back, ~~you~~ perhaps you don't know he has been a soldier since he left me. You know when the rebels made that dash at Pennsylvania Philadelphia was in a perfect uprore, and he (poor fellow) all zealous for his country's safety, rushed to arms to drive back the invaders, the South seem to have the advantage of them at present, they appear to know nothing of their whereabouts at present. But Jackson will show his colors one of

these days and give them another good whipping). According to their opinion if they would have bagged the rebels if the sun had sunk but an hour later; a pity but what they had a second Joshua to command the sun to stand still. But Lizzie did you ever see or hear of anything that the Yankees could not do if something or other had not prevented. It is a very useful ^{word} in their case especially. But Lizzie I must give up for the present, as I have been writing almost in the dark for some time but I guess you can make everything out after some hours study. I must go down to sea, as father does not come up till he shuts you may think it is a long fast from 12 to 7, at least I do and feel quite ready for a good hearty supper. Good Night Lizzie, if all is well I will finish this tomorrow.

Oct 4th

Dear Lizzie, I have just been looking over your letters I find I have eight altogether. I intend to keep them in remembrance of you. Am afraid they won't look as neatly as I would wish for I am always in such a hurry, with your letters especially, to get them opened that I tear the envelope sometimes very unmercifully but the contents will be kept safely and perhaps if you are a good girl I will give you a peep of my treasure when you come over. I was over at Milford during vacation and saw a great many things in the shape of shellwork, which I intend to imitate one of these days I guess I'll wait till you come over to help me for you know two heads are better than one. I will have my curtains done

By that time too, and don't expect to have any other big job on hand for a long time to come. We are going to have another great Band of Hope meeting the Trial of Alcohol is to be repeated by request Ben. High is to be King again. The meeting is to be held in the Temple Hall but I will give you all the particulars in my next. The Bethel is still sustained with much vigor. Gorte with those peering eyes is now president. Capt. French said the last night the wonders who the architects of rum-sellers were. I know you can guess the conclusion he came to. Lizzie I wish you was here, for I want to know if we have made any improvement. I think we have but I might be partial and would like to refer the question to you. Mrs. Stevenson was here yesterday but I said nothing of your intention of coming here, we don't intend to. won't it be a fine piece of fun Lizzie when we go out and take her completely by surprise. She was very glad to hear of your improvement - sent her compliments and ~~wishes~~ ^{hopes} you may soon get well. I am going out next Saturday in the morning and Mary and Robert are coming in the afternoon, and we are going after chestnuts but am afraid we won't meet with as good success as when you went with us that wet day. do you remember of that day? it was the first time you went out was it not? I met Mr. Hyde the other day in uniform so I concluded he had enlisted, poor Carrie will feel lonely won't she? I think I haven't told you that Mr. Atherton has resigned his commission in the army and is back to college he has left Bethany Mr. Mc. Nail is very indignant at his decision but can't persuade him to come back. But Lizzie dear I must bid you good bye hoping you will write a long letter soon. Always think of me as your ever true friend. (Lizzie)

Please send me Mr. D.'s address, if you have it.

Truly send you a paper with which please

867/8/23

Unionville Jan 31st

Dear, Sister,

I suppose that you know before now, that Grant, has been to Canada, I was very, sorry, that he could not come to see you, he wanted to come, very much, he felt, as much disappointed, as you did, but I hope that you will come and see us soon, we should be very happy, indeed, to see you. I am surprised that you do not get my letters, I have written three, to you, since last spring, I hope you will get this, Grant, get home,

safe "Friday evening" after he
left Peter, "it was a very tiresome
journey" he took a heavy cold,
but it is getting some better, now
we shall be very glad to have
Peter, and his family, here, "I
was very lonely while Grant,
was away, we said alone,
the most of the time, "Laiyyie
cried a good many times for her
Papa, she wants to see her
aunt Laiyyie, very much, she
expected, a picture when her
Papa came, home, and was greatly
disappointed, she hopes to get
one yet, she sends her love,
and ever so many kisses, to
Uncle, aunt, and cousin, I
hope you are all well, how

he glad we would all be, to
all of you, out here to our
house, I hope you will come
before long, Jimmy, has got to
be a big boy, he climbs up, by
any thing, he can get his hands,
on and creep after every thing,
that his eyes, sees, Grant, says
he is as heavy, as Peters, Baby,
but not as fat, I am quite
anxious, to see them together,
we did not go any place,
Christmas, or New Years, we
had Boarders, and could not
leave very well, I had all I
could do, for awhile, they all
left, when Grant started for
Canada, I shall be very glad, to
get the childrens, dresses, it

will be a great help, to have them
made Grant says they are
very nice. Lizzy is very anxious
to see them, she thinks her aunts
are both very kind, she thanks
them very much. I have had
two letters from Caty, since she has
been in Detroit, I was very glad to
hear from her, I hope that you will
both write often, to us, we are
always glad to hear from you.
I am very shure, that you would
not wonder, I did not write
often, than I do, if you could
only see, how little time I get,
and it is such a task, for Grant,
to undertake to write, and the
longer he wait, the harder it seems,
every time, he says, I will write
next time. I hope that you will
write soon, Grant joins in love,
and best wishes, to yourself, and
husband, also the little cousin.
Lizzy sends kisses to all, ever your
affectionate Brother and Sister, Grant and
Cathy

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San Francisco Sept 11
/64

My Dearest Sister

I suppose you are very anxious to hear something of me by this time I can't give you much of an idea of my Journey as I was sick all the way. we were just one month from the day we left N York till we came into San Francisco George was working at the Wharf he was not well he had a bilious attack a few days before I came and had not quite recovered but he is some better now; dear Lizzie I wish you had come with me I am so home sick I scarcely know what to do with myself but I may like after a while you must excuse this short letter

I will write a longer next time. I
am very anxious to hear from
you all for I have been dreaming
about you and mother every night
since I have been here. I hope and
trust they are all well where so
ever. Grant when have you heard
from him and send me his
Address. I will give you a dis-
cription of the place will send
George Jones with me in send-
ing our love to you all. Be sure
and write often. Tell Peter to
write. I believe George intends
writing to Peter before long.
I hope Jane and the Children
are well. Be sure and write
me a long letter.

farewell
your affectionate sister
Maggie