

yet to come, Emma & Soddie, Albert &  
Mary went yesterday to take a ride on the  
boat Gideon it would carried M but she  
concluded not to go she felt rather sorry  
but finally went to church meeting &  
had a letter from Russel last night  
they were all well enjoying Lewis company  
well your father is waiting in a hurry

E. sent you some money Martha got your  
letter last week Lucy has not been very  
smart but is more comfortable give my  
love to all that inquire so I must stop  
that this time as ever your affectionate  
Mother A. S. W. S. M. W.

Idolison June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1868

Absent but not forgotten Daughter

I once more take my pen to  
write to you, it has been some time since  
I have written to you but if you knew  
all the hindrances you would excuse  
me I thought I would commence  
one if I never finished, I hardly  
know where to begin or what to write  
firstly, well I suppose you have probably  
gone back to Mo, am glad you have enjoy  
ed your visit so well, am sorry you have  
had another fit I was in hopes you  
never would, today is Marthas birth  
day she & Mary & Emma have gone up  
to ~~your~~ to your Uncle Gardners, Peleg  
is at home now, I dont know I must  
say good night for you never can read my  
scribbles I am tired for it is run run  
I have such good news to tell you it will  
wake me up a little there was six young  
people Baptized east of Judson days, Emma  
Martha & Mary & Kettie Gordon Thanks