

I thought he could. I wish all the time I could do something for him. If brother Ed felt one half the sympathy for him I do he would release him from the place. but I know that he could not afford to do that now, but I wish you would talk to him about it, and see if he could not devise some plan to make it more comfortable for him. I had no idea what a deplorable sight the woods presented till I went up there. Every thing else looks pretty much as usual excepting the barn. Some of the fruit-trees have been propped up, and some were broken short off so nothing could be done with them. I think there will still be a good crop of fruit there. Mother would not listen to leaving home now, though I offered to stay if she would go down to see you. She says she does not intend leaving there till she leaves for good. I returned home on Friday. George was there from Tuesday night till Thursday. You must let us know when you hear from there. as you may probably hear sooner than we shall. I have promised to send Mother

a bundle by tomorrow's boat, which they will not get till Wednesday evening I suppose. Eliza Brodick is gradually declining, though she makes a great effort to keep up. Mr Collins came to see her yesterday evening. Mrs Purnell was to see her last week and spoke of sending Mr Bayless down. It is distressing to hear her moans at night. I am obliged to keep my door shut. Kate Stewart has been sick ever since she has been here. The Dr has ordered her to keep her bed. — We had an excellent sermon and lecture from Mr Hobson yesterday. His wife has been here some two or three weeks. They have two fine boys. She is well acquainted with cousin Garry Chadwick. Her husband's family are members of Mr Hobson's church. Sister Garry is still getting a great quantity of strawberries from her vines. She has had above 50 gallons already. I think the largest amount she has gathered any one day was 9½ gal. Mr & Mrs McElroy are at Sharpsburg. Mr McE. assisting Mr Caldwell at a meeting. They have bought Mr Charles Peaces horse & rockaway.