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37 17 Burr Papers; Sarah Lord Hyde letters 1851-1856, 61-62 [Letters 1861-1862; Civil War; Selden on way to New Orleans; 4 items from Noah H. Gillet; 1 Morgan]

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, Hamburg, 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. Hyde [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 placed I do no think that it is as pleasant as camp Buckingham I went up the parapet the other day it is somewhere about to [two] or three miles in lenth [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 iland [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 aloud [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 people, 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 willing 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 10th [?] 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 hs 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 16 A Burr Papers; Angeline Lord Burr 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 straggling, 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 (20th 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 picet [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; 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 been 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

Envelope, addressed to Mrs. E. F. Burr, Lyme, Conn., postmarked Norwich, May 14, 3 cent stamp.

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 rososon [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. Too 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, most to Angeline Lord Burr from E.F. Burr, some from Lizzie Lester]

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"; 1) "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 4th July present of one."; 2) 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 150th 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 15 42-5 Burr Papers; ~~Peter Lord family letters 1816-1827[?]; 1866-1868~~ [Letters, 1865-1868 – 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 w3ould 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 20th 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 2nd 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 alone. 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 E.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. 2nd The difficulty of finding anyone who could afford to labor with me. 3rd My own primary embarrassment. 4th 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. 5th 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 he 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 found 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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 4th 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 superintendant, 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 of 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 14th 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 from 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 Beal 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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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 12th 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, Hamburg, 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 Hamburg 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, Hamburgh, 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 then 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 grown 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 destruction 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 thing; but if you see 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 department 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; 1) "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”;

2) [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 27th. I had supposed it to be on the 21st 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 Vinctus’ 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 hoe 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 - 'oppinion, 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 (Lyne) 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 ws 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! 'rehersing' 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 o 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 compaignon 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 may 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, 3) Edith (Lyme) 30 Oct 1882; with envelope addressed to Mr. H. Montrose Burr, Lock Box 91, Amherst, Mass., postmarked Lyme, Conn, Oct 31; 1) "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 Sops they have at Williams - the whole voting, without any prompting, not to trouble the Fresh as to canes. Don'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.";

2) [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"

3) Monty 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; 1) "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 have³ 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";

2) [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 leave 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 hope³ 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; 1) "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.";

2) [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 should 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; 1) ". . . Edith is now in for chestnuting. 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.";

2) [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 college³ 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 diulemma./ 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."

45a 1 Angeline Lord diary, summery – 1848-1851
(7 double-sided hand written pages; transcribed
8/4/2010 R. York)

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;
Sleighting.

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 19th 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
plus 2 additional pages dated 1840**

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46 1 Sarah Hyde, French Exercise Book, hand written

[DID NOT READ]

47 7 Burr; ~~Peter Lord Deed~~ [Peter Lord deeds 1797-1832]

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 1834-1847

- 7 April 1835, Mehitable 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, Mehitable Lord (guardian of Phebe C. Lord, Sarah W. Lord & Harriet A. Lord) deed from Mehitable Burnham
- 27 May 1839, Mehitable 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 1862-1866]

- 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;
1861-1871]**

Account book, Jan 1840 – April 1845

Account book, Aug 1853 – Oct 1861

Account book, Nov 1861 – July 1871

**51 2 42-9 Burr papers, H. Angeline Lord account
book [Angeline Lord Burr Account Book 1851-
1906; 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]