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Dear Friends

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Again have I reason
to give thanks for this opportunity and privilege
of writing you but when I think of the time it
will take for this to reach you I am almost
discouraged. I think of you often yes very often and
of all those comforts of Home which I imagine
you all are enjoying in life and health
and as this is Sabbath morning the scene of Home
are called to my mind more vividly and I am
comforted to know that the absent one is
with you is often called to mind but you
cannot form an idea of the wide difference
in our situations, but I am thankful to him
who revels over all that I have been permitted
to live, and that I am still enjoying good health
and for this privilege of informing my friends
far away who may be are mourning me
among the dead How often have I
I hope this may find you all well and reach you soon

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