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Dear and much respected Aunt

After a long lapse of time I again take my pen in hand to direct a few lines to you to inform you that I am well at present and hope these few lines if they reach you will find you and yours enjoying the same blessing. I had ought to apologise for not writing to you sooner than this but at present I can say no more than to tell you that other things have demanded my attention so that I can not find time to write to any one. This is the first that I have written for three months - Verona and her husband are in comfortable health at the present time and send their love to you. Father left us about the middle of June on a trip to the East he wrote to us on his arrival at Unklee Selina's and promised to write again at VT and we think it is nearly the time for us to hear from him and we want to hear from you too and if you have a few minutes to spare please direct a few lines to us and tell us how you are getting along; tell us whether Father has arrived or not. we want to hear from him ~~very~~ as soon as possible. If he does not will you tell us how he likes the rocks and hills of old Vermont.

since writing this we have heard from Father