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Dear Brother & Sister Yours of Aug-18 was received and should not show this long in acknowledging the pleasure the perusal of it afforded us, had inclination been consulted but my health has not been very good of late and my time considerably occupied. We wait for Maria she has been absent about three weeks - We find it not only a pleasure but a privilege to have her with us at this time.

We often think of our friends in M and should consider it a privilege to receive letters frequently and a still greater one could we see you in Mass - May we not hope too? Why not take Craig and come down? I know it is something of a journey yet you might not think find it so much of an undertaking as you now think far - Since we returned when speaking of our friends it was not uncommon to hear "I would like to see Craig or I wish Craig was here - Since Maria came its how I wish Craig was here - how I wish I could see Craig" - When looking forward to the time when we may hope to meet again with our friends we are reminded by the changes that are continually taking place around us, and within the circle of our own friends that uncertainty is written upon whatever respects the future. Today the bell toll'd for a little boy about the age of 6 who a few hours before his death was about the house - The parents are left with but one other; Last week Mrs Geoosuar a sons