

Long Town, ^{March} 31st 1835

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 Anne Long Furman, 1812-1897
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 and Jessica Perouse

My dear brother,

So constant have been the demands upon my time, since our arrival in the country, that I have ^{been} obliged (tho' reluctantly) to delay writing to you, until this late period. We had the pleasure on Saturday evening of receiving the letters to brother Josiah, and William sent by Mary Nickles; William was quite overjoyed at hearing from you: he fell asleep at night with the letter in his hand; it grieves him very much that he cannot reply to it himself; he has come to the determination however, to try very hard to learn the use of his pen, in order to send you an epistle in his own hand before he leaves the country. Brother Josiah, and sister Henrietta are very pleasantly situated: the society is very good, the style of living is simple, but at the same time there is considerable degree of refinement and cultivation: it is decidedly the pleasantest part of Fairfield that I have ever visited.

I ^{have} received but one letter, from sister Maria; since her stay on Society Hill, she writes as tho' she were very much pleased. Brother James ^{she says} appears to be very much beloved by his congregation, they are unwearied and unbounded in their attention to him: I hope sincerely that the call from Philadelphia may not induce him to think of leaving them: for I do not think

that he could be any where else, more pleasantly, or usefully situated. Brother Samuel's son Richard, accompanied brother James, and sister Maria from the Hills: I understand that his preaching, gives very general satisfaction, wherever he is heard.

I do not know exactly what brother Samuel intends doing for the present year, the congregation over the river to whom he preached last year, have invited him to continue. They are anxious that he should come, and reside among them; this however I imagine he will not do, at least, for the present.

Sister Susan, continues in a very feeble state, she has gathered perhaps a little strength since we left town, but so little, as scarcely to be perceived. The weather for the first few weeks after our arrival was so intensely cold, that she could not venture to leave the house, and I think that she suffered from the close confinement. I hope that return of spring will produce a beneficial influence.

We were really grieved to learn the fate of your beautiful Dahlias - the cold weather has been dreadfully destructive to all that was rare, and beautiful in the gardens in the country, as well as in the city. This is the most backward season that I ever knew, the trees are just beginning to put on the garb of spring.

William has attended very regularly to his lessons since we have been up here; he can reply very readily to almost any question on the map of the world, and can do any simple sum in Addition, or Multiplication. I do not find at all difficult to instruct him. I regret that in consequence of sister Susan's constant indisposition I cannot devote more time to him.

We are expecting to see sister Maria, in the course of a week or two. Harriet intends visiting her parents during brother James' stay at the General convention, and sister Maria will remain here. Sister Susan, requests me to tell you that she left a large parcel of the Euphorbia seed in the jar which you mentioned. She says that it is put up in a paper bag, which had

The name written upon it, very few of the Poppy seed were left she thinks that she gave them all to you.

Brother Josiah, and sister Henrietta were quite disappointed that you did not visit them, when you were up last winter. They both desire me to remember them to you, and to say that they would be very happy to see you, at any time in Long Town. William begs me to reserve a part of my letter for him. We shall be glad to hear from you, whenever you can conveniently write. Sister Susan sends her love. Your affectionate sister
Ann Estlin

My dear Papa,

I was very glad indeed to hear from you. I would have answered the letter on Monday, but Aunt was too busy to write for me. I wish very much that I was able to write myself, but I will try very hard to learn, and then I will be able to write whenever I please. I am very much pleased with ^{the} country, but I believe I like town ^{the} a little the best, because you are there. I have learnt how to plough, and how to ride on horse back, and I am not at all afraid of a gun now. and I am learning to read in a little book called Harry and Lucy, in which I can read a great many words, without spelling. I can do some little sums too, and will be able when I go back ^{to tell you} all the States, and their principal Towns, and rivers.

I will try, and remember all the good advice you have given me about behaving well, and I hope that I will deserve the little Apple tree when I see you again. Aunt Henrietta and Uncle were very glad to see me. They thought that I had grown very much. They want me to stay all the summer with them, but I believe I can't stay so long away from my dear papa, I think that I must go back some time this spring.

There are not many little boys in Long Town, but I have got ac-
 quainted with them all, and I like them very much. I have been
 to spend the day out several times; I like the Ladies and gentle
 man very much too. One of the gentleman wanted to carry me
 home with him the other day, to spend several days with him.
 That he might teach me to fish, and to shoot bows, and arrows,
 but Aunt could not spare me so long a time. Aunt Hecury has a
 great many hens setting, and she will soon have a great many
 little chickens, and she will let me feed me ~~them~~ every day.
 This is a very short letter, but I will soon write you another.
 You must send me an answer by the next Post. My dear Papa
 I am your affectionate Son
 William Furman

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