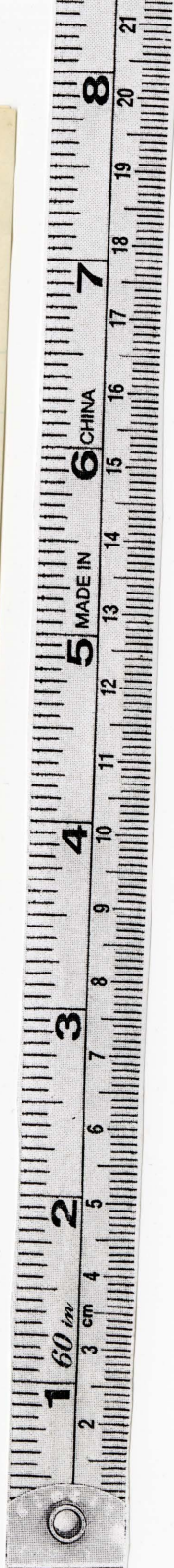


Monmouth Feb. 4th 1862

Dear Sarah

We got home the middle of last week, after a great deal of trouble, being out in the steamer in that great storm; the first twenty four hours however we lay in New York harbor, but the next night we had a gale in the sound & the steamer trying to carry sail as well as steam, had her yards carried away, & we were tossed about considerably for two days & nights the sea breaking clean over the ship, & washing the cabin wetting Faw's clothes &c. &c. When we got in to Portland two hours too late for



the car. Next morning I left Fan
at Dr Bacon's + took a freight
train at 7. + got home at
12.30 - 5 1/2 hours from Portland.
Fan took a more comfortable
passage + day or two after.

We found the children + all
well + every thing in good
order. But I feel very sad
this winter, in thinking about
Horace - in trying to realize that
he is really gone from us. So
it is not after all for him, +
it is for the thought of the thing,
for myself, + for as all, that
I feel sad. That he should be
cut down at the very opening
of his career, + when he had
so much reason to antici-
pate a prosperous course,
seems almost against the order
of nature. For him I have

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no doubt, the change is not
a sad one. I do not think
for a moment that it is not
infinitely better for him, & that
having once passed the great
boundary he has no wish to
be here again. and then I feel
as if he experienced about all
there was in life of comfort
& happiness. I am sure, on the
whole his circumstances through
his short life were as pleasant,
as usually fall to the lot of any
one. But I feel bereaved,
as if something was gone from
me - as if a support & stay
was suddenly taken away, & one
of the greatest sources of pleas-
ure in this world was sealed
up. I found a paper here
containing a notice of A's
death, by the Bar. I could



have wished that some appreciative
friend had spoken for him; but
perhaps it is all we could
expect, & considering the way
such things are actually done,
we should be well content.

I hope Father & Mother are
well & cheerful. I am glad
you are at home. I should
insist very much on your
coming here immediately, if it
were not for the good you can
do at home. It seems to me
it will be lonely there without
you. When you think they can
get along without you, I want
you to come at once. Let me
know whether I shall send
your cuffs, or keep them for you.
By the way - bring Daisy's stockings &c.
when you come.

Give my great love & sympathy
to Father & Mother & to the boys
Lawrence.

