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My dear Brother Dellie

I received your good long letter, written & directed wholly by yourself, this morning and hasten to answer you. I am very glad to hear from you, very glad that you are enjoying yourself so well and making so good progress in your studies. Be very careful that you understand everything in your Arithmetic thoroughly, and I have no fear but that you will get through it quick enough.

This is the first time that you have been so far from home at school and I will mention some things which will be of great use to you in gaining the good opinion of your schoolmates and the Vilagers. Don't stop much at the stores when you go & come from school. If you do stop, hear the others talk and offer no opinion yourself. In this way you will find out what others know, and add so much knowledge to your own.

It is now Thursday and if you do not write me tomorrow as soon as you receive this. You had better put it off till next Monday night, and then tell me who they send representative from Wayne & also tell me the news from home if you go there on Saturday as I suppose you generally will.

There have been two Fire Companies under my window a part of the Afternoon and kept me from studying. One was from Lynn Mass & the other from Bath. They were a fine looking lot of men and had very tasty uniforms. The Boston Cornet Band is with the Lynn Co. and the Bath B. B. with their own. They have been playing alternately all the Afternoon and in this clear atmosphere, cleared by last nights tempest, the music sounds beautifully. I can hear it now away down Street borne along by the north wind.

I suppose Charles came down to Yarmouth yesterday and I shall expect to see or hear from him in a day or two.

The Democrats are making great exertions to carry the State at the election next Monday, and their prospects are a great deal better than they were a fortnight ago because the Whigs - Morrill men & Free Soilers will not stick together. The Know Nothings will vote for Mr Morrill, which will increase his vote somewhat, as they number nearly ten thousand in this State.

If you don't know what I mean by the 'Know Nothings' tell me, and I will explain in my next as nearly as I can.

Remember me to Arza & Lavernia & Mrs. Sampson & Mary if they inquire. I am glad to hear anything about your School & Scholars and I shall expect a full description of the Cattle Show when that comes off if you get time to attend it.

Remember me always as
Your very affectionate Brother
Rowland