

Hall Letters 111. Aug. 20, 1849; Rhodolph in Boston to Sarah in New Haven.

Dear Sister,

I improve the present opportunity in writing a line to help kill time, although at present I feel as though time was killing me. as I have not felt able to sit up for two days, having a kind of sick head ache. last eve. was taken with vomitting, from the attempt at drinking tea. have not been well since Sat. noon. I expect I have over done on parade Sat. with a Fire Co.

Sis Returned from Lyme Saturday at 3 1/2 o'clock Lef the folks well, as usual. Mother at Brother Jeffers. Now with regard to your way home. the difference of Fare will not be any thing alarming, and if you will come by way of Boston I will go to Lyme with you if it does not come while we have to Receive the President, do you understand. Kate and Lucy think of visiting Boston this fall, and they may think best to come while the President is here, any how I want to go, or be at home at the same time you are. I did not Receive your Letter untill I returned, from Burlington Vt. the 6 of Aug.

You must Excuse me for not having writen before, as my Music Business has drove me up pretty smart. I am in hopes to have a little Leisure pretty soon, so as to pay all those debts I owe in New-Haven, &c.

Please Excuse me for being brief at this time, as I am truly unwell.

Write and Let me know when to meet you at the Depot. and I am there, or a substitute if I am engaged &c.

The jents are now awaiting.

My best Compliments to all that take the trouble to inquire &c. Yours in F. L. & T
Rhodolphus Hall

Hall Letters 112. Aug 24, 1849; Nancy in Roxbury to Lucy in Lyme.

Dear Sis Father, Mother and all the Children and Chicks

I have seated myself with pen in hand to give you a bit of a history of our journey and safe arrival home and so on after we left Sis Marys we rode at a good gallop if not more and then stop long enough to make it up it was very warm that day but I did not mind it only when we stopped and then it seemed as though we should melt we stopped at Lowell depo some time I looked fast to see if I could see Brother D. but did not satisfy my eyes with seeing him at all we arrived in Boston at half past 3 o'clock and there Wm was waiting for us had been there 2 hours, he was pleased as a boy to see us; [poked] along we met James Car and he was pleased to hear from his home he looked nicely the Old Esq Turner as he is Called and wife came down in the same Car with us and 2 little girls we got out by the Common and there we saw the band Brother R. paraded in his band suit with them and a fire company and a splendid Engine going through the street he had a hard days work that day they went on out to Cambridge it being so warm he was sick on Sunday and Sunday eve he was taken vomiting and after he had throwed up as I thought about all I gave him a dose of rhubarb so in the morn he was cleared out and gave him a glass of wine and a good cup of tea and he was quite smart after so you see I got home jest in time for them. I was tired almost to Death when I arrived here we found Grandmarm here she came that day to see if they needed her to do anything for them she went home that night the girl went away on wednesday before I got home Wm turned her off she acted so she was nothing but a slut [gade] I cant begin to write it the neighbours told Wm how she acted when he was gone I knew there was more than R wrote us she went to the store and said she would take 4 pound of tea he asked her if Mr Morey sent her yes he told her that something singular for we never got more than a half pound at a time and he should only give her that so he asked him if he sent her so we got the story soon after now how do you all do how did Mother get home how is Sis has she stopped the tears yet tell her we miss her verry much her Father wants to see her - Mary talks us most crazy we shall send her some shews the first opportunity if she dont come home. I want you should let her come home when any of you come - tell her to be a good girl Sis L I have not been out to store yet I have been so lame one of my legs has pained me ever since I was there to Sis Marys If I walk on it we had a girl come last Monday noon she has done well as yet I think I shall be smart in my limbs soon If I dont walk on the railroad any more L I shall send that the first opportunity tell Father and Mother to be careful and not get sick I want you to write as soon as you get this R is gone to Old Concord to play with D I expect him home Saturday eve to play here on the Common it Rained yesterday here as fast as it could pour and to day it is cooler there has been two Death of Cholera here since I came home taken at night and died in the morn. Wm and Frank have a sick turn one in two or three days it lasts about one day and night and take down some thing hot and so on and keep to work the small pox is in the citty I wonder what wont come next. Mary says give Lucy a kiss her Father says be a good girl and come home the first opportunity or when any of the family come so as to see to her you must not think strang if I should let Mary go with some of you give my love to all the folks and friends tell me if your Mr. J came as you expected. Aunt H is here today she sends you lots of love. Mrs. Hastings is at Oxford expect her home next week write me all the news. so I must close in haste. N Wm sends his love to you all with mine

Hall Letters 115. Oct. 22, 1849; Rhodolph in Roxbury to D.C. in Lowell.

Dear Brother

I got back from N.-Haven Conn. Last Tuesday, found the folks all well as usual. Had very good Luck with the Band, as they thought they should want me again this fall. And Bantered me to come another Summer, &c. I think they may make a raise of something of a Band another season, as they seem to have the material now. -- Vanamburg was there two days, with his Managers. I saw Col. Cob. & Romano Cob & Romano seems to think You Could have the job to Lead the Band for Vanamburg another season if you wished, And spoke in season, &c. Cob. gets \$80.00 or 90.00 per month, so said Romano. I came home by way of N.Y. City but did not stop, but a few howers. I went to see George W. but he was engaged with the Band, had gone for an Excursion, and was not to be at home untill next day, &c. his folks sad it was of no use to think of his Leaving N.Y. as he had now got so good a situation, &c.&c I Dined with Unkle D. He is full of Business, as usual. Said he cleared \$10,000.00 last year for his share and this year should Clear \$12,000.00 Hale Simonds has gone to California.

The Roxbury Brass Band Have an engagement for a Target Excursion, Next Week for 18 men. We want you to come and help us out as our principal is rather weak, &c.

It is with a Roxbury Company, one day only. We do not know what day it is to be yet.

I should like my Quadrille Books, as soon as You can get through with them.

When you come down just fetch the Trombone Parts to those Irish Airs. Girl I Left Behind &c.

If you have thing in my Line Let me know of it will you? Call and see us when you can. so says the. Our folks. with our Best Wishes.

My Best Regards to Mr. and Mrs. Benett. to the Band also

Just see if Gee would Like my sett of Quadrille Books that I now have for sale. Yours in F.L.& T. Rhodolphus Hall

Hall Letters 116. Oct. 24, 1849 Rhodolph in Boston to D. C. in Lowell.

Dear Brother

The Cornett Band want you to Come and Play with them tomorow Afternoon. We are to Best Charlestown Square at 1 o'clock P.M.

Mack Donald is on a Bust and they want you to take his Place very much indeede.

It is a \$3.00 engagement I believe we all go to Howard Athenseum in the eve. Come if you can.

Roxbury Band want you also the first day of Nov. The B b Cornett for tomorow. Yours in haste R. Hall.

P.S. The Band want you to fetch yours Uniform Coat and Black Pants with you &c. in haste R.

Hall Letters 117. Oct. 28, 1849; Rhodolph in Roxbury to D.C. in Lowell.

Dear Brother

I take this opportunity to inform You that we are to Parade with the Norfolk Guards, to Cambridge, on Thursday Next Nov. 1st. I do not know at what hour of the day. But I want you to be here on wednesday without fail so as to Reherse with us, in the eve. &c.

I have Engaged Win to Play the Tuba with us, thursday. We are to have 18 men, strong team, you see. I saw Flagg Yesterday said he would Come and Play with us, if I wanted. Either, the B b Cornett or Bugle. That he would do any thing to help me, as I had helped him &c. But we shall be in good shape, if you come, and you must without fail. The Band Play very good now, much better then they ever have. Fetch my Quadrille Books and the Tenors of The Girl I Left Behind Me. And do not fail to be here Wednesday afternooon.

We shall have a high ole time at Spy Pond I expect. Take my Cornett with you.

Had a letter from Lucy, no news in particular

Give my best respects to Mr. & Mrs. Benett

Please write by return of Mail. Yours in F.L.& T. Rhodolphus Hall

P.S. The note that I sent by the Express I gave to the Express man at the Lowell Depot in Boston, Wednesday as he was Loading his stuff for the 1/2 past four o clock train. The cuss neglected, to give it forward to you. it was no other falt but the Express Mans. I think, I shall settle with the Band, Friday and start for Lyme Saturday next, and make up the other two weeks some other time. &c

Hall Letters 118. Oct. 29, 1849; Rhodolph in Boston to Sarah in New Haven.

Dear Sister

Ellen wishes to know by the Return of Mail, what you have concluded upon, with regard to her coming to New-Haven this fall.

As I am to settle with R.B. Brand on Friday an Leave for Lyme on Sat. Next. She wishes to go with me if you do not have her come with you. So, Please Direct to R. Hall Boston that I may get it 6 hours or 8 hours sooner, and not delay.

Ellen has written to her father once he wishes to know the particular also. Please write to him also that he may decide in time for her to return home with me on Saturday Next, if you Please. All well, Compliments remembered to all.
Great Haste. Rhodolphus

Hall Letters 119. Dec. 2, 1849; Lucy in Roxbury to Samuel Johnson in Wentworth.

My Dear S.

You will probably be surprised to see my letter dated in this city, expecting as we both did that I should, ere this will reach you, be rehearsing the oft-repeated duty of School Teaching in Hanover N.H.

But Fate often plays strange pranks with the most determined - as I can attest by experience - for no person living (and certainly not a dead one) could have made me believe that I should, today, wield the pen in the city of R. But so it is - and now for an explanation. Well that is easy enough done. Almost ever since I agreed to engage myself in teaching in the country this winter, I have sincerely repented it. For the past week, I have been quite unwell from Sick-headache caused by taking cold and a change of living - I felt myself quite unequal to the task and wrote accordingly, last week, to the Com of H to secure the services of some one more able - and I now consider myself free from the engagement.

Kt. left me one week yesterday accompanied by R. for New York - Her sister had not received her letter, and had written her not to come at present, which K did not receive - and consequently did not expect her, at the time. I should not wonder if she should return, as she is not a little homesick. If she does you and I may expect a Wedding in the spring or soon after - I judge from remarks, that the thing is settled. I have been expecting a letter from her, since her departure but have as yet received none. I shall probably get one Monday or Tuesday.

When I shall return home I cannot now tell - I shall expect to see you here at Christmas (25 inst) or New Years.

I was not a little disappointed, at the time, that you did not come to Thanksgiving - but do not regret it now as you would enjoy Christmas here, better than Thanksgiving. We had a fine time the latter day - but I often thought of you - I with little sis took a ride to the city where I did some shopping in the morning. R. K. and I took a ride (in our "Carry all") to Charlestown one week Friday - went into the Navy Yard - aboard the ship "Franklin" one of Uncle Sam's servants, and a fine one too - We had a high spirited horse and came near being shipwrecked but got home safe - and went to the "Howard" in the evening, where we were interested by [Mr.] Hudson in the Irish character, on St. Patrick's eve in the time of Richard III - and 2 other plays beside some of the best dancing I ever saw and that is saying much. I should have been very much gratified with your company and thought of you many times during that evening. - Indeed, I think of you often in the midst of friends or also in my [meditations], the pleasant hours I have spent in your society seems as bright sunny spots in the picture of human life.

I received a letter from sis S. Tuesday by R. she was to spend Thanks. in New York in company with her Smith at my uncles.

Brother W. and wife send their best respects to you saying they should be happy to see you at New Years - or any time your convenience permits. I join in the solicitation - and hope to receive a letter from you soon telling me when.

I find more time to work for myself here than at home. I came near forgetting to tell you that Kate's sis sent me a beautiful dress of light silk (the cloth for it) There I am at the close of my sheet without knowing it scarcely - Write soon - and believe me Yours ever - Lucie

Hall Letters 120. Dec. 4, 1849; Rhodolph in Lyme to Lucy in Roxbury.

Dear Sis

Since I am at the Post Office I will scratch you a Line thinking you may wish to learn something of my arrival by this time, though I have been twice to the P.O. and I was in hopes to have heard something from you tonight at all events.

Have you not heard from Kate yet, it seems as though you must have heard before now. Let me know the particulars as soon as possible when you do have any thing from her. do as I directed if there be any thing to me.

I saw D. as I stoped at Lowell, he was at the Depot with Rogers, the latter Came to Orford. I stoped an hour or two at Brother Js. Came on hand Car to Norwich Bridge then proceded on foot-Back to Lyme Calling at Mr. J. Tineys. he said that he was at first most provoked when he got the letter, he got it the hour of its arrival. he inquired for Kate, said he was sory he had not taken her. I could not engage her, not knowing as she would come at all, he had no one in view. I told him she (Kate) had gone to N.Y. on a short visit, &c.&c. Write

Marinda is very impatient for you to come home. Mother says tell her she must come home when she gets her visit out, &c. And I hope that will soon. I expect to go to Hartford Conn the 12th if I do you can return with me then, or you can go to Hartford with me if you like, &c. Inclosed is three Dollars, Please select a Ring for My Kate of your own taste if it costs four dollars I will pay the Difference when I see you. &c. keep It untill you hear from me.&c.

Write on the Reception of this, sure. Excuse haste.

Rhodolph

P.S. get a nice Ring, or none My Compliments whare eve Due. R. Hall

Hall Letters 121. Dec. 8, 1849; Rhodolph in Lyme to D. C. in Lowell.

Dear Brother

Inclosed is a letter from New-Haven wishing to engage my services another season to lead their Band. now what are your ideas on the subject, What have you concluded to do another season? travel, or to stop whare you now are?

I shall Leave Lyme for Roxbury, on my way to Hartford for the 12th on Monday the 10th Please be at the Depot for Roxbury with me, if you can. without discomoding too much.

And let me know what you are about to do another season &c, &c.

I have \$18.00 for the 12th. - in great haste -

P.S. Father is rather lame, as last winter, Butchered yesterday. The Folks all as usual except Father.

Yours in F.L.& T. Rhodolph

Hall Letters 122. Dec. 28, 1849; Lucy in Roxbury to Sarah in New Haven.

Dear Sis

David has just gone from here after a stop of about an hour, on his way to New York - and he wished me to write you, instant, that he is intending to return on Monday, next, in the noon train to New Haven, but shall not be able to spend any time with you and wishes, if possible, to see you at the Depot in your City. I told him I hardly thought my letter would reach you in time, but he thought it might and if it did not he was going again in about 10 days and should then see you. He spoke of some shirts you were making for him - You probably know about them better than I do. He is like a race-horse has been here twice since I came - the first time stopped about 2 hours.

I suppose you are enjoying Christmas and the Holidays in good earnest - &c (Christmas) with us passed very pleasantly - you would have laughed to have seen the Stockings in the corner after they were filled - a set of small crockery for each the children and a doll (undressed) hanging by the leg.

For the first time I hung up my boot - and lo! and behold! a horn of plenty filled with sugar plums - and a [cask] - and two matches - there did you get more?

With regard to R. - he showed me your letter that you spoke of - he said when he left he should go to N. Haven. He waited on Kt. back as his intended and she is now here making the sheets &c. &c. Her sister's husband died early in the fall and she is married again to a Mr. Ely - a lawyer from Missouri. His father's one of the first Clergymen in Philadelphia. R. saw him spent some little time with them in N. York. R. is now in Middlebury Vt. playing with Whitcomb. If you wish to make a visit home, I will take your place for a little time - though it would cost a little something to go and come. Mr. [J] has been here and got me a pretty Locket with our pretty faces - ha! He wants to be married in May - What do you think of that? N. has been very lame for a week past - all the rest are well - N. will write a few lines so I will close hoping to hear from you soon - Our folks were smart when R. left and I have not heard since. Father has a sore on his shin - similar to the one he had some time ago - otherwise he is smart - Ann Gage is there to work. It is so dark I cannot see - so excuse me tonight - affectionately Lucie

P.S. My compliments to Mr. Smith - Tell him I adhere to engagements when it is for my good. L.

Hall Letters 122.5. Dec. 28, 1849; Nancy in Roxbury to Sarah In New Haven.

Dear Sis having an opportunity to write with Sis L I improve it with pleasure and hope it will find you in first rate health and spirits and with all a merry Christmas. I think I will try to be merry although I am terribly cramped with the Rheumatism though is not so nice again but I think I shall get better of it soon with a little patience now Sis I hope you will not be offended for bit of a remark about the aristocracy for it was barely talk and nothing more. I know you to well to think it we was speaking of your going and was glad to hear of it hope you will pardon me any how it seemed different to you than it would if you had been here and chatting with us. I presume we should said more to you it was all in fun wont you come and spend New year and see your Sister Kate she is here this will be news for you I know for it was to me dont be surprised for I only give you a hint to be prepared for the weding card I cant tell when it will come off write and let us know how you do I should like to see you very much the children send lots of love to you with kisses my own and Wm Sis had a present from New York of a plaid Silk dress from her Sister Mrs. Ely it is verry nice well I must close and write more in my next N. So I bid you good eve wit much love and a Sisters best wishes N. Morey

Hall Letters 123. Dec. 31, 1849; Rhodolph in Middlebury to D.C. in Lowell.

Dear Brother

I have a few moments leisure that I think best to improve in scribbling to you, although I may not have any thing to communicate that is exceedingly interesting, however here it goes.

How goes the time with you. What are the projects with regard to the Yellow Bugle?

Let us know the particulars, as we are anxious to learn how it comes on, &c. What luck do you have in your Quadrille Band, how does business Open, rich I suppose.

Whitcomb by my side says, "tell him if he can give me a good chance another summer, he will come" will take some Brass Instruments in the Brass Band, also. They have not decided at what time to have the Railroad Ball at Burlington yet, should like to have you there if you can time your Business, we are expecting a pass over the Road to Boston when it comes off. Our Business has commensed very fair, &c the Past week I have Recd. \$20.00 and keeping.

Betts is right as a book no mistake ahead of any thing in these parts for beauty and speed. 87 1/2 per week for her board, grain Extra. Oats are 30 and 32 per bushel. I bard with Dr. Harris \$2.00 per week Moses Mann is my bed fellow a Queer Covie, to he is.

Dr. Harris wished me to write to learn if you know of a second Handed Ebro Corno that he can have cheap, in Case he wants one, before a great while, or not jest yet &c. The 24th I played at Shoreham, Volunteered, recd. \$3.00 25th at Ball Monkton Recd. \$8.00 - 27th at Vergens Ball \$6.00 Saturday volunteered to go with Mann to Crown Pt. N.Y. to his school they danced till 11 o'clock they are not so particular about dancing saturday nights as in some places - they payed my Expenses and \$3.00 and want me to come for a Public &c &c

Write, and let us know what you are up to. -- we play at Hydes Sudbury tomorrow New Years. I must wind off for want of time. Excuse mistakes &c. in haste

A happy New Year to you, many of um.

Respects to all hands. Yours in F.L. & T.

Rhodolphus Hall

Hall Letters 124. Jan. 6, 1850; Lucy in Roxbury to Samuel Johnson in Wentworth.

Dear S.

I wish you "A Happy New Year!": and not only one - but a thousand - And may you live till every hair of your head is as big as a rake handle - Now is not that a generous wish?

Yours of Dec. 30th - I received Jany. 1st so that your wish of a "Happy New Year" just came in time - We did not have so many calls as usual, being almost among strangers - but in the evening, attended a party at Mrs. Hastings, - and Wednesday Jan 2nd received a call from sis Sarah's Mr. Smith. I did not have much of a chance to form a mind about him. I have been expecting a call from him again to take a message to sis but do not know as he will call as he was expecting to return tomorrow.

We attended the Museum Wednesday P.M. Had a fine time and with all a Sleigh-ride in town. I have me a new hat - you should see it to judge of its merits - They all say it is very pretty. Kt. and I came out today for church - the first time - you should have seen the staring - at our good looks - ha! -

I have been detained from writing by a call of almost two hours duration, so now for it again.

Kt. had a letter from Rhodolph a short time since he intends coming to the city in about a week. He is in Middlebury, Vt.

I have no news to communicate and for the brevity of this hasty sketch you must excuse me, for it is getting late.

Mr. & Mrs. Morey send their compliments to you - so does Kt. - saying "you must hurry and get that house built." So please tell him in your next.

Brother D. came on here a few days after you left - on his way to New York, to make a contract for the materials for "that Bugle".

Kt. is smoking a cigar with Amanda - The latter tells me to say to you that "it is Sunday night here" - you would think it was. W. has gone to watch with a child and N. has retired - and here we girls are. You would laugh to look in and see us.

Expecting to hear from you soon I resign my pen - remaining as ever, Your friend Lucie

Hall Letters 125. Jan. 6 & 7, 1850; Rhodolph in Middlebury to Lucy in Roxbury.

Dear Sis

I improve this opportunity of cheating Unkle Sam of five cts. &c although Kate can give you the particulars sufficient to weary your patience I guess. at any rate I do not know how to interest you, as I feel now some as though my principal was gone, or that I was principally gone, &c.

Having been up considerable for a few nights past, it being late now, my head is aching butifully now &c. &c.

When I got home from Boston to Lyme, did not find Father quite Rich enough to think it profitable to Sound him on the Subject You proposed But I wrote to him on that Subject more then 10 days ago, as affectinly as lay in my noddle, thinking it might have a better affect than any thing I could do or say while he was in the standing Color, ha!! You may have heard from him since I wrote to him.

How goes the times now days - let me have the particulars. Fine print too, you know.

How is Brother J. or about to be I suppose. give a piece of his mind with a splinter of yours mixed in &c. will you.

My Lamp is going out for want of Gees Grees, So I must be brief, dam it. give my Compliments to Johnson when you write to him.

I send you a New Years Preasent, although it is of little value. I hope it will not be the Less acceptable, as with me small favors thankfully recd. and great ones in proportion ha!! ha!!

Poems It is Saxs

I have stole a Lamp, now, from the joining sleeping aptment, so as to weary your patience, a little longer.

Sax's Poems are very popular here. he being a vermonter. you will want to read some of it twice to get double meaning.

You and Kate must not get wreckless and spend all your change, so as be obliged to go the inflamatory, if you do I'll have to sell Bett to get you out, and I dont want to.

Dom this light is now going to vaporate.

Made the Boarders stare to to se my New-Years Present by Express no mistake from Boston to.

My love to Wm. Aunty, and Children, &c. Yourself and Kate included light out so good night Rhodolph

Hall Letters 126. Jan. 10, 1850; Lucy in Roxbury to Sarah in New Haven.

Dear Sis:

I have been in Town this afternoon, and as I heard something curious about you, I am going to tell you all of it. I went to a mesmerized woman or, rather, she was mesmerized for my benefit, and I took her on to N. Haven to find out what you was up to. Well the first thing she said was "what does she play upon?" "I can hear music." She began to repeat the words - Something about "the valley" and "She would be contented." that you "had a School" I happened to think it was about 4 o'clock afterward - so you must tell me what you was singing tonight (Thursday) in school. She said you was "mighty full of fun" told even to the color of your eyes - That you had two beaux - One dark complexioned and the other light - that you would have the latter but the former (Smith I suppose) only wanted to flirt with you for one thing (you and he know I suppose) I dont. That he wanted a lady with "a pretty face and small foot" - (that is neither you nor me you know) Said that I should have a letter from you soon, that you was coming on in the Spring. That you was my sister she said and lots of things that I cannot now tell.

By the way I want to know if you are desirous that I should take your place in School, as it may make some difference in my arrangements. I want you should tell me immediately - for if I go, I shall wish to do so before going home.

Aunty says she had the privilege of seeing your beau, but that he made so short a stay that does not know whether she should have fallen in love with him if he had stopped a day. She sends her love to you - W. & she have just gone to bed - the former says he "did not have the pleasure of seeing his brother."

I had a better view of him the last than the first time. Think he has some pretty eyes (you need not tell for he thinks he is pretty without) I think he is rather a fine fellow - though I did not have much of a chance to tell you know in so short a time. He came very unexpectedly the last time for I thought him in N. Haven as he told me so. We were just ready to sit for dinner, but waited - but I looked a little better - having my wig arranged a little. Please write and tell me what his observations were, for he was, evidently on an exploring Expedition. I have not "a pretty face nor foot" you must recollect; - and he was in search of them probably - ha! ha!! ha!!

Tell me who your "light haired gentlemen" is, will you? By the way will you write that letter soon? The woman said you was "Oh! so full of fun"! That I should have a letter so funny!! So Hurra! for it.

I have not heard from home yet. We are all in our usual health. N. is better of her lameness.

The woman said you was "a first rate [singer]" She heard you. I shall think of all she told me soon. But I guess I will wait till I see you - before telling you. We had a party here tuesday evening - you ought to have been here. Tomorrow eve we have an engagement at Mr. Heills so we go it.

My Compliments to Mr. Smith - He will be obliged to track up pretty close to find those feet. I would say so if acquainted - ha!

Remember to tell me what you sang Thursday P.M. in School. Write particulars In haste A Warm Good night (though cold enough here) Lucie

"Kt. wwants me to tell you that she has a Pussy Cat that sits up like Skippy Dog" She calls it Frank"- after the giver.

Hall Letters 127. Jan. 12, 1850; Sarah in New Haven to John in Lyme.

Dear Father & Mother,

I have not addressed a letter to you alone for a long time but feeling very anxious about matters & affairs that I have recently heard concerning Rhodolph & Kate Morris. That R. has been through New Haven 2 or 3 times & has not called on me & at last he has taken her to Roxbury to fix to be married soon. I do not know as you know of it. but if you do not I think you ought too - A gentlemen here saw him in Hartford when he played there & they were expecting him to come here next summer & he had given them encouragement to come - he said R thought of going home to help his Father for he was lame & needed his help so I suppose he is calculating to take his intended back to Lyme. Is it possible that he does not know any better I hope you will put your foot down against it if you do not there will be serious trouble no doubt I have seen so much of the beast convinces me that what is bred in the bone, will remain long in the flesh. If he is determined to marry her let him - but not take her there to make any more trouble - she has been the means of enough of that already. It has troubled me no one knows - since I heard of it - I have been almost a maniac - unfit for my school - troubled nights in awful dreams - Poor fellow! his honey moon will be short one I'm thinking. If there is no pulling hair in less than six months I shall be mistaken. I feel very sorry for Nancy for I hear she is quite lame thinks she has a great care with her present family. I have had a great mind to leave my school & all & go straight home & see what the arrangements were. I hope you will write me very soon & let me know all about the matter - for no one else will I suppose for they know I do almost hate Kate - but I think too much of your happiness to keep silent. Perhaps R will see this letter I can't help it if he does. I must free my mind - but cant begin too on this sheet. I have written what has been first in my mind & will change the subject & tel of my health which is good excepting a bad cold. I have kept 3 weeks in a new term of my school - have 40 scholars shall probably have 50 before it closes as I did last quarter. I received a letter from David New Years day had 2 calls from the penny post that day - a paper from R. with an account of Amos Cutting's death - David is of the same opinon with regard to R's [] that I am - I dont care how poor a person is - if like Job's turkey's - if they have a disposition to treat every one with politeness - if they do not happen so or do as they think is right - but I promised to drop the subject Mother how are you? & Father is your lameness very bad? write & let me know - if you dont expect to see me stepping in some night unexpectedly. I have written this very course if not plain - so you might read it if you cant burn it & remember me as your affectionate daughter Sarah

Letters 128-147 (February 7, 1850 to September 8, 1850)

Hall Letters 128. Feb. 7, 1850; Rhodolph in Sudbury to D.C. in Lowell.

Dear Brother,

I Recd. a letter from you a week or two ago, and another Yesterday jest before leaving Middlebury, &c.

Should have answered before but have not had such leisure of late besides I have had a bad cold, which has given me a kind of graney or old maidish apperance, business is passably good just at present. however has not answered my expectation so far. I am only about \$80.00 in Pocket since I came &c.

The Rail Road Ball has not come off yet, perhaps it will not, I do not hear any thing of it, only what you mention, When it comes off I will let you hear from me. As for the Musicians Ball I have not heard any thing about yet. presume I shall. Pushee putting it off, over the hurry, I suppose. I intend to be there if Convenient. Whit. had a letter from Rogers yesterday is trying to get up a Musicians Ball of Orford, &c.

I was knocked out of an 8 or \$10.00 job night before last by the Runing off, of the Locomotive between Middlebury Vergens. Were to play at Shelberm, but had to stay in the cars untill Sunrise in the morning very cold in the bargain. tuesday night you know we played here last night to night, three of us are to play for a private Party at Burlington if we can get thare, for the President of the Rail Road Co. We are hoping to get a pass over the Road to Boston if so I shall be there Friday Eve. &c. We were Expecting to play at Kene N.H. friday eve, for a Ball but it is postponed.

I have two Letters from New Haven since I saw you. And one from a Committe of the Boston Cornett. Chosen to find out what I would do, &c. they nearly offer me the Office as Leader that is all perhaps that is the Bonns you had refference to if it is they can go to He-l with it. that is all. I have not the least Idah, What I shall do. Yet, and am not in a hurry either Little inclined to travel, as I think I can not make sure of \$200.00 any sooner, &c.

We have a Mr. Witham of Kendalls Bd. Plays Sax Tuber with us in Walkers Place an Mann Plays dam good Second, So you see we are not a dam way in the background if we are among the Mts.

We have some first rate Music, such as you have not got in Lowell I think, som of Manns. Betts was in good trim untill Yesterday she trod on some damned thing or other and stuck in her near hind hoof. and pricked her pretty bad. So I am obliged to leave her here and take the stage to Middlebury and cars from ther. Betts is Better to day then she was last night. I leave her in firstrate Care and one that understands the Flesh, &c.

My Luck seems to be Various this Winter so far. Let us hear from you occasionally. My Compliments all of my Friends &c. In Haste Yours in F.L. & T. Rhodolphus Hall

Hall Letters 129. Feb. 8, 1850; Samuel Johnson in Wentworth to Lucy in Roxbury.

Friend Lucie

Yours of the 5th was received the 6th and imagin the surprise and the feelings when I read the sentiment of that letter. certainly it was like a colapse of Thunder in a fair day.

It has compleatly shook the foundation of my future happiness.

I will admit that my first acquaintance and our first correspondence might be in friendly sport and their was nothing more than a friendly feeling on my part but as time moved on and I became more acquainted I did learn to love and from close observation, I did think that love was mutual.

Certainly, if I had known of your feelings I should have persued a diferent way this season. I have been with my whole energy preparing a home a place where I have promised my self much happiness in your society. But alas how soon our expectation are disappointed how soon our hopes are blighted

Life with all its huse [hues?] and changes
 Lo thy heart doth love
 Take those dreary [Apine] ranges
 In the southern skys
 Where in [hare] the clifts are hiden
 Which the heart should fear
 And the crags that fall unbiden
 Startle on the ear

you say that you cannot learn to love, and their is many, and patient reasons for why you can not love I do think that I do know the reasons and if you knew my motive you would judge diferently.

I have had one object in view not to make any great pretentions and persue that cours that would make a domestick life happy but with the bright prospect before me within almost of my reach it has been dashed from me. I shall not complain although my hopes are at an end you say that you shall consider yourself free from any engagement to me and wishes me to consider my self free from you to this I shall acquiess in your request. Never will I hold a person to an engagement of this kind without love (not friendship) whose cords is stronger than death

I have seen to much of this getting married for the sake of getting married and if I have not the power to make your life happy passing through this unfriendly world I will not be the means of making you unhappy

Their is a cord in my bosom that has been locked what ever you may think of me whare ever my fortune may lead me your form and your smiling face never will be forgot those hours I have spent in your society never will be forgot they will be bright spots in my life.

I do not know what course I shall take perhaps under my present feeling I am not a suitable judge. I can let my shop and get my house so near done by the first of April that I can let it to be finished and rent it for two years.

My picture that is in that locket that I gave you I wish you would take it out and put it out of sight the locket I wish you would keep I shall have no use for it. Those letters that you wished to exchange I will do it I should like mine at [] and I will give you yours if you wish it but I should like to keep them if you would let me. That picture of yours in my possession I should like to keep if you would let me if not I will return it those other articles of yours in my possession I will return. I should rather see you and exchange them than to send them by Mail.

If I can bring my business round right I am bound to leave this part of the county some time in March and if you remain in Rox- I will see you and exchange letters but if you leave Roxb before that time and wish to exchange I will send them but should rather not I should like to have you keep the ring in token of love for you which has never been broken.

And now I ask you to overlook all imperfections and while you go forth and associate in the gay circles of life my bones may be bleaching in some distant country or I may fall into some savage hands to undergo all that is worse than death for I am bound to try an adventurous life for I have seen the uncertainty of anticipated happiness.

If you would wish to write with pleasure it would be received if you cannot love me I hope you will ever think of me as a friend as such will I be to you as long as life remaining it is late in the night and I will close by wishing you a happy life

Pardon me for trespassing on your patience with so long a letter I have been free to write my feelings thinking with an aching heart that it may be the last time I shall ever address you. Must I, can I say Farewell Saml J

Hall Letters 130. Feb. 11, 1850; Lucy in Roxbury to Samuel Johnson in Wentworth.

Dear S -

Yours of the 8th inst. came to hand this afternoon. And the feelings caused thereby, can be better imagined, than described: therefore, I will not attempt to portray them: Suffice it to say that I was and am exceedingly sorry that I wounded your feelings in writing. Had I received yours of the 6th, previously to the time I did, I should have written quite differently. But I had imagined from many circumstances that you cared nothing for me, more than the passing moment to beguile, and, as your letter convinces me, were only vain imaginings.

Had you been angry with me for that letter, I should have supposed at once, that my imaginings were true - but, as you stood the unpleasant ordeal like a man and christian, I shall love you all the more.

You are probably aware that the cause of my suspicions was your mentioning some affairs, the night previous to your departure. They worried and wore upon me till I wrote as I did.

I thank you kindly for the present of the ring and Locket - The latter I shall be happy to retain it as it is - and shall keep it unseparated - undivided. As for mine you may keep it, if it will be any pleasure to you - but the last letter I should like very much - Will you not send it? The ring, pin &c you may also keep for like yourself I have no use for them.

I should be pleased to see you at any time your convenience permits - and hope you will do nothing rash in your career of life.

I do not expect to return home at present. though I do not know how soon I may.

I should like to hear from you soon. Meantime I remain As ever Lucie

P.S. I have much to write, but it is very late (or rather early) it being 1 o'clock Tuesday morn. You will probably get this at evening as brother R. who is here and starts for Middlebury early in the morn will take this to the Office in the Cars. He sends to you his best regards and wished you to write him at Middlebury, Vt. Good night (or morning, I forgot) truly, L. (N. & W. would send compliments but are in bed)

Hall Letters 131. Feb. 21, 1850; Lucy in Roxbury to to D. C. in Lowell.

Dear Brother

I write, thus hastily, to tell you that our Nice Mary B. intends to stop a week longer (or till after the "Musicians Ball") as she says grandmother thinks we shall "all be at home then", and she will have a chance to see us. She "would like to come to the city," but her "husband has sprained his ankle and he would not like to come to the city for the first time on crutches." She has written to me again and wants I should come home very much, so I think I shall go on Monday. I would like very much to have your company home if your business will allow of it - Can you not manage to go? I would like to know - but cannot unless you get this in time to write back by tomorrow's Mail, or send word by Telegraph directed to "Merchant's Row".

If you send a letter by tomorrow's Mail I shall get it Sat. Why can you not come down Sat. and make a visit and then go home with me. Aunty has thought of another way: If you cannot come down Sat. write and direct to my name Boston and I will go in and get it you see it takes an extra day to come to Roxbury.

We have heard from R. his Betsey was no better and he was afraid she never would be - said she stood on three legs.

R. does not think much of having the Ball at Orford. Thinks they will get up an opposition. Did not think he should go to Orford.

We are all smart but little Mary - her eyes trouble her much.

Excuse brevity and haste but more when I see you Your sis Lucie

Hall Letters 132. Mar. 8, 1850; Kate in Roxbury to Lucy in Lyme.

My Dear Lucy

It was with much pleasure that I yesterday received your letter and I only wish you could have seen me when I read the first part of it. I forgot where I was and astonished the people by a regular scream of laughing in State St so much for the first part and the last was equally interesting. Why did you not write more about yourself and Mr. J. and why did you not go to California with him? By the way I have a story to tell you the California Packet sailed on Monday with a strong N.W. wind there was a young and very handsome girl on board from the State of Maine the ship had got about nine miles down the harbor and the pilot was on the point of leaving when the young girl sprung forward and said she wanted to go back with him. He declined taking her said it would be risking her life but she did not care and was determined not to left so she waited till he got in his boat and then with ungloved hands let herself down by the ship painter she is now in Boston, and all her things going to C. dont you think she was smart. The only reason she gave was that she did not like the motion of the vessel. There is a great deal since about her in the papers but as I have told you the principle part I will leave her and commence something else.

I got a letter from Rhodolph last Sat. he wishes to know why I did not "go home with you" says he will come down the 9th of March and stay a week and then wait on me up, but I shall beg to be excused. He received for playing last week 50.25 and had engagements to same amount this week dont you think he doing well? He has not seen Betsy when he wrote he sent his love to "you and Sam" wants you to write to him. He wanted me to send him my Gold chain to Brandon dont you think there is some meaning to that I have a great mind to be jealous. What do you think about it I shall wait very impatiently for your [answer] Aunty is not very smart she had got a bad cold wants you here to take care of her Mary is as smart and wild as a young colt she went without her blinder this morning. Wm is still suffering with the C. fever. he laughs a good deal about Mr. Johnson hurry the day before he left. I have just returned from eating a hearty dinner of pork Cabbage and long Johns dont that make your mouth water? Aunty "says give my love to her and tell her that we took the best care of her Sammy that we could says she put him in the parlor kitchen backroom and sink room to sleep" Manda says "tell her to come back and I will comb all the hair she has got" Manda is as full of mischief as she can be the other evening Mrs Jones sent for William and so he went and staid all the evening in the course of the eve we were talking about playing tricks. Manda said she would like to play one on Wm so she went and blacked her face and put on an old cloak and hat and went down to Mrs Jones knocked at the door and enquired for Mr. Morey so he came to the door and she told him that Mrs Wood wanted he should call there in the morn, he did not know her but Aunty told him the next morn. The next eve Aunt Hannah came up and was affraid to go home alone so M. dressed up in W. pants and coat and took her home. I do wish you could have seen her she keeps us laughing from morn till night. By the way Aunt H. says that "Mrs. Hastings is cross at something that Lucy Kate and Henry done when Lydia was here she gave us to understand it was because Henry did not wait on L. Henry came here last saturday and staid all afternoon. I treated him very cool and did not see him when he went away as I gone up stairs he enquired for you - John I have not seen since you left. When do you think of coming back. I want to see you very much I cannot tell

how much I miss you and how much I want to see you. Have received any papers from me I sent you the last week and thru yesterday I will send you as I can get them.

I have not done much sewing since you left have made five pair of pillow cases I want your bright face to cheer me I am so very lonesome.

You must please excuse all faults in my letter as I have written it in a hurry besides a bad pen and noisy children - Give my love to your Mother and Father also Marinda tell M. I will write her soon My compliments to all friends. I shall go in town next Friday to get a letter from you so do not disappoint me. Aunty says she will write the next time. (Do not let T. or M. see this) I want you to tell me what Mr. J. said about being Married and if he set any time also tell me what he said about your sending him off. I joked him some and he made a great many fine speeches. There I have written what I call a long mess of nothing and I suppose you will think the same.

Please write so I can get it on Friday

Your true and Affectionate Friend Kate Monday is my Birthday

Hall Letters 133. Mar. 11, 1850; Sarah in New Haven to D.C. in Lowell.

Dear Brother D.

I rec'd yours of March 3rd safe in hand; but had thought you never intended to write again to me. The bill you sent is a little more than I paid for you - I saw Mr. Lum after he paid & he said he had to pay four dollars and seventy five cents, so there is 25 cts your due - I think some of purchasing me a watch soon: what think you of that? I want one many times & think I need one; perhaps you might trade, so as to get me one cheaper than I can, if you can I should like to have you & I will fork over the capital - write me very soon if you think you can or not. I am very glad you have been home & it has done me lots of good, to think Mother is so decided - & if she will only hold out & not be over persuaded, or soaped over; for the article is very cheap, & very much used now among the richest people - Sis has not written me in a long time except a valentine - have kept themselves very quiet in Roxbury - Rhodolph has never ans'd my letter of Dec. 12th. I sent by one of the musicians to Hartford - he sent his respects to me in a letter to Mr. Lum. They wrote him to come to play for the 22nd of Feb. but he was engaged - I should think he would lead the cornett bands in B. so as to be near his darling Kate & save expense or be married & live there. if he is intending ever do do so - but I hope he will get sick to repentance, before it is too late My school numbers over 60 now & this term closes this week on Friday - & I should go home up the river if it were not so bad traveling in the country - or I would go to Roxbury if it were not for that beauty's being there - I wonder that N. or W. should ever have given their consent to have her come there: perhaps they did not - I am agoing to have a vacation of one week & go to Hartford as Lydia has written several times for me & says they have made preparation for me 2 or 3 times. I think I will not disapoint them this time. wish I could meet you there. We have got into our new & splendid church, where it has been opened 3 sabbatheves in succession & I have been obliged to sing before a crowded house: every isle & place was filled - I will send you a short notice of the opening which was in the eve - a jam before []. You never mentioned the gold bugle you are to have - but I have read in the New Haven & N.Y. papers both that you were to have one. I have been inquired of many times if it was my brother that was to have it. The paper says a Mr. Hall, does not give the particular name - The New Haven papers were particular to say, that Mr. Hall was formerly a resident of New Haven I thought to myself it is no credit, for they could not, or were not able to keep him long - Our Musical association have recently purchased the song of the bell from N.Y. & we are to give a concert soon in the course of 5 or 6 weeks & I should like first rate to have you here at that time if convenient will you not write when you will come if there is any prospect of you ever coming. This morn Tuesday: Mr. Smith and committee came to the school room to inquire of me if my sis was engaged in school or if there was any prospect of engaging her to come to New Haven. I told them that I could not tel & that I should like to have her come very much: & he wished me to write her immediately for there was to be a vacancy & they would like to have her come very much. Do you think the matrimonial affair could be postponed? I am going to write her tonight. I told them I did not think she would come for what I was teaching for - They said they would do well by her but could not decide then how much they would give. I told them I thought I ought to have more & he said he (Mr. Smith) that they meant to give their teachers enough so they should not grow poor. & I was very much encouraged: & shall venture to say more another time. We have a very liberal com. now I think. It is almost 9 o'clock

Hall Letters

& I am to write to sis tonight. So I will close wishing you to write soon - take good care of yourself, be sure - remember me to Mr. & Mrs. B & the other lady: although I was not by them or you said nothing about it - do as you are a mind to do about giving my respects - & allow me to subscribe myself your sincerely devoted Sis. Sarah

P.S. Wednesday Morn - March 13th Last eve when I got home found a letter from Mrs. Dickey saying that E. Shaw was very sick & not expected to live & that our folks were well as far as she knew. she did not much about them. S.- write soon

Hall Letters 134. Mar. 18, 1850; Rhodolph in Middlebury to Samuel Johnson in [Wentworth ?]

Friend Johnson Dear Sir.

Yours of 10th Was on my return from Roxbury (Wednesday). And according to your request, and my own Inclination I hasten to answer the same, although I can think of nothing very interesting .

As for My California Feaver , it has not raged very hard , neither has it abated much yet . It will depend, almost intirely, on my Success in my affairs, this Spring, about my trying my luck yet. Although my folks have an Ideah that I am only talking, more then Cider, but .-

My business has been very good so far, I think it will Prove as good as I expected, with the Exception of Lameing my horse, she is on the gain now, there was a time I though I should loos her. I am in hopes to help Dedicate that new house of yours very soon, &c. I shall be at Lebanon Center the 22d inst. if I do not run off the track. Kate will be thare, also. I have just finished a letter to Lucie, and am in hopes she will meet me there, as I can have two ladies in Excort the same price as one &c. Should like to see you there, provided, it did not affect your business, My Brother and His "Band of Strng" will, or is Expected there, without fail. &c.- I do not know whether I shall go to Lyme Saturday 23d or not, as I am to Play at Hancock Vt. the 25th -
Excuse mistakes. Yours Respectfully R. Hall

Hall Letters 135. Mar. 18, 1850; Rhodolph in Middlebury to Lucy in Lyme.

Dear Sister, Parents & Friends

I take pleasure in informing you of my very good health, and hope you are suffering the same Comfort.&c. My business has been better than I expected for a while. One week I played 6 nights and recd. \$41.50 for it. how much longer it will hold good I know not, for it is getting rather muddy here now.

I have heard from Betts this morning. She is getting along very well. The sore is healed pretty much but is a little lame yet. I have thought of getting her Pastured here, but I should like to know what Father would charge a month or week for Pasturing her this Summer. I Play tonight at Bridport Vt. tomorrow at Middlebury, wednesday at Casleton, and Thursday at Northfield if I can get there. And Friday the 22d I shall Play at Lebanon N.H. and if you will meet me at West Lebanon in time for the down train of cars (as I shall be on board from Northfield,) I will escort you according to the best of my Politeness. It will be the best Ball in the Country I think. Kate is to meet me thare if it is good Slaying You and Marinda Come to west Lebanon with Fany, as I have got to Play at Hancock, Vt. the 25th and I want to get my sley and Harness, & Buffalo home, &c. You make Mrs. J. a visit while I come up to Hancock, or return in the cars. If you did not wish to stop &c &c

I am engaged at Burlington the 29th but I shall go from home in the cars there. I have had a Letter form Mr. Perkins of Lebanon saying that David had written to him stating that he should be at Lebanon 22d with his Quadrille Band also Mr. J. K. Kendall has promised to be there. If you are thare you will have as good an Escort as they will everage.

Tell Father he kneed not be afraid to trust me with his Fany for I can Pay for her, if I hurt her. Must not be too hard on me because I have been unlucky once in my life. for I had rather Pay for three horses then to Break one of my own legs or arms &c. But I shall survive this misfortune if I not have a worse one, &c. &c. &c.

Write me at Northfield Vt. by thursdays Mail. --- My Love to all Yourself included In very great haste

Rhodolphus Hall

P.S. Tell father, I am offered the Lead of the Boston Brigade Band. shall see you, all soon.

R. Hall

Hall Letters 136. Mar. 28, 1850; Rhodolph in Middlebury to D.C. in Lowell.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 19th recd. Last night between 10 & 11 o'clock, having just returned from New-Hampshire, I Attended the Ball at Lebanon, and Sat. went to Lyme. Lucy & Mary Jeffers was at the Ball with me. I expected to see you thare or I might, not have been thare myself. It was the best Ball ever given in Lebanon. I left Lyme Monday last, stoped one night at the Junction. Tuesday night Played at Randolph Recd. \$9.00, Tonight Play for Whitcombe School here. Tomorrow night. For the Last Public at Burlington. We Expect Green Densomore of Chelsea to Play Bass I was Engaged at Northfield the 21st for \$12.00 with Messrs. Conants But btwene Rutland and Bellows Falls the Cars ran off smashed up, and detained me 4 hours, so I could not meet the train on the Central. just my damned Luck. I shall see Follett, President of the Rail road at Burlington, but all I Expect will be a Pass to B. Falls and Back. If I should not have to Play monday or tuesday, I may be in Boston Sat. Eve. But I expect to Play at Hancock monday. You are wanted, at Lyme one week from Sat. at 2 o'clock P.M., to help unite the two School houses I shall be thare. They have a majority on the hill, and have in the other with you and myself, do do not fail to be there, on the penalty of --- Your honor. I hardly know what I shall do this season, lay up for repairs and Practice, I think now.

The Brigade are not very anxious, If they had been they would have written before now. Old Bartlett wants the Lead himself, I guess or dont want to be Licked by so young a chap as Myself. But you just lay low, and keep dark as the fellow said in his Prayer & you'l see the God Damdest Noise.

I should like to help you, if Could in your Concert, but I am out of Practice on the mouth, or Nosepiece Therefore shall take a seat in the Audiance, as I do not wish to Expose myself &c, &c, &c. I shall be at Lyme 6th of April, you will do well to be thare, you can without Strangling, &c. in haste

Yours beyond a doubt in F.L. & T. Rhodolphus Hall Remember me to all my friends

Hall Letters 137. Mar. 29, 1850; Sarah in New Haven to D.C. in Lowell.

Dear Brother D.

I received yours of the 16th just as I was starting for Hartford - & I have been & returned: had a first rate time: went Monday & returned Saturday P.M. Aunt L is going up to New Hampshire the middle of April - They have taken a low rent in Morgan St. No. 20 where Lydia is to keep house for herself - As for the watch I want one & intend to have one, but I dare not send the money in the way you mentioned. I had rather wait for a more sure way. Are you not coming on this way some time? --- I have the money ready for it. I would like to see the watch for I have forgotten about yours - Perhaps sis can bring it if she comes on here teaching - It is quite uncertain about her coming for she charges more than she had at the George St. school & the school where they want her, is not as large by one third. They are to have a committee meeting soon to decide about the matter - & the lady that is in the school now has concluded to remain in the school - but they will have sis if they can afford to give her price which is \$300 & the one there now, does not have as much as I do - It will be decided soon. ----How are R. and Kate? are they going it strong? Mr. Gleason called on me Monday eve, & spent the whole of the eve - I dont know as he is aware of what has been going on between them R. Kate I mean. I wish you to write me all about the prospects of the affair for Sis L. never mentioned even their names, so you see I am not made any wiser by her writing, on that subject. It is a fast day & I have been to church all day today. I commenced a new term in my school, Monday & have had almost 50 scholars the first 4 days: expect a full house if they keep coming in as usual. --- I am a going to change my boarding place for Miss H. has taken a house where she is to take day boarders cannot room but 2 of her present boarders. I have engaged to board at Col. Bissels in Meadow St. near my school for the same price that I have been paying here one dollar & half per week Mr. B's is Capt. of the night watch & Constable also - I think I shall fair pretty well there. I shall be there the first of May so if you come after that time, you will be welcome there. I suppose you will say I am silly in not sending you the money for the watch. But I had rather wait a while than run the risk of sending. So I will close wishing you to write soon & be more particular in writing the particulars. take care of yourself & give my respects to all in haste and love Sarah

Hall Letters 138. Apr. 4, 1850; Rhodolph in Thetford to D.C. in Lowell. Care of W. Benett Bartlett St.

Dear Brother

I have just left home, all as well as Could Expect.

Marinda is rather soar throatish, however not dangerous.

I have not time to stop at Lowell. I have had a Letter from J.K. Kendall, wishing me to Lead the Suffolk Bnad.

What think ye. he is going to teach them.

What Salery would you ask them if you were me. I may return Sat. But canot tell when I shall return I may be a Lowell tomorow, rather uncertain however.

Give my Compliments to all the men of my acquaintance. Benett and Lady in particular. In great haste. Yours in F.L. & T. Rhodolphus Hall

P.S. I want the Loan of your Cloak, having left my own at the Junction.

Hall Letters 139. Apr. 8, 1850; Lucy in Lyme to Sarah in New Haven.

My dear Sis -

Yours of 3d inst. I received the 5th while on my way to visit sis [Mary's] at White River. And with regard to accepting the proposition of your committee. I sincerely think it would hardly pay for one quarter at least: My fare going and coming with my board bill &c taken from my salary you perceive by calculation would leave me but \$1.50 per week or about that, in almost the most disagreeable portion of the year for teaching - I had that salary the first school I ever taught - and from age and experience I ought to be some improved in my profession so as to receive more in all conscience. I doubt not but the Salary your com. offer is sufficient for the school - but I could just as well do more (or at least be placed in a situation where they could afford to give me more) as there and I cannot afford to go so cheap as that - Though I am very thankful for the good opinion expressed by Mr. Smith for me and shall ever remember him kindly. Please convey my kindest regard to him and also to his daughter Sarah. I should like very much indeed to visit the people of N. Haven and think I shall the present Summer, at any rate if I am not prevented by anything - more than I now know of.

I am bound to have a time by and by.

Miss P. came Thursday (which was fast day) and Friday waited on me to Mary's - they are all pretty well - have moved into one of Latham's houses - Sat. on getting into the Cars for home, found D. & R. going home - D. started for home this morning - is going to stop at M's tonight and to Lowell tomorrow: He is to have that Bugle in about two weeks: - He thinks of sending you his watch he said. R. is at home now; he will write for himself, in this letter. Miss [Elisa] I called upon last week - she was then better, but since has taken more cold and is not so well - She and her mother sent a great deal of love to you. Mrs. D. I have not seen only through glass - and think I shall not unless she calls on me - Her brother George is with them studying Medicine.

You spoke of aunt S. & L. I wrote to them each in the fall and have not heard from them - At the same time I wrote Mrs. Collins and have received an answer. Please tell them both when you see or write them. I have got much house washing to do - and could not have come to your place so soon as next week even if they had accepted my terms. Mary I. has been here about 3 weeks - she has done a good deal of sewing for me. There is nothing stirring here in Lyme without it is mud and water and we have a plenty of that. Mother sends her love to you - She would like to send you a pinch of snuff too or rather hand it to you. I must leave room for R. so please write soon and believe me ever

Your affectionate sis
Lucy

Mr. J's house is most completed. If I should go to N. Haven for more than one term He would go to California. L.

Hall Letters 139.5. Apr. 8, 1950; Rhodolph in Lyme to Sarah in New Haven.

Dear Sister

I understand you are getting ceremonious with regard to writing to me. &c on account of my being under the necessity of passing through your City, without the convenience of Calling on you. I am very glad you think enough of me to wish me to call on you. but am very sorry you should feel hard of me for once passing through when it was not convenient to make any stop. &c I think however I visit you pretty often. little more than my turn.

I have had the offer of the Leadership of the Boston Brigade Band, also that of the Cornett Band. and Suffolk Brass Band of Boston have offered me a Salary to lead them this Season. but there is too much oposition thare and too much to contend with to make it very easy for me. I wish the Band at New Haven Could afford to Pay about \$400.00 for one years Service, I would like to come tomorow (but no use) if I join the Lowell Brass Band I can have a Present of a Silver Bugle &c for only this simmer. I think some of traveling this Season and intent to pass through N.H. to N.Y. in a short time, after the Presentation of the Gold Bugle. I saw it, and Blowed it thursday last. Excuse shortness. Inclosed is \$2.00 And if you would be so kind as to call at A.C. Heitmans on the Right as you go down Chapel St. and see that he give Credit on my Dues to the Lodge, you would greatly oblige yours beyond a doubt.

Rhodolphus Hall

Hall Letters 140. Apr. 14, 1850; Lucy in Lyme to Sarah in New Haven.

Dear Sis

You will be obliged to put on your glasses to read what I shall write I am thinking, as M. has emptied the contents of the vinegar bottle in the ink and it consequently "turned pale".

It is Sunday evening - I have remained at home all day reading, in consequence of the storm for the earth is covered with nearly a foot of snow and icicles five feet in length are hanging from the eaves in front of the window. I have seen nothing to compare with the present prospect the past winter. I have been in suspense not easily to be borne for the past week, not receiving any intelligence from the expected source.

I cannot imagine the cause, but hope soon to learn if possible - R. had a telegraphic Dispatch from the place he expected, but no arrival had taken place of the person.

We shall await very impatiently the next Mail - R. thinks of going to New Haven this week - to play with the Band. The offer \$2.50 [\$250] for 8 months. He is not decided to remain there yet. I got a paper from you last night. I am much obliged for it though I fear you robbed yourself in so doing.

You will please not call any names in writing on papers for if the paper had been opened as they often are at the Office - it would have gone for a certainty where it is not now known.

R. wishes me to tell you that he is as well in body as when you left, though his mind is no better. That the next you will hear of him will be on the list for California. I am hoping there be a "but" in the way.

I am out of patience with this Ink so excuse me and write soon if I do not see you. What you cannot read you must guess - and believe me. also, ever yours &c
Lucie

Hall Letters 141. Apr. 18, 1850; Rhodolph in Boston to Lucy in Lyme.

Dear Sister

According to your request, I hasten to give you a sketch of my luck so far.

I arrived at Canaan Depot 3/4 of an hour ahead of the Cars was very tired, as, my Valice was very heavy, face burned very much and in great perspiration.

I arrived at Lowell btwene 5 & 6 o'cl. and by the time I got to Ds boarding place and back to the Depot, the last train for Boston had left, or I should have come to Boston as D. was ther in Boston, but I was obliged to stop in L. overnight. I retired (being very tired) at 9 1/2 o'clock and did not let any thin trouble me, @much, after I got a sleap which was very soon.

I arrived at Roxbury about 9 1/2 o'clock this morn. found D. and the rest of the folks all well, though did not stop long enough to se Wm Children were at School. D. returns to lowell this P.M. It is now two o'clock, and I have to go to the office with, thence to the Worcester Depot for New Haven at the 4 o'clock train. Excuse mistakes, and haste.

Yours Truly Rhodolphus Hall

P.S. My horse is troublesome as I can wish.

Hall Letters 142. Apr 21, 1850; Samuel in Wentworth to Lucy in Lyme.

Dear L -

I received your letter the 10th was glad to hear from you for it gives me much pleasure to receive a letter from a kind hearted friend.

I am sorry that you should be kept in anxious suspense so long from hearing from [Wm] perhaps you have heard from [him] before this will reach you.

I have thought a good deal of the affair since I saw you. I hope things will be all right yet which I think they will. I should like to know how they are very much.

I should like to call in and spend a little time with you this eve and have a social chit chat but as I cannot have this privilege I will writ a few words which is rather a slow way of talking. It is a butiful pleasant Spring day - Nature seems to be awaikning from her long slumbers the Rivers & brooks have burst the icy fetters of Winter and are leaping for joy. The Robin has returned to us again and all of the feathered songsters seems to have tuned their voices anew to usher in the welcome Spring.

I have been a waiting to have the traveling some better before I come over to your house. I think that it will be beter in a week. I think if it is good enough that I shall come over to your place next Saturday or a Sunday and if it would be agreeable to you, I should like to have you come to Wentworth with me and spend a few days. Sis W sends her special invitation.

Perhaps you may feel some difident in consequence of not having any acquaintance but I think you will have acquaintance in a little while and will enjoy your self well I should like to have you write if convienat as soon as you get this.

Pleas excus me for writing on that paper I thought it would meet your eye first and then you could deface it.

I suppose R - is not at home if he is give my best Regards to him also to the rest of your folks.

I will close hoping that I shall see you soon yours truly Samuel Johnson

Hall Letters 142.1. May, 1850; Rhodolph in Boston(?) to Samuel Johnson in Wentworth, N.H.

Lucy mentions that if I had any amount of money on hand you would take it at a reasonable rate. As it happens I have not a great amount at this time, on hand, but if you wish, I can raise a Hundred or two at short notice. Let me know a week ahead of the time you wish it, and I will send it to you &c. Have only \$40.00 by me. Do you want it.

Meet us at White River Junction, Vt. next Wednesday or at Norwich, Vt. Thursday, and we will take our "Grass Widowers" by surprise.

I expect Kate and Lucy at Norwich Thursday. Johnson, we have but one life to live. I am dam affraid you do not bare it in mind.

Rhodolph

Hall Letters 143. May 1850; Samuel in Wentworth to Lucy in Lyme.

Mr Dear Lucie

How do you prosper since I last saw you me thinks that you are some lonesome for I am. I should like to see you very much but I hope it will not be but a little while before I shall see you for I shall come over the first of June that will not be but a little while.

We caused some surprise when we came to Wentworth we have some good compliment have some observation from every one but I think that we shall live through it and do well yet.

I have prospered verry well on my house I have a good deal to do yet I have a good deal to say but will wait untill I see you.

Has R- gone yet give my best compliments to K

Remember my best compliment to your Father and Mother also to [Mary]

I shall expect to hear from you as soon as you get this and write all of the news

pleas excuse me for not writing more more for it is late. I remain yours ever - Samuel Johnson

Hall Letters 144. May 31, 1850; Sarah in New Haven to D.C. in Lowell.

Dear Brother D.

Do you know any thing about Rhodolph? He has not made his appearance here yet. & the musicians are asking me & I do not know what ans. to give them. He wrote to Mr. Frisbee 2 weeks ago that he was troubled with a breaking out was the reason he did not come the week before. but thought he should be here the last of that week but 2 weeks have passed & he no came perhaps he is sick yet. & perhaps he does not intend to come - I wish you would write me if you know any thing about affairs - I have not rec'd that pattern you said you would sent it in a paper - please forward it - The paper you gave me at the depo. Henry Thomas took the next sabbath noon when he called & carried it to the Journal office, & the speeches came out taken from the "Lowell paper" - It was thought to be very good - I arrived here well & am now, except am very much fatigued tonight am in my school room Friday night - my school never was so large much larger than when you were here - the teacher's are for having the week of August for vacation have been to me to ascertain my opinion with regard to it & divide the terms into 3 instead of 4 - 3 of 15 weeks each & the other 7 of vacation the month of August for one & one week at each of the other terms & have all the schools commence together & vacations at one time - if we have that arrangement soon I shall go home & spend that month & not go in June They have not decided yet - I have not heard from home nor Roxbury since I left - please write me soon if you have or if you have not - They are wishing me to sing something at our next musical concert alone & the conductor gave me a sacred anthem a long piece to perform alone "O pray for the peace of Jerusalem" is the name & it is for one voice - 7 pages of sheet music & written across the sheet 4 times each I have carried it to the conductor & told him I have not confidence to perform it alone & told him I would help sing a duett or Quartet he said I must sing something at any rate & might sing just what I had a mind to select I have been looking for a week past to find something but have not succeeded yet to my mind - now if you have any thing or can find any thing there if it is @old but good I dont care something that is not very difficult to perform for the lady that is to sing with me is not a quick reader - a duett or Quat either or both & send them by the express. I will be very much obliged send them the first of the week for our concert is in one week from next Monday eve I have commenced your shirts & shall complete them some time if nothing happens - Now send the article I have sent for & much oblige your sis - I have not had the small pox yet but thought I should when I left B. for I called at Frank's & they thought he had it I have not heard if he did. should like to - my respects to Mr. & Mrs. B. & Miss C. & all "inquiring" friends: I visited the Jail last Sat. & it was awful sight to see 2 confined & so soon to be executed their cells were very near each other & they both came out & walked on the platform at the same time & seemed to be in a troubled one was reading his bible & the other was shaving his face & I thought he might be tempted to use it on his throat the other way. Foot is to be hung the 3 wednesday in June & the other in Oct. I must bid you good by take care of yourself & write me soon - Sarah

Hall Letters 145. June 7, 1850; Nancy in Roxbury to Sarah in New Haven.

Dear Sis S - I received your letter and was glad to hear from you that you are well and I dont think you will have the small pox at present. Frank did not have it nor any of our family I have been sick for 2 week verry sick and have expected I should have it but we have all escaped so far and hope we shall not see it at all it is rather sickly here we are as well as usual now. Wm is lame and so is little Mary some but goes to school they talk a great deal about you and send lots of love to you little L has made a book-mark for you I shall send it to you the first opportunity I expected R would go there before now he was here a week ago to day and said he was going to Lowell and from there to your place he stopped with us untill Monday and last Tuesday he was here and stopped about one hour took Dinner with us I told him I thought he was in New H he said he should go there next week he thought is not well is going home [and] back again in the time oh dear me is it not a [Dev] shame that good for nothing if I should say it it would be terrible is there to torment Mother I told R I did not think it was any place there for her he said he wanted her to stay there untill fall and then he meant to buy him a place somewhere and take her away there I want to go home and have it seem like going home but how can I as long as that nasty brat is there Father and dont know of her capers and I am so afraid they will take them in to live there I dont what to do I am almost good mind to go home and tell them some time, and then I cant bare to make a fus and so it is R is afraid the folks round town will find out what a nice Lady he has got for a wife he is a foolish fellow to live with that oh pison I want to see the folks very much and I mean to some time Davids Band Play in Boston next tuesday to play for a Temperance Service or something of the kind So I sent your neckribon to you by R you left it here oh I was so lovely after you left I thought of you all day and the Children would talk of you and tease me to go in the country thinking you had gone there so I had to explain it to them S come out to the 4th of July wont you I hope Sis Mary and Mother will come but I dont know as it is possible to get them started do write me often I have not had a letter from home since L wrote to inquire for the [Katy] I should think they might write I should like to free my mind once more so disgraceful well I must close and send it in by Wm this noon he sends his love and an invite for you to come at the 4 with mine & I must close by wishing you much happiness from your Sis N. do enjoy yourself at any rate I will as yet

Hall Letters 146. July 6, 1850; Lucy in Lyme to Sarah in New Haven.

Dear Sis.--

How mighty quiet you are! I wrote you last and have had no reply -- but will write this once in order, if possible, to call you out -- and then if I do not succeed give up the notion as fruitless. I can tell you but little news -- and that is stale.

I went the 4th to Orford calling on aunt L. to let her know I had a letter from L. She was very much pleased to see us -- We took tea at the Hotel and had a fine ride. Mother and I went and visited aunt Sally a short time since, found her as usual -- had a good visit -- they live on Mrs. Edgar's place -- aunt Lydia came out and visited with us. T and E. came from Mary's on Monday. There are some fears that she Mary and Mrs. S will get on good terms again. She went to Lebanon after her bonnet and a few days after as brother J and men were coming to dinner -- Mr. S said to Jeffers -- "I had a fine visit with your daughter the other day" J made no reply -- but on questioning Mary found he was at the depot and went with her -- both spending the P.M. at Mr. Murch's. She said they did not know that he was going -- however. thus much for all her good promises. They (she & Ellen) have each a new crepe shawl -- white -- and their mother a black silk. Alvah & Mary are almost distracted about Mary. But it does no good.

Do you wish me to take your place in school for a while as you spoke of while in L. Johnson thinks of going to your city now soon after he gets done at Orford -- as he thinks some of selling his place at W. and I am glad of it. I would like to engage in a school there -- and be doing something -- if he goes there and I think he will.

Perhaps your Com. have not engaged a Teacher on Mt. Pleasant -- just speak a good word for me telling Mr. S. that when I wrote I was not aware that the District had been divided

Mother is not very well -- now -- has a bad cold -- very -- and headache -- father gets along as well as usual. We have not heard from N. for a long time -- I do wonder if they have all forgotten to write! You will think I have by this -- but if I were in the city I would not write with such materials.

How is Mrs. Collins? She has not written me yet. Give my love to all enquired after me.

Mrs. Burrison is at T's she & E are not very smart . Mrs. B. [Rude] is quite unwell -- He & she have been to Boston in their own carriage -- and since she has had a bad cough -- she rode past and I did not know her. I have not seen Mrs. Dickey & Eliza for a long time so can tell you nothing of them. Grandfather C. was here to see us a few days since -- he is pretty smart -- though his legs trouble him about walking. I would like to know Mr. Smith's first name (the Com) -- just write and tell me all the news -- you have more of it than I do -- in haste I remain, as ever, Lucy

Write when you are coming home

Hall Letters 147. Sept. 8, 1850; Samuel in Wentworth to Lucy in New Haven.

My Dear L --

You will probably expect a letter from me in answer to yours wick was received the 5th inst I was happy to hear of your good journey and pleasant times to the City of Elms you have met no doubt with old acquaintance and familiar faces which will make time pass pleasantly on while you are engaged in the oft repected dutys of schoolkeeping I will say that the last week has been rather a lonesome week to me perhaps made more so by my being sick a few days but I am better now so well that I came to Wentworth last Eve after 5 O'c. most of the way afoot As to my business I do not know how long it will take me to get through at Orford probably three or four weeks

Mam wants me to go on to the Acadamy to work verry much but think that I shall not go I do not know what disposition I shall make of my House yet whether sell it or rent it if I rent it I shall have it to finish it will take some time.

You wrote of a chance for school teaching there thought it might be a good chance but did not know the salary that they pay I wish you would write the particulars about the school and the pay if the prospect of doing well is good I would prepare my self for it if not I should rather stick to the business that I am better acquainted with for I am bound to climb the Mountain as big as any foot has marked the soil even if I have to climb the rugged hills of California.

Their is not much news to write from Wentworth excepting the receiving of some letters from California which tells the safe arival of all of thos that went from the Town last Fall.

The People are all well here Mr & Mrs Webster send their best complements to you

Mr. Blodgett is not at home I shall not see him. You must excus me for not writing more at this time for it is late and I have got to go back to Orford soon.

Remember my compliments to Sarah tell her I hope her helth will improve untill she is raised from her back my compliments to Rhodolph

Shall I not here from you again this week write once a week without fail I will send you a paper this week.

In hast yours truly Samuel Johnson

Letters 148-179 (September 15, 1850 to August 8, 1852)

Hall Letters 148. Sept. 15, 1850; Lucy in New Haven to Samuel in Orford Ville, N.H.

My Dear S.--

It is Sunday Morning and I am at home almost purposely to write you. Sarah has just gone to church and the Bells are just making their Sacred Music, calling the people to service consequently I am alone at our new boarding place. Dr. Chamberlin's, where Rhodolph boarded during the Summer -- we came to this place yesterday, after stopping at the Temperance Hotel two weeks -- I think we shall like here first rate -- good living -- a front chamber well furnished and a very pleasant family to appearance; the Dr., wife, and an aunt -- Besides we have the privilege of washing &c all at \$2.00 per week -- that you perceive, is as cheap as \$1.50 and put out our washing - Besides we have a place reserved for you when you come.

R. has been stopping with us at the Temperance but went to New York on Wednesday and his Band to play for a Bridgport Co., and did not return till this morn at 12 1/2 o'clock and not knowing certainly that we had moved I suppose he put up at the old place. I have three letters for him from Paine and I wish he was here to open them, I have not heard from K. since I came here -- think three letters are from her and Mr. Geisse. Mr. Gleason called here last eve -- he merely inquired for him -- and said when he got married he was going to give the picture to me -- He was very pleasant and agreeable.

I received yours of Sept. 8th on Friday 13th and too late you perceive to ans. it that week. I was sorry to hear of your illness and loneliness. I wish you were here I think I would discipate it in showing you the beauties of New Haven I fear they will all disappear before your arrival.

I have not much time to be lonesome -- I am in School six hours of the day, and find the chance to dispose of the remainder in reading writing sewing or walking. I have a beautiful walk of 3/4 of a mile to my School near the water where I have a fine snuff at the sea-air and a fine view of the cars, Steamboats &c as they come in and go out. I get on very well with my School It has been under very bad management. I should think for some time -- and I have had to give them some severe lessons. It numbers over 90 -- and I have [52] of them. I have a beautiful and convenient room and feel quite at home.

I have not seen Mr. Smith since receiving yours but will the first chance -- That School is in sight of mine about 1/2 mile distant. It is a beautiful house in the gothic style. There is a Female Department, with two teachers -- I think if you were to come there, they would make a change so as to have us both in the same house.

That school too is under miserable discipline. I am told -- and should you conclude to go there you would have to straighten them some -- you have the strength for it. I think the Salary is not less than \$400.00 a year and it may be \$600.00. But I will find out as soon as possible.

We took a walk yesterday about the city into the Country &c calling on some old

friends -- who appeared glad to see me. I met some of my old scholars know their faces but could not call their names.

My old School House looked quite natural. I could see no change only the door looked rather dirty.

Jenny Lind's arrival and Concerts are the topic of the day -- I sent you a paper which has her first concert's report. I should like to hear her, but cannot unless I go to N.Y. as she is not coming here, the place is too small. She is to be in Boston after four more Concerts in N.Y. Tickets are \$2.00 and \$3.00 now. The first sold for \$225.00 -- was bought by a Mr. [Genin] of N.Y. a hatter -- who has made himself notorious by it. Says he has made \$1000.00 by it -- all flock to his shop to purchase hats. He presents the immortal Jenny with a riding cap and fixtures and now every lady will want a Jenny Lind cap &c

I have not recd. my paper of Aug. 30th perhaps it was sent to Lyme -- Will you see and forward it?

My compliments to Mr. & Mrs. W. when you see them. I want you should see our folks often and write about them: you did not say a word of them in your last. Give my love to them. Please write soon While I remain Yours truly

Lucie

R. just called -- says tell him I am well and hope these few lines will find him the same -- sends his compliments -- so does S.

Hall Letters 149. Sept. 17, 1850; P.G. Nickerson in Boston to Rhodolph in New Haven.

Friend Hall

Sir if you could send me the money for the Sacshorn you bought of me you would confer a favor as I am going out of the City the last part of next week. I am a little Short or would not call on you. Your Servant (P.G. Nickerson No. 115 Court St)

Hall Letters 151. Oct. 18, 1850; Kate in Lyme to Lucy in New Haven.

My dear Lucie

It is with much pleasure that I take my seat to answer your kind and welcome letter which I received some days since and though my head (like the house) is rather in a confusion I will endeavor to spin you a yarn of some kind We have been much excited for the past week with the water subject -- your father and R. has been digging a ditch to bring the water in the house and they succeeded first rate it now comes in the corner where the desk stood and I think it will work first rate and will save us much trouble it also runs to the Barn. father and mother are much pleased with it and if you were here you could hear Minnie speak for her self she beats all the bell clappers in the stall. My pens have not grown better since I last wrote you so I will stop till R goes to the P. Office and gets me 2 new ones.

Oct. 22nd

R. has furnished me with a new pen so I will try and finish. you wished to know if N. has gone home yet she has, she went that Saturday that R. left New Haven, she got home safe, but has not written us yet she had written to William when she would go before she knew that I was going to come back so they cannot say that she left on my account but I will drop that subject and give you a birds eye view of what has taken place in our neighborhood. In the first place Mrs. Perkins she that was Sarah [Kever] has at last got a "girl baby" they have had four "huskies" (as they call them here) but three of them were [mim] anything. I should like to tell you some of her sayings and doings but it would make you blush to think one of our sex could be such a darned fool. there is not a young man in the place but has her name in his mouth making fun of her. I could write you some things which would make you laugh heartily. Mother attended the funeral of old Mrs. [Comerse] last Friday and saw Miss E.T.S. there. she enquired for "the girls" and wished her love sent to them. Mother told her that I had a letter from you the night before and that you sent your love to her. she told me when she came home that she did not know but that she made a mistake as she had not then received the letter. when I told her she had made a mistake she told me to "write it you and that it would be enough for you two make poetry of" I have not seen Mrs. Dickey or E.S. to speak with them since I have been here though they booth have sent me invitations to "make them a visit." Asa Shaw had a party some two weeks since and from what I heard it was rather a dry affair. They played button once and then all kissed each other and set down - halha! wasent that nice -- Mrs. D was not there -- By the way your Cousin Augusta Hall is married to Mr. French they were married some three weeks since.

Lucie what the duce has became of your Sammie methinks he has turned monk or hermit for I have not seen or hear from him this ten weeks. I am inclined to think your love that you sent will grow stale ere I shall have a chance to give it to him. just give him a lecture if you please for not coming to see his ma and pa. I have a letter from my friend E. Durham a few days since she sent her love to you and that she would write you soon.

I have been suffering dreadfully for the few past weeks with the blues every day seems to grow more lonesome and dreary. I have strove in every possible way to overcome it but cannot. there is no use of trying to go against nature for I dont think any one will meet success untill the Millennium "when the Lion will eat straw like an ox" though I do not think he will relish it then what think you on the subject? but methinks I hear you say what a pack of nonsense and I think so two so I will stop. Mother sends much love to you and S. also an invitation to come to Thanksgiving. I do wish you would come I would tease R. to let me go back with you. I much fear that you are forgetting me you write me such short letters. I hope your next will be longer. I thank you much for the papers you sent me.

Please write me soon and believe me your own
Kate

P.S. E. and M. are preparing to go horseback rideing M. has got Sarah's old dress on and she looks as if she was sent for and couldnt come. E. is going home tomorrow sends much love and wants you to write. I suppose you have had the pleasure of hearing Jennie Lind ere this so please write me all about her. If you see A. Loveland please give my love and tell her to write me. We have some capital new cider cabbage and beets and long john potatoes so if you come home I will treat you. Yours in Love
Kate

Hall Letters 153. Oct. 24, 1850; Lucy in New Haven to Samuel in Wentworth.

Dear S.-

It is now the dinner hour of most of the people in our goodly city -- but as I remain at mine during the time and have completed mine I will spend the little leisure I have in writing you thinking I can occupy it no more pleasantly.

Your last I received Tuesday -- and was glad to hear from you and your prosperity -- as also of your good health -- In speaking of R. you was not aware that he is with us. he came last Sat. eve from Lowell. The Band were very anxious to hear from, or see him rather, as they had written him twice and heard nothing from him. They had several engagements for this week Monday & Tuesday evenings -- for a painting "The return of the dove to the Ark" -- about as fine a one as I ever saw -- and "The triumph of the prophetess Miriam over Pharaohs host." He took in us girls. There are now exhibiting the Dioramic Views of the Creation, Flood &c. Yesterday we took in our Schools -- at the reduced price of 6 1/4 cts each (regular price 25 cts children half price) but we had complimentary tickets as teachers. And I am going to take R. this evening and S the Dr's people where we board. I wish you were here to go with us. and K. too -- R. seems very lonely without her. The Band talk of making R. an offer of \$500 per year and regular pay with the Band -- I think that is better than he can do away -- and he might engage in some other business beside. I would like to have him here -- but I do not know what he will conclude upon. I am going to send you some papers and a Report of the Committee on Schools. You will therein see the state of our schools; and the Washington School -- the one mentioned for you.

They could say nothing of mine as I had commenced only 3 or 4 days. I think the com. can tell little of a school by stopping in it 20 minutes as they have in most cases. And the report may be correct but if so it is more of a hit than any thing else.

The weather is extremely mild. We have had but one frost -- and that vanished before the sun. N. wrote me of the cold frosty mornings. I can hardly make it seem there is so much difference in climate in so short distance. New Haven lies with the water to the south and consequently warm.

I am now sitting in my School room after 4 o'clock -- my school is gone and I have a quiet time. It is so warm that my windows and doors are all open. It is raining a little -- I expected R. to come and walk home with me -- but he has not come [soon] I must go as it is getting dark.

I am much obliged for that cash -- I should been free with papers but -- I did not want to borrow. and I am not to receive any till the end of the term which will be in 8 weeks -- My compliments to all friends -- Love to Kate when you see her. R. is going to look round when he gets time, for you -- and see how business is -- Write soon and let me know of your affairs -- and come when you can. In haste I remain true Lucy

Hall Letters 154. Nov. 3, 1850; Kate in Lyme to Lucy in New Haven.

My Dear Lucie

I am at last seated, and will now try to answer your very kind and welcome letters which I received long ago. I ought to apologize for my long delay in so doing but believe me it was more for want of time than inclination.

I have many things to say and tell you and was living in the hopes of seeing you and having a long chat but I fear many long and weary days will pass before I that pleasure will have. R is here which makes the time pass very pleasantly but I miss you much very much

I expect R. will spend the winter in Lowell as David is very anxious to have him wrote for him to come as soon as possible thinks he can do well there. He attended the "Dedication Ball" at the junction on Thursday last he took me with him. we had a fine time he did not play any all evening paid three dollars for his ticket and took it out in dancing. I danced every set but two, enjoyed myself first rate and wished that you were with me. Mary Jeffers went she looked first rate was dressed in pink [braise] - A Mr Hare waited on her. Miss Julia Fales was there and tried to scrape an acquaintance but it was no go -- she asked Rhodolph if it was true that he was married said she heard so wished him much happiness. -- said she got acquainted with me at Musicians Ball but now I did not receive her, supposed I did not remember who she was Dont you think her memory has much improved lately? By the way I saw a gent there the very picture of Mr. Gleason had a notion to speak -- We spent two days with Mrs Jeffers they are all well and smart -- and by the way who do you suppose is there? you couldnt guess in a month of sundays so I will tell you Mrs. May Blinn there dont that surprise you & if it dont it ought too. -- her husband is not with her -- she is coming here next week. Mrs. J thinks she will try and get in Minnie's place as she wanted to know if we did not want some one older and bigger than M. to do the washing. I suppose I ought not write such things but I know it will go no further from you.

I lately received a letter from sis Celice and R. got one from her husband in hers to me she sent much love you and wishes you much joy in the married state and hoped that you might never regret and that Mr. J would prove all that was good and noble

I have not heard from your S. since the first week I came hear so I cannot tell you any thing of him. -- Your Mother and father are well and smart they both went to church today your mother sends much love to you and Sarah.

R. says to give them my love and tell them I am well and hope these few lines will find them enjoying the same blessing" -- he Ellen Minnie and Jane are seated round the table where I am writing and their tongues are running like so many geese.

I suppose you are enjoying yourself tip top now a days how I should like to stop in and give you a shake of the paw and a genuine bear hug and you must tired of school teaching. I wish you would come up here and teach me so that I could come and help you.

I must thank you for those kind and beautiful verses that you sent me while in Philadelphia they were indeed beautiful and I much regret my inadequate ability to answer them hope you will take the will for the deed.

Thomas has just come in and brought a flying squirrel and they are having a train with it. R. has put it in his cage for me to feed it but it is so pretty that I cannot bear to keep it shut up so I am going to let it loose. I believe I never told you about the places I visited when home so I will give you a short description of my travels we started on a Sat. morn to visit Lancaster the home of my childhood spent two days very pleasantly in visiting old places and friends we went from there to Harrisburg and visited the Capital from there we went to Carslyle and then cross over to York and from there to Baltimore we staid there three days visited Washington's monument went up to the top [2] steps and as dark as night. -- the view from the top was splended could see all over the city and for miles beyond. Gen Cass was there and put up at the same Hotel we did. he was presented with gold headed cane while there. I had an introduction to him and so got a good look at him and his cane and I think of two the cane is the best looking I was much disappointed in his looks he is as fat as Mr Bishop of your City and as homely as a hedge fence but he is very agreable and made a beautiful speech. but I must stop for want of room -- please excuse the composition and all the mistakes and write me soon a long letter. Thomas says give my respects to them

My love to all my friends and please accept my warmest love for yourself and write me soon. I remain your own unchanged Kate

Please accept this ribbon and wear it for me I got it on purpose for you

Hall Letters 155. Nov. 21, 1850; Samuel in Lyme to Lucy in New Haven.

Dear L

I received your letter last Tuesday and was glad to hear of your prosperity & good health my time for the last few weeks has been busily engaged consequently I have not had an opportunity of seeing any of the folks at L. untill today they not taking the trouble to call on me, I started from W. at 8 oc. this morning arrived at your Fathers at 11 oc. found the folks all at home. Father and Mother Rhodolphus & kate. Elen and Marinda all enjoying the social and quiet happiness of home. I return to Wentworth this afternoon. K. said she wrote you last Friday, wrote all the news so I have nothing to write.

The people are well at Wentworth many compliments to you

I have thought of visiting N. Haven sometime next week shall I not hear from you before I go. Kate says send all the love in the world to you your Aunt Hannah Miller of New port is dead she died of the [numplseys] in Oct

Write soon. I remain Truly Samuel

Rhodolph sais that olde Til will whip Rodolph Dimicks dog he thinks that is smart. Marinda said give my love also Elen & Jane

Hall Letters 155.5. Nov. 24, 1850; Rhodolph in Lyme to Lucy and Sarah in New Haven.

Dear Sises

That you may not think I have forgotten you I scratch a line as an excuse for not having written I have no other then I have been at work every day, very hard too for me. & the result of my labors will last longer then I shall, without doubt and speak for themselves. We now have Watter fetched into the kitchen in a "Lead Anecdote" well in operation we use it at the Barn Yard and in the street for the Horses &c and back of the barn for the sheep &c

I Play at Goffstown near Manchester the 27th with D & Whitcomb and the 28th at Lowell &c leave here wednesday morn for those places.

Aunt Hannah Miller was taken the 25th sept. with a shock of the Numb Palsey and did not speak after it. She died the 1st of Oct. at 6 o clock P.M. Aunt Clarisa hapened thare the day after she was taken. &c

Remember My Compliments to Dr. and his "better half" also inquiring friends. &c. &c.

Betts is "Tip Top" -- so is my wife. Rhodolph Hall & Co thats me

P.S. Thanksgiving has commensed -- Your "Samie" helps us eat the old Roaster before he leaves for W. R.H.

Hall Letters 155.6W. Nov. 21, 1850; Lucy F.H. Johnson in New Haven to Jenny Lind.

My Dear Lady,

Pardon me for again addressing you, but I cannot forbear expressing my delight in receiving that beautiful token of remembrance which I yesterday came in possession of. It may appear to you a trivial affair - but- I shall ever treasure it as a sacred memento of one whose excellencies of character and high moral and intellectual worth will stand forth as a model to all time.

I must tell you how happy I was to hear the voice and see the radiant smiling face of the identical Swedish Nightingale -- whose talents I had heard extolled, as I thought beyond comparison -- But which, I am happy to say (and without flattery) was but a faint delineation of the original. Indeed I think words are but poor vehicles of thought in the limitations of the human voice -- especially when applied to the "Queen of Song".

No greater happiness would I ask for the time, than the pleasure of again listening to you whether in Song, or the more silent language of the pen -- the latter I will not urge, knowing the multitude of your engagements (though it would be the height of pleasure to listen to an account of the scenes of your youth -- as well as later views of life) But I am come to solicit that you will at no distant day favor our city with your presence and songs. If not at present when your engagement with Mr. Barnum is at an end. You will meet with warm and noble hearts in this, as well as all New England cities and Villages.

The scenery of our country, methinks would please you, in the season of its greatest beauty. Oh! how I would like to take you to my own "Sweet home" in the "Switzerland of America" - peculiarly wild and beautiful, and thence deriving its name. There with my father and mother, brothers and sisters have we worshipped the god of music, unmolested -- and now, separated, we still own his sway over our spirits. One for his proficiency in the Art has received a golden instrument (Bugle) from those who appreciate his talents. But the gifted one to whom I now write received not only golden gifts but what is more, the homage of grateful hearts. Of Public Opinion. even among children I will cite one instance: and this same feeling is not confined to children alone. The morning after attending your 28th Concert, my pupils wished me to give them an account of the "Swedish Nightingale". This I promised when our Exercises were at an end. Accordingly, at that time, I said "those who wish me to tell them of Jenny Lind as she was and is to raise a hand' In an instant the right hands of over 50 bright-eyed lads and lasses were raised in almost breathless silence. I told them of her as a child and as I saw her in Trippiler Hall. After I had finished -- all broke out simultaneously -- "I wish I could hear her!" "Will she never come here?" -- "I wish my mother could hear her"! from one generous little fellow; -- and my heart echoed back the same wish for my mother. Thus do children love and respect Jenny Lind -- and "likewise children of a larger growth." But I am writing a lengthy Epistle, when it should be but a note. Pardon me if I have wearied your patience. I hasten to close by wishing you all the happiness this world is capable of affording with the assurance of a blessed Immortality.

And now Farewell! -- but not forever --

Hope lingers round me still,
When the joyous Birds shall come again.

Oh! say -- say that you will!

Respectfully and affectionately,

L.F.H. Johnson

P.S. Should time ever permit, I should be happy to listen to the teaching of your pen --
Indeed a letter from you would be more valued than "much fine Gold." L.F.H.J.

Hall Letters 157. Mar 11, 1851; Samuel in Wentworth to Lucy in in New Haven.

Dear L

I have just received a letter from you and I hasten a reply although I do not feel much like writing after the toils and excitements of a towne meeting which we carried all night.

& as it regards my coming to New Haven I shall not be able to come untill the 21st. I have so arranged my affairs that I shall come at that time if you had wrote me your intentions of coming home at that time you spoke of I should have arranged my affairs so as to have meet your wish but as it is I do not think it best for me to stope. If I had not rent my hous and shop I think we should have been better of here than we can be their. I have worked hard this Winter to finish my work not haveing plenty of money thought best to see to it myself I have done it as soon as possible hoping that I should a gain enjoy your company your society and be made happy but often clouds that is dark as night has come in the way and rendered life verry unpleasant to me I hope their is something in future that will wet the cup of life and make it pleasant.

Rhodolphus & his Wife was here last Sunday he came from Lowell Saturday he did not stay all night for he went to Vermont a monday to an engagement.

He was in good spirits also his wife we had a good time we wished you here a thousand times he said he thought it was doughtful whether he went to New Haven or not he sais he has done well this Winter he & David David Plays at White River Junction the 25th. their is many good wishes to you. I will give them seperately when I see you pleas excus me now for I am sick Yours as ever Samuel shall I not hear from you again soon

Hall Letters 159. Mar 21, 1851; Rhodolph in Lowell to Lucy in New Haven.

Mr. Dear Sister

In answer to your very interesting Letters, which you have been so kind as to send me, I feel very thankful for, and should have answered them before had there been any thing of interest to you, or had I not had all I could attend to, in the shape of Playing & Sleeping, answering letters on business, &c. &c. I have no further excuse, for neglect of duty, You will therefore Consider my Case you She Judges. and Condemn or acquit me, as you Please. I Plead guilty.

As it Regrads Coming to your City, I should have been there long ago had not Business Prevented. Should have come Monday first train, but the God Dams, fool put the Dispatch in the P.O. and I knew nothing of it untill Monday too late for the Cars. our Office is not open Sunday, and he Dropped the Telegraph Mesage in Saturday eve insted of fetching it to me, &c.

You fret about my not making an engagement to spend the Season in N.H. as though I could not do any thing, any where else. You better not believe it.

I Should have stated my terms to the New Haven Band, but was afraid they would think I was imposing on them. You Said they had offered me \$350 & would give \$400 or something to that amount. but no such thing. It was D. they have been trying to get, have not made me any offer at all. The amount of it is, I do not like to Play in the street well enough to Play for a small salary, and Shall not, this Season unless I am well Paid for it. If they want me sufficient to Pay \$450.00 for Six months or at that rate Per Month I Should come. with a privaledge of Playing for Commensment in Case I got one to Play for, &c.

I Left Home one week last tuesday all were well, and Peasable.

Kate attends a Ball at the Junction with me the 28th for Pushees Benefit Six of us are going up to Play and dance. Kate and I will visit you as soon as Business will allow, if not before. the rest next time. My Love to Sis. in great haste Compliments to Friends. Shall write to Dr. soon

Rhodolph

Hall Letters 161. Apr 4, 1851; Rhodolph in Woburn Center to Lucy in New Haven.

Mr. Dear Sis,

Inclosed is \$2.00 that I wish you would do me the favor to hand to Mr. Heightman as soon as Recd. and have him give me Credit for same, it is for my Dues to the Lodge.

By your handing it to him immediately on its Reception, may save me twelve and Half cts. Worth of Notice for the Same. Call at his store north side of Chapel St. (near State St. I believe) be sure and have him Credit R. Hall for it. It was due Apr. 1st but I have not yet Recd. a notice and hope not to, if you do the favor, Promptly. We Six of us Played at Pushees Benefit at the Junction March 28th had a fine time. Father came down to hear the Music Kate and Mrs. Blin Met me there, enjoyed it very much Jeffers and all his Family were at the Ball, as lively as ants on a hot Stick, &c. Our Band Returned Sat. 29th I accompanied Father Kate and Mrs. B. to Lyme and stoped untill Monday, then left by Cars for Reading Mass. to Play for a Ball, &c. Mother was Very glad to see me, I Caried her a Bottle of grape wine Manufactured by Mr. Conant, Brother of the Conant that Plays with us. She was well with the Exception of a Cold and Cough. which she thought she should be better of, Soon. &c.

Old Mrs. Rade was buried a few days befor. also, Aunt Rachel Dimick, was thought she took too big does of Opium, Mrs. Hews the Oldest Lady in town, was buried too. Grandfather Culver was not very well. Beckas Rude's Wife tis thought will not be able to leave her room again.

Tell Sarah, Belas Latham (or Perkins rather, adopted Latham) is Married to Miss Abbe Caswell (Mrs. D's Maid Servet.) ha!! ha!! ha!!

We Play at Charlestown Mass. for a Ball next Wednesday night. for a Father Mathew Society Ball at Lowell last night in Apr. and 1st night in May at Abington Below Boston on Old Colony Rail Road beside other jobs too numerous to mention. Business is first rate here yet. The new Instrument is done that has been making for me, it is a smasher no mistake. takes them all down, for Splendor can not find its equal in the World, tis sais, being nothing like it, the Gold Bugle, aint any where, (But what of an instrument if its owner Cant Play it.) it Cost \$150.00 and is the "Barnum Bugle" tis thought the "Jeny Lind of Bugles" has Emigrated from the City of Elms, I suppose.

By the Way how does the Yankee Doodle Band of New Haven get along under its new administration. how do they like their new Leader. write if you Please, and inform me, the Particulars. Would they have any objections to my Leading the Hartford Brass Band, in Case, they give me the rate of \$450.00 for Six Months I wonder, after I get through Playing for Dancing. (I will Come and ask them when I get time, &c) My teeth ache like Hell. Please forward this Money. and write. as Ever Rhodolph

P.S. give a bit of that kind of spontaneous Production Compliments to Dr. & Family. The Band also, if acceptable R.--

Hall Letters 163. July 6, 1851; D. C. in Lowell to Sarah in New Haven.

Dear Sister

Yours of the 23d ult. was duly rec. It being the first line that I have had from you since I wrote you last Jan. so you see that you are a little mistaken or your letter has failed reaching its destination. I was at Lyme one week since the people are all well as usual I went for a uniform to ware in the Antique and Horible Artillery. I succeeded in getting Grandfather Culver's old freedom Breches with knee buckles and an old coat made sometime the date worn off or lost. Unkle D's General Cap & Fathers Weding stockings, my shoes & buckles sword that was wore by a Sergent under Lafayett, belts &c this was my antique uniform. I played fife for the Horible at no small rate. The company paraded on the morning of the 4th at 5 o'clock and was the greatest show that Lowell ever witnessed. Jane Dobie was buried at Hanover Wm went and accompanied Mrs. D. and the corpse. Mrs. Dobie is at H. or [Rummy] now I suppose

About going to the White Mts. I cannot tell so long before hand and if I am not engaged I will go with you. And as for the rest of the company you mentioned it is doubtful they I guess will have other fish to fry. write often my respects to all. Yours in hast

D. C. Hall

Hall Letters 164. Sept 22, 1851; Rhodolph in Lowell to Lucy in New Haven.

Dear Sis

Yours was duly Recd. and as the old Woman said to the Young Chap what made a mistake, instead of getting into bed with Sweet heart got in With an Old Lady about 80 didn't know the difference it being dark, When daylight the old women called over said Young Man I dont who you are, for I never see ye a fore, but one thins is cartin your done me wonders of good. So did your letter.

I have no news in particular. I left home one week last Wednesday morning they were all Smart then. I had a letter from Kate last friday she was not very unwell though complaining some. Haris Piersons Girl died one week ago last Sat. A. Convers was to be Buried the day I left.

Kate is to meet me at White River Junction Vt. Wedensday noon 24th ins. Ten of Our Band give a Concert there the same eve. and Play for Winsor Co. Fare at the Junction 25th I expect Father & Mother there some. Will you not write to me there if you get this in time, We shall (some of the Band too) go to Lyme by fridays up train if nothin Splits, &c.

I am going to Southington the first five nights that I am at Liberty. on Our way to Pa. (perhaps)

To Yourself & Half to S. - Coan, Jones, Frisbie, Cook & Files, My Best Compliments and no body Els at any rate. Your "Brother Iron Creepmouse"

I never recd. so much money in so short time of Playing as since I came to Lowell the last time. for two eves. till 12 o'clock Recd. \$22.31 and other business to the amount of \$50.00 and not two weeks yet, and Plenty Engagements ahead, &c.

Hall Letters 165. Nov. 11, 1851; Kate in Roxbury to Lucy in New Haven.

Dear Lucie

I hope you are not [angry] with me for not writing you sooner but indeed could give you lots of good excuses did I feel in the mood for writing them -- one of them was I expected to surprise you with my own veritable self and should have given you a duce of hugging ere this had R. been well, but we have now given up the "iday".

Rhodolph has been very sick and is now not much better has been confined to bed most of the time for two weeks the Dr. still continues to visit him. he has had a very severe touch of the Typhus fever and it still hangs round him. We are going up home as soon as he gets smart enough to ride.

Aunty and the children are not so well send much love to you Aunty says she wishes you were near so as to step in and give R. a consoling visit, so do I. I thank you much for the paper you sent me think that peice by L.F.H.J. first rate couldnt be beat. I have no news to write as I have not been out of the house this three weeks so please excuse the shortness and my next shall be better. Believe me the same constant -- Kate

P.S. Remember me to Mr. J. & Sarah. R. sends his love to you & all the rest -- please write me soon and direct to Lyme Truly yours, Kate

David is well I wrote to him [this] morn this is the third letter and I have one more to write. Kt.

Hall Letters 169. Jan 17, 1852; Rhodolph in Lowell to Family in Lyme.

Dear Sisters & Brother

I have no time to write to you those particulars as I use to or as I wish to, as I am engaged 5 & 6 nights per week. I have played every night this week, and am engaged to Play this Saturday Eve. for a party untill 9 3/4 o'clock. We Play for a Course of Parties at Manchester we Played there last eve, for the uper tens. Saw Marsh and Lady at the Parties also Mrs. Haden from L. Canada. We are doing all the best business in and about Lowell. Kate attends all the best of them in Lowell where we play, in Co. with a friend Loomice & Lady Conductor, that lives across the St. She gets many compliments &c. -- I rec'd \$25.00 from you. I might have been in rears on the books at the time the lodge got the money or when I was taken sick. But I shall make no further dependence on the Lodge unless they reconsider movements. Our health is good Write, all of you

R. Hall

Hall Letters 170. Jan. 30, 1852; Rhodolph in Manchester to Lucy in New Haven.

Dearest Sister

On Mr. Benetts arival to the Depot, at Loweel, about one & a half hour ago, I was Presented with five cts. Worth of your Very Reasonable and kind Letter, which I hasten to answer by first Mail, which leaves Manchester in an hour and I have not taken time to lay off my Over coat and hat yet. I found a little slip in your letter, saying the P.O. was closed, but could not satisfy myself, whether you put any thing more than the slip of paper in to explain, or not.

I am very happy to accomodate you, being a Sister, & Friend in Every particular, I regret you could not have it this eve. as you desired but hope saturday eve. will be in time. Inclosed is \$30.00 the sume you mention, Should you have immediate use for a larger sum, I will accomodate you on Notice, any sum not exceeding two hundred Dollars as I have it by me. I have not time for Particulars. Kate is most cross at you for not writing to her, she is not very well in health, or spirits, she attended an aristocratic Ball at Merimac House night befor last with Champaign. We think making visit, at Lyme, thursday next

Father sliped down on the door step not long since and hurt him considerable from Marindas account.

From your moements, I conclude you are not making preparations to sumer in Wentworth, or accompany us to California, on our pleasure excursion, ha!

I some times feel a touch of Blues, since loosing my J.O. of C.F. but let the worst come I am prepared to meet it. I must make preparations to meet the world as a stranger and the People as all on their own hook. and be Independent of all "Brotherly Love" as they call it.

Please send me a Bill of the amount of Money you wish, and I will send the same.

Write Soon and write the Particulars of the Musical Woild, Band, &c. D. is not here untill next train, as he comes from Boston today. He has been urged to take Flaggs Place in Boston Brass Band as Leader. Ned Kendall offered to Play second E b to him, &c.

I have been urged to set my salleryto leade the Salem Brass Band in Mosses place, &c.

Love to Sarah & Sam, tell them to write when they dam please.

I remain yours very fast & very frequently as the dutchman says.

Rhodolph Hall

Hall Letters 172. Feb 9, 1852; Rhodolph in Lowell to Lucy & Samuel in New Haven.

Dear Sis

Keep Dark, on coming subject. -- I wish you to forward to me, the Notification, to pay my dues also, Compose me an answer to it, if you please as I wish it gramaticul, and well spelled, the following are the heads for your consideration with what you allready know on the subject. 1st I supposed that I was clear, on Books or I should not have applied for Benefits 2nd I have been a member of the Lodge for near 8 years and a Cosmopolite (or citizen of the World) that time, and have not subjected them to the trouble of notification, but twice I think. 3d if my Membership seems of so little consequence to them, as to take advantage of Bylaws, formed for those not disposed to be punctual, 4th Not being able to Harmonize such treatment with my Ideas of Justice and "Brotherly Love" 5th My Health and circumstances at the present and for the Futur, will not justify my submission of Continuance of Membership or while Life and Health Insurance is so Comon. unless the Lodge in their Purity, allow me the Benefits, I applied for, For it is the first time in 8 years, or since I have been a member that I have been any expense to them. -- (Give them Hell, Sis. I will satisfy you.)

write at your First Leisure.

Rhodolph

Brother Johnson, I am greatly obliged for the memento you sent me in shape of your Signature, &c. Why cant you write you write to me again. ha! ha! I am oblige also for invitation to visit you. Ill do it. Come and see us. R.

We have Six nights Playing this week. One of them, Private Party. we Played for one Private Party last Thursday. David, Conant, and myself. They want the same again, as it suits. I am engaged \$24.00 worth this week, &c.

Hall Letters 173. Feb. 19, 1852; Rhodolph in Lowell to Samuel Johnson, Lucy & Sarah in New Haven.

Dear Brother & Sisters,

It is almost impossible to cheat time sufficient to scribe in, but as I have no yarns, and but a little Business, I will Venture to address you. According to your desire I forward Enclosed in this \$75.00 For your particular Accomodation for the term stated (ie May 1st) and perhaps longer, at any rate I will try and give due Notice, when I shall wish it. Money is very hard at present here. D has loaned some for a short time of Six mo. at twenty five per cent. But you may, if you please, forward to me a due Bill for the Seventy five Dollars Enclosed, at such percent as you feel disposed.

We Play for five Dances and Balls this week besides Brass Band Rehersal and we Reherse Brass Band Sunday night next, as we are engaged for Dancing every night except sunday night. Kate has got homesick and Lonesome at My being absent on engagements so much and thinks she may as well be at Lyme, N.H. as in this City of Spindles, and she will return there Saturday or Monday, next. Mr. Benetts folks are well now, although Benett has been sick with fever, and both 3 of the Babies. We visited them yesterday. David & Jane are well &c. Visited them yesterday. We expect to Play at Plimouth N.H. next tuesday 26th and 27th at Stoneham Mass. so we shall not get a chance to visit Wentworth as we would like we are to Play at Royalton Vt. about the 8th or 9th of March, we shall then visit Lyme.

Do not neglect to write me. by Return of Mail as I shall feel anxous abut this money business. Love to all three. Rhodolphus Hall

For Goodman Enclosed is a Valentine I wish you to Drop in the P.O. as soon as you can learn his first name. I do not remember his first name. put it in an Envelop to Him.

Hall Letters 175. June 15, 1852; Rhodolph in Horsham to Lucy in New Haven.

Dear Sister,

I should have answered yours before had my time not been so much occupied, as Kate says it is a complete fourth of July celebration with us here all of the time. We all of the time are either Riding over this most beautifull Farming Country I ever saw. or Walking, Fishing, Hunting, Eating, Drinking, etc. etc. I had the Pleasure of helping to open a Basket of the Best Champaigne of one Dozzen Bottles saturday, that I ever tasted. beside opening it, we have had a bottle of it to Drink every day. There is no Dinner for us except we choose our Drinks. We have our choice to drink Brandy, several kinds of Wine, Gin, Whiskey, Porter, ale, Cider or Champaigne, which is not got in many places so Plenty, etc. We have Strawberies & Cream very often. Ice Cream & Wine before Retiring every night, and which is still more agreable, we have Proof that we are very welcome here. They seem anxious for us to come and settle here for Life. they speak of it often, and seem to dread our Departure. Tell Johnson to excuse my not writing to him before, that I must necessarily Put off Building in New-Haven at present, for want of Capital. Brother Geisse building so extensive uses up his Loose Change, his carpenters finish the Roof of his three story stone Hotel today, etc. etc.

I am engaged to Play for a Ball at the Elgin Spring Hotell about 8 miles west of Middlebury Vt. 1st of July. Our nearest way there is by Albany and White Hall about 4 or 5 miles of Saratoga Springs.

It is Possible we may make a call at the Springs but do not know certain. I am engaged also, the 2nd of July at West Bethel Vt. for a Ball. And at Lowell Mass. the 5th of July for celebration Fire Works, and a Ball after Fire works, etc. And in case I go to Vermont by Albany and White Hall, I shall not be able to visit you as talked of, and as we very much Desire to do. But hop with luck and Favor to meet you at Lyme in August, (if not sooner In Health and that the joy of our next meeting may wipe dry the Eyes wet at our last Parting is the sincere hope of your Brother & Friend

Rhodolph

P.S. I shall want my Military Coat the 5th of July at Lowell, if I do not come after it, I shall send the Key of my Carpet Bag, and would like you to Put the coat in it, and forward it by Express to Lowell, etc. You may expect a Letter soon again. My Love to Sarah, and Johnson. R. Hall

Hall Letters 176. July 13, 1852; Rhodolph in Lyme to Lucy in New Haven.

Dear Sister

Mother is seated at my right sewing, and Kate at my left poring over magazzines, etc. Father gone down to Gerdners, Marinday is gone to take care of Emily for a week, and as I have not much else to busy myself I try to wory you a bit with my chat. Although I have no news in Particular, I suppose Kate wrote all the Particulars relative to our Journey home. I Played the 5th in. at Lowell and for the Theological aniversary of the New-Hampton Institution last Thursday. Arrived at Lyme Friday eve. via Canaan. Kate Mett me there. I shall remain here a short time. I expect to Play at Norwich Vt. for Commensment the 19th of Aug. with the Lowell Band. We shall then give some concerts about the country, etc. We some expect Geisse and Lady yet, and if they come we shall go to White Mts. and Montreall with them, etc.

I did not get a Letter from you at West Bethel Vt. as I expected. did you write to me there? How is Brother Johnson & Sis S. are you not going to visit Lyme this summer. Mr. Reed's wife has made a "rase" of a Pair of Twins, a Girl and Boy. He went home yesterday to see them for the first time.

We are all about as usual. Will you be so kind as to write

Rhodolph

Hall Letters 177. July 25, 1852; Rhodolph in Lyme to Lucy in New Haven.

Dear Sister

I did not think of writing so soon by a day or two hoping in that time find something to interest you with, but Kate desires me to fill this page of something so here goes. I do not feel comical as Emily is But jest alive to all appearance, we shall miss her very much Brother Thos. especially.

As it regards my Building in New-Haven I canot hardly muster courage and Capital to go with it to my saitsfaction. tell Brother J. at present. I ought to expect a little incouragement from my Father, but do not see any thing but signs of Partiality for the present.

I am at this time worth Fifteen hundred Dollars of my own money and none, (or very few.) of my relatives do I feel indebted to for it, and as David Sloan says "unless my wind is cut dam short." I shall leave things so that such of my Friends shall have my "Pile" as are deserving of it.

I am just as liable to get run into by a Locomotive as ever I was, and I have just the same motive, or inducement to make my Will as I should have, were I worth \$100,000,000.

I have a Farm in view of one hundred acers that I think of purchasing to spend my summers upon, If I can get it reasonable, it will be a Beautifull Place with little expence.

Please write very soon, for my next, I hope will be more Interesting. Please direct to Lowell. Your Sympathetic Rhodolph

The Boquet is from Katie Nothing the matter with Horsham except an Ideah of Speculation, it is very dry here but looks like Rain this eve. did Sarah treat 22d.

Please send by S. some neat but not costly ear rings for Jane, and I will Pay.

I had a Box by Express that I sent for the 22d with \$2.26 worth of good health we drank to our absent ones, etc. and in the P.M. I called Dr. Dickey in and he with Forsips twisted out a Big three pronged "grinder" having an Ulcer on each prongue. I have slept better since.

Now did you celebrate as year befor, or not. R.

Hall Letters 178. Aug. 2, 1852; Rhodolph in Lowell to Lucy in New Haven.

My Dear Sister

I am not a little surprised at opening a letter from you, about one minute since, bearing date White R. Junction. Indeed I am hapily surprised. D. has just handed me your letter, since Rehersal, and he and Benett are wating for me to go home to Bartlett St. with them, but I canot delay answering so welcome a message, etc.

Although I canot collect my feeble Ideas sufficient to interest you, and completely unable in this maner to express to you how glad I am that you have made the decision you have, to visit home once more, and I hope and pray (if ever I did) that I may be once more permitted to visit that lovely spot at the same time you are there, for I think it allmost time for me to limit my visits to that spot, and ceas to be a burthen to my old child's Parent. D. spent the sabath at Roxbury but has not mentioned a word of your being the land of the living, etc. I suppose he and Sarah have got all things consulted, etc. Nancy and children are to accompany her about Thursday to Lowell. Friday or Sat. to the Junction, etc. We leave tomorow first Train for Milford on a concert Ture. How long are you intending to stop? L. We leave so early I canot send things to Kate I fear untill Thursday or Saturday. tell her to write where she will be Saturday, etc. I think I had better get the things and send by Sarah. We expect to Return Saturday or Monday to Lowell, and I shall Play at Lowell Wednesday night -- I think our first will be at Woolfsborough N.H. We are only going to Milford to prepare with a Mr. Griffin. Do not be in a hurry about going to New-Haven and I may take notion to return with you, etc.

There is a house and lot to be sold at auction oposite of Mr. Benetts Saturday next. How would Kate like it? Write by Return of Mail that I may get it Wednesday eve. Direct to Lowell

Yours in Truth Rhodolph

P.S. N.B. I hope you will help Sarah settle Fathers Property when she comes ha! ha! Do you take Dont Forget you have a Tung, etc. As eve yours only more So R. Would send a holl Paper but office is closed. Will send the Remainder as soon as I can Pay Postage Save this Scrap for Scrap Book, etc.

Hall Letters 179. Aug. 8, 1852; Rhodolph at Flume House, Franconia Mountains to Lucy in New Haven.

My Dear Sister

I believe I am indebted to you for a line not a "Fish line" however which are very much in use here at present if it were I suppose you would trust me a while for the Debt. But having just returned this moment from the Much Celebrated "Flume", which visited one year since, and of Course know all about, and having not much to occupy my time During Church services which is this moment holding in the Parlor, thought it might Please you to know that while in the "Flume" of amusement and Social life, that I then do not Forget my Better 1/2 and Sister, not expecting, however to amuse you very much, by the Particulars of places you too have visited, but hope it will not pane you much to learn of our success in the Musical line and Concert tour. I wrote to Katie at Merideth, of Course you know our Rout to that place. We were enexpected at that place, of course could not expect that success we should have expected had we been Posted up. But the spirited young men learning of our arrival scared up an excitement in shape of a Dance, which commensed immediately after the Concert for the Hutchinson Family. We have Complimentary Tickets to their Concert which was very Fine, consisting of Assa, John & Judson. They with their wives and herd us Play the Kollquerongirons they were delighted with them etc. called at the Hotell where we stoped (Cerogordo House). The Dance Commensed at 11 o'clock night and Helt untill about 3 o'clock in the morning. We Recd. \$20.00. We left Merideth Bridge at 9 o'clock A.M. By Private Cariage for the Flume House and arrived here last eve. at 7 o'clock via. Plimouth where we Dined, etc. This House has been enlarged, as big as two of last year, But we fonde it so completly jamed full we could not get the Dining Hall untill 9 1/2 o'clock for a Concert on account of the tables being set the 3d time to accomodate the Boarders. Our Posters were up for 50cts per Ticket. The best we could do was to give a Promanade Concert in the Big Parlor. Played a few Pieces and they Danced some, during the Eve. the Elephant was exhibited. Driven quite about the Parlor which enlivened the Company and Created a Shout. We Played a March for him to be Marched arund the Room with.

Mr. Jacob Lawrrence & Family are Stoping here now, he is considered one of the Richest men in Boston & Lowell, President of some of the Lowell Mill Corporations and one of the heaviest stock holders.

We found the same Mr. Gee at this House as last year, very glad to see us. He is in Co. with the Proprietor.

We think of returning by way of Croffords to Conway, from Conway to Merideth Bridge we are Posted for a Concert at Merideth Bridge next Thursday night. Should be happy to receive a Letter at that Place from you. Shall expect one from Katie any how. Tell my Dearest 1/2 I shall write at Croffords, etc. She may expect it Wednesday P.M.

There were one hundred and seventy five stoped at this house last night and two Stage loads came that could not be accomodated. We slept in the Reading Room on matrass on the Carpet. Give my Compliments to Samuel when you write. I shall write him soon. With due Regard I am the same

Rhodolph

P.S. I send you, and Kate a Sprig of Moss from the celebrated Flume.