

[1883-10-31; 3 letters in one envelope; stamped envelope addressed to "Mrs. Henry H. Sears, East Dennis", postmarked "No. Cambridge Sta., Nov 1, 2 PM":]

[First letter:]

No. Cambridge Oct / 83

My Dear Husband,

You will see by the date of this that I have arrived safely at C's. She met us at the depot with their team, and Jack drove us out pretty lively. arrived at her house about 11 and did not feel very tired. I find I gain evry day and am in hopes soon to be my old self again. If good nursing will do it I am quite sure I shall. Met Asa on the train. he seemed jolly as ever, said he was pretty well, but was subject to sick spells now and then which confined him to the house a day or two. Chloe went to the depot Monday to meet me so went with Marga out to Newtonville. Suppose they went to Charlemont yesterday. was sorry for them to have [page] a rainy day for it, but it was about over at the time of starting. They had planned to come over here Tue PM, but we had a postal from Han saying Mrs Applebee was coming that afternoon to spend the night so we were disappointed in not seeing them. We are expecting Han over any time. Think we are going to have a pleasant day as the sun is trying to break through the clouds. R[---] is running around busy as a bee, says he wants to send Grandpa something he seems real well. he has now come in with a piece of gizzard in his hand, and wants to carry it over to Ralph, he says it is good. Hope you and Mrs Howes are getting along all right at home and that your hands are well by this time. You must write Sunday if not before and tell Min she must [page] remember me too, as I want to be kept posted on home affairs. I am enjoying every moment here, and feel that it is doing me lots of good. We are expecting Seth up Sat. and wish you could be here too. I sent him a postal yesterday. If you have any letters from Nana or Myra please send them up. though I think Myra will send mine here. Has the washing been carried down to Mrs Cards. hope so before this. Chloe is going out on the street and will take this to mail so will close with love to Mrs Howes Min and all at home

Lovingly

Sarah

[Second letter, on letterhead "I. O. Whiting & Co., 18 Central St.":]

No Cambridge Thursday AM 9

My Dear Min.

This is a lovely morning the first really pleasant day since I came up - but what it has come up cloudy or rained before night. Am in hopes now it will be more settled weather the rest of my stay here. I have not been out of doors this week, but am feeling much better to day, then the past two or three days, have been a little under the weather. Guess I tried to be too smart when I first came up, and took some cold which resulted in a severe pain in my head, so that Monday I was obliged to keep the lounge all day, followed by a restless night. but with Chloe's good care of me I am

coming out all right. I was very sorry to hear that Henry had been sick hope he is all right now. I know how to pity him having had the same experience. hope he gargled his throat well with potassia. I have not had any soreness in my throat since I came up. We drove out to Han's Sunday – think she has a very pleasant home, and think she must enjoy it much She said her Mother was coming down to S Falls Tue. of this week. Marga would go down later. Carrie came over from Hans yesterday, on her way in town, stopped here to dinner She thinks of going home Monday. Suppose to day is circle day do you attend. I had a call from Aunt Lilla Tue while Chloe was in town invited us there to tea Friday but of course declined [page] the invitation. I want to be able to visit Seth's School before I go home. Father writes, Mrs Howes says I must not forget when my two weeks is up. I hope she will be willing for me to stop untill the last of next week. You plead my case will you. ask her if she can splice her patience a few days longer not but I feel that I ought to be at home, at the time appointed, but having been so miserable all the week have accomplished nothing. My strength is weakness yet, but expect soon to be mighty, now I have begun to gain. of course I do not wish her to remain against her will, but would please me very much if she would be willing please write me her decision. Chloe has gone down to see Herbie. She wants to send Myra's pictures today. will have a man to pack them so that they will go secure. Frank goes to Portland to day expects to be gone till Sunday AM shall expect Seth up Sat. he seems much pleased with his school. Hope grandma Howes continues smart give my love to her, as well as the rest of the family Are the boys still successful in catching game What about Mrs Ellis horse, did it die a natural death. think it is lucky for them if they did but know it. I did not get Fathers letter till Tue and I felt quite worried for fear he was sick. was glad to hear they were getting along so well at home. Have decided not to get a Jersey Jacket Chloe thinks I should not like it. Mrs Clark would cut my cashmere Monday – if I am smart enough to attend to it. C has made the skirt, and has carried it to Mrs C. to put on the outside Randolph is busy as a bee with his playthings all over the floor. he has some cold, coughs quite hard in the night so he cannot go out of doors. he has just written a letter to the boys which I hope they will understand. Must try to write Nane to day as I could not write Sunday. was glad Father sent him the papers I dont know as you will be able to read this as I have written it in my lap. presume C would have a word to say if she was here. but I will send her love with mine hoping to hear from you very soon.

Lovingly

Mother.

[Third letter, in pencil:]

Dear Minnie

I looked for you some last evening I thought Henry might like to come to the Lyceum, but Nell said you had a Lecture there. Minerva and I went to Lois's yesterday spent the day we were going tuesday but uncle Nelson came down and brought Eliza and aunt Eliza and left aunt Eliza she will

stop till next week she is quite smart. I received this letter from Hannah I thought I would send it to you and want you to send it her. I know that Marga wont know how to think of it and I Cant encourage her am verry sorry they have to send so far. I think they will have to take Mrs Albee and do the best they can. I think I shall come home sunday night. we are all well [page] Marga must write herself I suppose aunt Hannah is feeling very anxious I wish I could help her it is twelve o'clock and I want this to go Love to all

Mother



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