[1862-03-16; combined letter from sister Chloe & mother Sarah to Henry Sears; stained, blotted, very scratchy writing:]

East Dennis  Mar 10 1862

My Dear Brother Henry

it is Sunday again and I will try to write you A few lines  we are all
Smart and I hope you are the Same,  there is no meeting to day Becas the
minister has goan of to Confernce.  he went munday morning [page]  it has
Ben rainy for to or three days  I suppose you are comming home [----]
week  friday or Satrday noon  our School is going to Close this week
Myra has got her hair Shingles  Sethy is Cunning as A wichcat  Sethy is
in the Chair rocking with Mama  Katy[?] has ben to Grandmothers and
Staid two or three days  Myra is over to Grand mothers

So Good by  fromm your Sister  Chloe

My Dear Henry

As Chloe has left plenty of room on her sheet I will endeavor to do the
best I can in filling it out  I have jest put Seth to sleep [page] and sent the
children to bed (it being near 8 o clock) so that I could have a still time of it
Uncle Rowland and Father have jest gone from here.  Uncle R is going to
Providence tomorrow  Levi Chase is going with him besides some from
Brewster.  he has the same mate he had last year.  We shall miss him very
much.  he has been such a good neighbor.  There does not appear to be
much in shape of news we are all quite well the school business remains
about the same  Cannot see yet how it will turn but rather doubt if we have
any school house this summer.  Eunice Chapman has engaged to keep the
district school, and Lydia has not got any yet,  she has been trying but
schools are about all engaged.  Fully wish she might have one,  They are
getting up a Fair here to come off the 1st of April  it is going to be at Aunt
Mehitables  do not think it will be much being got [page] up in so short a
time.  We have been to Benjamins & Capt Deans visiting this week  Mills
Bertha Chase Lectured Friday eve notwithstanding the weather was
unpleasant quite a house full were gathered together  It was much the
same as when she lectured here before.  the Lyceum closes next friday eve,
for the present  We are still living in the sitting room  do not know when
we shall be able to get out.  Aunt Hannah writes she is going to New York
next tuesday, to stop a fortnight.  Grand Father has a new clothes wringer,
which Father bought for them  they like it quite well  we are going to have
one when the packet comes  The hens are laying finely now.  Father
brought in 35 to night and I guess the week past they have brought in 20
and over which is doing very well.  I suppose you will be at home either
Friday next [page, remainder in margin of first page] or Sat morn  I would send
you the register but Sethy got hold of it [to] day, and tore it to pieces, so that
it could not be of much use to you.  The sewing circle meet at Fathers this
week  it was at Aunt Eliza's last week and quite fully attended.  It is
growing cold and snowing some  hope it will not be so tomorrow for Uncle
R will have a dreary time to start from home  we shall expect to hear from
you tomorrow, I hope you are a good boy and trying to improve in your studies.

From Your affectionate Mother
Sarah C. Sears