A Yarmouth Nov 30th 1831 Friday morning

Dear Father your last letter was received last evening the postman three others were also received soon after date we have written to you but once since you left us as you are undecided where you should spend the winter I am informed of him who never slumbers nor sleeps we all enjoy about as good health as when you left us which you knew was good for yourselves after you left Dr. P. E. B. called on his way to Boston he is to be installed next week I believe and a party to meet and continue the services there were 1100 people at the last Sabbath we had I have enclosed the following Sabbath we would pay our expenses there in the evening Mr. Worley came with an intention of going the Sabbath but received a letter from Mr. Snow enclosing $4 stating that Mr. Snow was at Boston also that Mr. Emerson had written and spent only one Sabbath with them as he was engaged in business until next Sabbath as I expected Mr. B. Botet and Mr. P. H. came here and wrote to Mr. P. to come as soon as possible the last Sabbath in Nov. Elder P. went down the Cape thereupon he is still at bethany in the evening Mr. W. preached but few and not much liberty so Mr. P. did not receive my letter by Capt. P. on saturday evening he came therefore Mr. W told me to pray for him, as his health was not agreed to his officers were greatly blameworthy Mr. P. preached well in the afternoon Mr. W gave a very acceptable discourse after which they both with Dr. P. went back to the Baptist church nothing special occurred during the week except we were distributed of money Mr. W. was here the 2nd Sabbath which was last he organized a school composed of 8 teachers & 18 scholars with a prospect of more the 6th Sabbath Mr. Browson preached for Mr. Upham and gave another appointment for Mr. P. accordingly he attended last Sabbath and as Mr. S. sat with him he could do no less than to ask him if we intended to occupy the house next Sabbath he told him as far as we intended to occupy it in future he was not sure he presumed so the time asked if we intended to occupy it in future he was not sure he presumed so as were exactly a schoolmaster preacher next Sabbath he then gave notice of an appointment at Capt. P. next Sabbath earnestly for union as you see his union has amounted to about the same as his predecessor though it is still times the last time Mr. P. came we told him that our schoolmaster said if we would procure a preacher who was a good school teacher he liked to employ him therefore Mr. P. wrote to Mr. P. according but soon received an answer that we could have none more of the description we wanted but advised us to write to Mr. H. accordingly did soon receive mr answer from him as before you be sure that the acceptance was our terms therefore we expect him next Sabbath if nothing prevent but should
he disappoint us we can have Mrs. P. by paying his expenses from N. and as he is much interested in S. schools and says they think he will give them satisfaction they would be very glad to have him take their winter school but he is engaged at G...ville as he has a vocation now he is spending this week with us yesterday it was Thanksgiving day he passed the day in the events The look and enjoy...meetings and spent the remainder of the day here he thinks if you should see a good place for him you will think of him. There is to be a conference meeting here this week. After receiving your letter I wrote to other places that we had praised the bill before we received your letter and that we will settle with them in a few weeks

invited him to settle with Mrs. R there is no way for you to feel perfectly easy respecting it as Simon compared it with the letter and did not find described as convenient whatever you can do as far as it is consistent for you to return home we shall feel very glad to see you. As Simon was I want to write suppose that I must close mother says she hopes you will have every temporal care with and trust alone in Him who has ever provided for us I have given with a copy of your first tract therefore want you should receive one copy for me also one of Simon's letters think if not desired desire be in the cause of religion we will write to suppose that Mrs. W. has not put written but nothing must be said I can think of nothing worse writing so I will not attempt it etc.

As Simon cannot find any thing to write I shall have quite a space to fill. In the first place I will give you some account of my hand 5 days in the spring and as I have used medicine 6 times after trying it twice I thought my hand was a little better felt some encourage but the night following hand an ill turn except I took a universal cold and my hand has not been quite so well since but the week after my return I went up to Orlando's he killed 2 creatures and sends them both in one form. My hope have not had an opportunity of any since I think to commence writing it next week. There appears to be 5 names who feel interested in the newly formed Sabbath School here and I hope through the blessing of the Lord we shall succeed in our undertaking and good be effected by it. Luana's news is worse in the cause. She with myself have to be foremost in the work we have got between 3 and 2 dollars subscribed for a library Capt. S. Baker called on us yesterday and enquired particularly after you he is quite interested in the S. school and he would try to help so all he could. He is now going to New York. I have obtained between 23 and 24 dollars for the preaching subscription which I
his is going very well. We expect to give Mr. Curry if he comes about 1 p.m. on Sabbath; he is a good singer, and I hope he may aid the people here. Capt. Matthews Baker has been called to hunt with his eldest son (David); he was drowned in North River. His father saw him when he seemed to rise no more, but could not get to him with his boat time enough to save him. This he was but a few rods from him. I think it must have been very trying scene. Capt. B. Matthews still remains sick. Robertson says he was thought to be a dying yesterday. The Jonathan Doctor has visited him 2 or 3 times but he has received no benefit as yet from his medicine. When Mr. Howsey was here, he visited him and considered very plainly with him on the necessity of a right recreation for death. I cannot express very indifferently on the subject and say to a steady, die at any time. The Sabbath that the effect to Benjamin is called on Mr. T. D. Soudine. He inquired after you particularly and said you had just entered upon the work, that you had ought to have performed a number of years ago. However, he said you had not been useless, by any means, for you had entertained strangers and done all the good you could but he thought you had now retired into a field of greater usefulness. I think I feel an increasing desire that I may be useful in the good cause and have a hearty thought that there might be some cause in which might enlist, and perhaps do more good with one hand than I have done with two. I feel as though I had been an unprofitable servant. I hope as soon as you feel so if your work was done where you are, that you will return home to me are all ready and waiting to see you, and I know I am but that would be glad to see you. But I would just say, I hope you will move as the Lord directs, and then you will move right. The things you purchased in Boston have all been received, and we have got the most our winter stores excepting pork, which we expect to send to Boston for soon, so Charlotte is going to make a little more close, and did you good afternoon. Re. H. Cornell.

In the commencement of this letter did not much expect to write a meeting unexpected, else this page was afraid to undertake much previous. I really hope to enjoy it and shortly able to get out to meeting. I believe it will be an advantage to my spiritual enjoyment but I may be disappointed in this but surely if not greatly deceived have had some extent enjoyment in prayer and meditation of late, and do my cheer paying for one that the Lord would guide my feet that I might be entirely devoted to him that do all things well. My health has been improving of late more than is usual for which I desire to bless the Name of the Lord. I have felt anxious that you should be in the way of your duty, but at the same time wish to enjoy your company and have enjoyed the comforts of life for certainly your constitution must require it in my opinion. From your attentive daughter.

C.C.
Elder Simeon Browell
Piscataquog Village
Bedford
N.H.
S. Yarmouth  Nov. 30th 1832 Friday mornng.

Dear Father;

your 4th letter was received last eveng; the preced three were also received soon after date; we have not written to you but once since you left as you were undecided where you should be. Through the blessing of Him who never slumbers nor sleeps we all enjoy about as good health as when you left. (which you know was good for us). Teus. after you left Mr. E. E. C. called, on his way to Orleans, he is to be installed next teus. (I believe) and a protracted meetgs continue; Mr. Harris is to preach the sermon; wednes. Deac. M. attended E. Matthews auction and called. thurs. wrote to Mr Polnds if he would come the follwmg sabbath we would pay his expenses here, in the even Mr. Woolsey came with an intention of spendgs the sabbath, & we received a letter from Mr. Snow enclosing $4 stating that Mr. Mayo was at Boston, also that Mr. Emerson had visited, and spent only one sabbath with them, as he was engaged in Maine until next May; frid. Capt. B. Hallett and Elder Pease dined here, wrote to Mr. P. not to come until the 2nd. Sabbath in Nov., Elder P. went down the cape & suppose he is still at Chatham, in the even Mr. W. preached but few out, & not much liberty; as Mr. P. did not receive my letter by Capt. H. saturday eveng he came, therefore, Mr. W. told me to pay Mr. Ps. expenses as agreed, & his services were gratis; Sun. morn Mr. P. preached well, in the afternoon Mr. W. gave us a very acceptable discourse, after which, they both, with R. & myself went up to Hyannis; as we had had previous notice that there were several cattle to be killed; in the even Mr. Upham preached and gave out another appointment as tho’ he had possession of the house; mond. morn called & told Mr. H. what efforts we were makg to procure preachgs; he inquired if you had received a letter from the 3rd. chh. in Middleboro; told him no; he understood that they had or intended to write as they have not think they are supplied; left R. returned home with Capt. R.s. chaise, nothing special occurred during this week except we were destitute of preachgs. Mr. P. was here the 3rd. sab. & the 4th which was last, he organized a S. School composed of 8 teachers & 18 scholars with a prospect of more; the 3rd. sab. even Mr. Brownson preached for Mr. Upham, and gave another appointment for Mr. U.; accordingly he attended last sab. even; and as Mr. P. sat with him he could do no less than to ask him if we intended to occupy the house next sab. even, he told him he presumed so, he then asked if we intended to occupy it in future sab. even, Mr. P. said he presumed so, as we were expectg a schoolmaster preacher next sab. he

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11 Bedford is just outside of Manchester, NH, south and west of town.
12 Goffstown is just north and west of Bedford by about 6 miles.
13 Likely Ebenezer Matthews.
then gave notice of an appointment at Capt. S. Bs. next sab. even & prayed earnestly for union; thus you see his union has amounted to about the same as his predeccors, however it is still times. The first time Mr. P. came, we told him that our school agent said, if we would procure a preacher who was a school teacher he like to employ him, therefore Mr. P. wrote to S. Reading but soon received an answer that we could have none from there of the description we wanted, but advised us to write to Mr. Malcom, accordingly did & soon received an answer from him, & a letter from Mr. Curry that he accepted our terms, therefore we expect him next sab. if nothing prevent, but should [over page] he disappoint us, we can have Mr. P. by paying his expenses from O. and as he is much interested in S. Schools and singing think he will give tolerable satisfaction; the Friends in the Village would be very glad for him to take their winter school but he is engaged at Osterville – as he has a vacation now he is spending this week with us, and sends his respects to you. yesterday which was thanksgiving day he preached, also in the even. The Doct. and wife attended meet & spent the remainder of the day here he thinks if you should see a good place for him you will think of him. There is to be a conference meet here this even. After receiving your letter I wrote to Mr. Mayo that as we had passed the bill before we received your letter that we will settle with him in a few weeks

I wished him to settle with Mr. E. therefore wish for you to feel perfectly easy respecting it, for Simeon compared it with the Detector and did not find it described as counterfeit; Whenever you can feel as if it is consistent with duty for you to return home, we shall feel very glad to see you. As Simeon and R. want to write suppose that I must close; mother says she hopes you will leave every temporal care with us; and trust alone in Him who has ever provided for us. I have given Mr. P. a copy of your first tract therefore want that you should reserve one copy for me, also one of Judson’s letters; think if not deceived desire to be deeply engaged in the cause of religion. Farewell Mr. C. suppose that Mr. W. has at last written but nothing must be said. I can think of nothing worth writing so I will not attempt it.

S. C. 3d

[Letter continues in another hand:]

As Simeon cannot find any thing to write, I shall have quite a space to fill; in the first place I will give you some account of my hand; I spent 8 days to Hyannis, and tried my new medicine 4 times; after trying it twice, I thought my hand was a little better, felt some encouraged; but the night following had an ill turn, expect I took a universal cold; and my hand has not been quite so well since, but the week after my return, I went up to Orlando’s, he killed 2 creatures, and I tried them both in one forenoon, have not had an opportunity of any since; I think to commence blistering it next week. There appears to be a number, who feel interested in the

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14 Simeon Crowell 3rd, b. South Yarmouth, 1 Jany 1809; m. (int. 3 May) 1841, Desire Crosby of Brewster; he d. 29 Sep 1849 of dysentery.
newly formed Sabbath School here; and I hope through the blessing of the Lord we shall succeed in our undertaking, and good be effected by it.  

Lurana Sims is warm in the course; she with myself have to be foremost in the work; we have got between 3 and 4 dollars subscribed for a Library; Capt F. Baker called on us yesterday, and enquired particularly after you.  

he is quite interested in the S. School, and he would try to help us all he could; he is now going to New York.  

I have obtained between 23 and 24 dollars, for the preaching subscription, which I think is doing very well.  

We expect to give Mr. Curry if he comes about 1$ a Sabbath; he is a good singer, and I hope he may suit the people here.  

Capt. Matthews Baker has been called to part with his oldest son, (David)[15] he was drowned in North river; his Father saw him when he sunk to rise no more, but could not get to him with his boat time enough to save him, tho’ he was but a few rods from him;  

I think it must have been a very trying scene.  

Capt. E. Matthews still remains sick report says he was thought to be a dying yesterday; the Arabian Doctor has visited him 2 or 3 times, but he has received no benefit as yet from his medicine.  

When Mr Woolsey was here, he visited him, and conversed very plainly with him, on the necessity of a right preperation for death; but he appeared very indifferent on the subject, and says he is already to die at any time.  

The Sabbath that I spent to Hyannis I called on Mr. T. D. Scudder.  

He inquired after you particularly, and said that you had just entered upon the work, that you had ought to have performed a number of years ago; however he said you had not been useless, by any means, for you had entertained strangers, and done all the good you could, but he thought you had now entered into a field of greater usefulness.  

I think I feel an increasing desire, that I may be useful in the good cause in which we might enlist, and perhaps do more good with one hand than I have ever done with two; for I feel as though I had been an unprofitable servant.  

I hope as soon as you feel as if your work was done where you are, that you will return home, for we are all ready and waiting to see you; and I know of none but that would be glad to see you.  

but I would just say I hope you will move as the Lord directs, and then you will move right.  

The things you purchased in Boston have all been received; and we have got the most our winter stores excepting port, which we expect to sent to Boston for soon.  

As Charlotte is going to write a little I must close, and bid you a good afternoon,  

R. H. Crowell[16]  

[Continuing in another hand:]  

In the commencement of this letter did not much expect to write as a meeting was expected here this eve.  

was afraid to undertake much previous.  

I really hope to enjoy it and shortly able to go out to meeting.  

I believe it will be an advantage to my spiritual enjoyment but I may be  

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[16] Daughter Ruth Hinckley Crowell, named after her grandmother; b. Yarmouth, 29 Jany 1810; she m. 1840, Barnabas Sears Jr., and was the mother of 3 children; she d. 31 Oct 1851.
disappointed in this but surely if not greatly deceived have had some sweet enjoyment in prayer and meditation of late, and do my dear parent pray for me that the Lord would guide my feet that I might be entirely devoted to hm that doest all things well. my health has been improving of late mor[e] than is usual for which I desire to bless the Name of the Lord. I have felt anxious that you should be in the say of your duty but at the same time wish to enjoy your company and have you enjoy the comforts of life for certainly your cons[titution] must require it in my opinion. from your dutiful daughter —

C. C.[17]