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LETTER TRANSCRIPTION

Sunday A.M.

My Dear Albinia,

Abbie has just gone over to Joseph's, to ride up to church. Frank does not go. Mr. Hussey preaches today, came to Jos[eph] last night, should like it much if you could come in. Do want so much to see your dear face. Am very thankful that so far you have got along so well. Hope to see Lucy soon and hear particulars. What a dear good child she is!

Abbie expects to see you this week.

Lucy Fletcher came Wed[nesday] morning and left yesterday in first train. Wished much love and sympathy to you. The little girls talk much about you.

I know you will excuse my not writing more. Love and the best of wishes from

Mother

Many thanks for my present.

Billerica, [Massachusetts] Dec 30, 1894

Dear Bena [Albinia],

It is after dinner and I have had my nap. Frank wanted me to go to church but it was very cold coming home. Both Ethel and Anna went as Mr. Hussey was to be there. Next Sunday the new minister comes. There has been some renovation in the parsonage. Mr. Hussey is spending the time at Joseph's. He speaks of Mattie as about the same. The congregation was not very large.

The sleighing is good except a heavy crust makes it bad about turning out.

If I can arrange with Mrs. Stuart to come for over night sometime this week I should like to come in and call on you. If I cannot this week and all is well I will try next week. Ethel and Anna are interested in my coming.

Ethel says she could stay with Grandma. She does not know about making the fire but she could get the breakfast. Anna says she could make the bread. They came plodding over in all the snow

yesterday for me to show them about making some clothing for their dolls. Ethel has named hers Lucy Walker for Grandma, and Anna hers, Frances Farley, being the nearest for Frank.

The wedding of John Shepherd and Mrs. Griffin which took place at their cottage on Wed[nesday] last was quite an affair. It was said only the "Quality" were invited. J. B. Holder and wife sent a silver cake basket, Nelson Parker silver butter dish, Mrs. Paul Hill silver forks, some Chelmsford people silver pie knife, J. and Annie some spoons, Genie dessert spoons, Mrs. Fred Parker an elegant china salad dish, Mrs. Henry Hill a salad dish. I gave a little glass dish. There were many towels. Mary McElliott a tablecloth, etc. etc. There were refreshments, rolls, turkey, ham, cake, wedding cake, ice cream.

Mary Eliza was at church today. Many persons inquire for you.

Mother seemed to enjoy Lucy's visit very much. They talked fast. She told us that Mattie Fosdick has had an operation and exactly like yours but higher up I guess. It was done at their home, a Boston surgeon and a trained nurse. They think now she will get well. I think I have told all the news. Now I will turn to you hoping you are gaining well and that Lu is keeping free from colds. When she comes she will tell us about her and your Christmas and see what ours were. I have had so many letters to write that I have not had time to enumerate. Now I must write to Frances. She sent mother a lovely china plate with a picture of Woburn Library on it and it was all broken in the mail.

I often wonder what your diet is and all the particulars of your hospital life. Sometime you can tell it all over.

May the new year be happy to you and Lu.

Love from sister,

Abby Jaquith

May Knowles is getting along finely now. Lu's letters have been received, business will be attended to.

TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE (Josef Rokus)

Although the first letter not dated, it was almost definitely written on the same date as the second letter, i.e., December 30, 1894. That date fell on a Sunday that year, which agrees with the day of the week indicated in the first letter.