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My dear brother Richard,

Again dear brother I
commence an epistle to ~~you~~ knowing that whenever
You will expect a letter from us and we never
omit writing when it is possible for us to do so. Thy
interesting letter was received to-day it gives us
much joy to receive them and note the improvement
in them. I think we need not complain of the length
she does very well indeed to fill so large a space.
Sister Sarah told thee that George Bay's body was
found. was it not a cause of rejoicing to the
family. Her Bay said his wife "would be willing
to give him up if he could but be found and
buried decently" I heard she felt awfully
while he was in the water. but who could feel
otherwise. I have rather a large ^{sheet} because the
small are up stairs but I have no idea I can
fill it. I send thee this weeks "Liberator" it seems
to have a good deal of news in it this week.
"Wilson" we have seen but little of since his return
from California he has I believe been to the village
a good deal among his old acquaintances. I remember

Fuller was in town last night. In a letter from
Aunt Catherine the "Lays" Aunt Ann & herself have
been saying to persuade Aunt Nancy to go either
among her Catholic friends or come and live
with them but she does not seem willing to do either
at present how far she must live I should
think she would fear sickness and in her
lonely situation she might suffer long before any
one would know it. Maria was down this afternoon
to see us her face is very much swollen and very
sore I should be afraid it would never be
got out of my system but she seems to think
that she will yet be cured. What singular
weather we have do we not but a few days
ago and the weather was warm and pleasant
and now it is driving and driving all day
long and very cold indeed. I presume your
weather is not very different from what we have.
but I still think it will not last long.

Tell tomorrow night we wish to go to the Falls
with Cousin's Lizzie, Cecily, Maria & Wilson to
see Uncle Tom's grave and I guess we shall
go for I should very much like to see it.

Mother & Father are quite sweet to day though
I am sorry Father has had a little dizziness
in his head to-day but I am in hopes he may
have no more of it. Has thee heard the Maine
Law has been passed in this State what a good
thing it is but I do not know when it will take

effect. but I believe it has not yet been decided.
I suppose you will miss Cousin Lizzie and Adeline
very much but they will not be away very long.

Father prefers this staying until school is out
I enclose it for the coat. I guess I must close with
love from me and all thy affectionate sister.

Mary.

Dear Brother Richard

As Mary has left a little space I will try
to fill it: as best I can. as I do not know much
to say. Willie just says tell him we are thrashing
with the open. Brindle & Rumpy and all. Sixty
Bushels were what was thrashed yesterday whereas
three men could thrash only twenty-four. Perhaps
we did not tell that sometimes ago ^{Mary} we received
a long letter from Marcella, I wrote to her but
from some reason unknown to me she did
not answer mine. She spoke of having a
quite a time about a mouse found in one of
the girls desk and passed round a good ways finally
Rachel Jackson's son took it and chased them around
the room. but enough of this. Fourth day at ten
o'clock I attended. The sermon (some parts) was very
affecting that which he addressed ^{to the children}
he also spoke of some of us being ^{George Jay's} school fellows.
as it is late I must close so farewell
from thy aff sister Sarah

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