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My Dear Son

I can write but a few lines at this time - we are all in pretty good health, I do hope that this will find you and yours in the enjoyment of the same blessing. we received your letter of June 25th, as parents, we could sympathize with you in the loss of your child, you say "the belief that that dear form shall one day be raised immortal and reunited with its dear spirit in the visions of boundless joy, robs our loss of half its sorrow." dear child permit to say, that I believe your expectations will soon be realized, and I pray god that you may not be found among those who are saying in their hearts "my Lord delayeth his coming", the conversion of the world, the knowledge of the Lord covering the earth, all knowing the Lord great and small; these sayings of god, I think, will never be realized till after the coming of the son of man.

It was on this very subject I wanted to have wrote you, I have not yet got my writings completed, and therefore shall not send them at this time, but think I shall soon, I shall send you 4 pamphlets with this letter, I hope they will go safe, and I do hope that you will give them a prayerfull study, if you will compare them with your Bible and find any one thing that is not in accordance with the word of god, I want you to mark it and tell me where it is

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the pamphlets go by weight, 2 1/2 cents for the first ounce, and an addition of one cent for every additional ounce I shall have them weighed and marked at this office
Almon, I know that nature has done much for you, you are capable of understanding much, May God give you wisdom to direct you in all things,

I am in quite a hurry at this time, we have had a little shower since I have been writing, it is all over now, I am going to start for the shore with my team, I shall go to the P. O., expect to find some papers there for me, if I do shall mail one for you, — crops look promising, wheat and corn good, this month will decide for the potatoe crop, they come off very early, good crop generally,

Every man of the world seems to be laying some plan for the accumulation of this world's good, no less than 5 vessels are built at French's beach the present season, writing these last lines reminds me of a little paper I have in the house, I will enclose it in this letter,

I expect you have been looking for a letter, I can't write ~~after~~ after, I suffer much with my right arm it hurts me much to hold my pen, and I can't see without spectacles, not at noon day you must remember my infirmities and write me the often, I shall want a letter as soon as you get this, I shan't seal this till I reach the office, good bye Almon & Frances,

I may write more
at the office

Abner Richards

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