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Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> / 63.

My dear Mary: — — — So I have a few leisure moments, I will improve them, in writing to you. I have been looking for a note from some of you but have failed to receive any. I attribute your silence to the fact, ~~of~~ that you have been expecting me up. Your aunt Agnes and I would have gone up this week, probably, if the snow had not gone off so, when your father was down. Mr. Paul, is using his horses all of the time, now, so we cannot go. — — — Your aunt Agnes will go up soon, I think, but I shall not be able to do so, as my school commences next Monday, therefore I cannot go at present. — — — If any one that I am acquainted with, should happen to be going <sup>up</sup> some Friday, and coming <sup>back</sup> the Sunday following, I shall try to go, and <sup>make</sup> that much of a visit, or call, whatever you are a mind to have it. News is quite scarce, here; so I have not much to communicate. Mrs. Hopkins, started for Out-Side today. She and children dined with us, and left in a short time afterwards. Chandler Bibby took her out. One of the Courier girls went with her. — Your uncle Daniel Johnston is to move into Mrs. Hopkins' house soon, and Robert is going to be married and live there too.

Mr. Hammond's folks I ~~am~~ and appropriate as much to ourselves, as is necessary. I intend this letter for one as much as another. When I get the other others, it always comes harder to address that one; so you must not think because I almost always address my letters to ~~that~~ Mary, that I mean them exclusively for her. I mean the whole family when I write at all. I miss Carrie very much. I hope you will all come down this winter. I hope you had a Merry Christmas, and <sup>wish</sup> you all a happy New-Year. Write as soon as you can. If you send by mail, direct to Maple Grove, Me. Give Mrs. H.'s, baby and little Horace for me, if you please. I shall send this by trip. Write no more this time. Good night.

Yours with much love  
Huldah.

P.S. you will have to look at the number of the pages, to know how to read this  
Huldah

Agnes

from Mrs.  
Huldah  
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not send the words of Sunny Youth. — But  
I never thought of it, after I commenced your letter  
when I wrote before, and probably should not have  
thought <sup>of it</sup> until this time, if I had not heard Mrs.  
Hacker humming it yesterday, when it occurred to me  
at once. I have been trying to think it over today  
and I have forgotten a part of it. If I can call it  
to mind I will put it in this, if not I will as soon as I  
can recall it to my memory. — I am to teach in the  
south part of Maple Grove, district, I am to board at  
Charles Ellis'. If any of you come down this winter  
I shall expect you to come and see me. There is much  
doubt there being any school in the academy here  
this winter, for Dr. Wellington, has not engaged a teacher  
yet, and has now gone to Bangor with a load of soldiers  
and will not be back for two weeks or more, so I  
think it is quite as well or better, for Carrie to  
stay at home this winter, where there is a school.  
O dear! my head aches, my eyes are blurred and my  
hand trembles, which, taken altogether, makes it  
rather a task to scribble at all. This is such a mis-  
erup mep, that I do not think you will find it hardly  
comprehensioe. Let it be read by all, and perhaps  
you can gather a few items from its perusal which  
may be of some service. Wish I could go up and  
see you, but I know I cannot; so it is no use to  
wish, is it? Give my love to Mr. and Mrs. Call, also Martha

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All of your folks are well. your ~~two~~ aunts Agnes, Mary  
and Maggie, have sent quite a large box to your  
uncle Warren, containing provision, clothing and medicine.  
It left here yesterday for Bangor, by Dr. Whitney, and is  
then to be forwarded by Express. — Dennis wrote not long  
ago he is well. He is to be promoted soon, to the 2<sup>d</sup> Lieu-  
tenancy. He enlisted as a private, and has been pro-  
moted three times already, and I think he is doing  
pretty well for one of his qualifications. — This towns  
quota of soldiers left here yesterday morning for Bangor.  
There were fifteen from this town, and some from  
Mayville; the whole numbering some 22 or 23. It looked  
very sad to see them start; but if they never return I  
trust they will not die in vain. — The members and  
visitors of Fort Fairfield Division are going over to  
Yohique, this evening to visit Andover Division.  
I did some expect to go, but am disapointed. I have  
been down to Pattenville, since I began this letter, I saw  
all your folks. Mr. and Mrs. Estabrooks, go to Yohique,  
But Mrs. Wate, Abner and Sarah are not, Stephen is  
teaching in Mr. Lovelock's district, commenced last  
Monday. He has 15 or 16 dollars a month. — Mr. H. Smith  
is having an evening Grammar school, twice a week  
to be. — Miss Annie White is in town. She,  
Mr. and Mrs. Hacker have gone down to Mrs. Cary's  
this evening; so I am all alone; but I am not lonesome.  
Mary, I fear you think I was not very obliging, as I did

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