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Dear Brother and Sister:
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gains of the 10th came to hand yesterday. We were very glad. I? hear from you. We are not very busy writing so long, but you must excuse us this time, and we will try and do better in the future. We, our Father, Mother, Brother and Sisters, are all well; hope this will find you and family enjoying the same blessing. Heildes and her husband paid us a visit & was the last of ^{the} month. They arrived home just one week prior to day they left. - fathers.

Richard & Mary have moved to Searsmont. I think they have made a good move. I got my place to Barnham last fall. For one year. Adelaide & I moved home to father Hardys. I am myself quite badly. The last of Dec'm, which laid me up for 8 weeks. I have earned nothing this winter. James came home the last of Dec'm. Sick with slow fever. She is quite smart again now. Phoebe staked in Searsmont and has been sick the most of the winter. Joe arrived home about the middle of Dec'm, moved to Barnham, and has gone to teaching house. He is now to work at his trade. Abner Sharrham has been chopping and hauling wood.

W. I have had but 3 weeks of sleeping here. My wife's
the vision is all gone now, except a few small shifts, and
a very little in the woods. Business is quite dead
here at the present time. I should be very glad
to visit the Woodstock, but I hope we could never
consent to go there to settle. I don't know what
I shall do about the remaining summer. I cannot afford
to do much low labor. I shall see my place the
first opportunity. I have no need to write of any
importance. Can send sheets to your wife and
family. Please write often, and I will by
and to the same.

Yours &c.

D. D. Richards

My W. D. Adams
is Sacramento
Marine

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