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Brother Almon:

Boath of your letters
came to hand in due time, and I
should have answered them long ago,
but I have been waiting to get a
letter from my wife, before I
wrote to you. Last night I rec'd
one from her, stating that she
was very glad that you wanted me
in your store, and thought it would
be the best thing I could do, to go.

But she says she can't think of
going up there before next spring,
says it hurts her side very much
to ride in an open carriage any distance,
and wants me to consent to let her
remain at her father's, untill just
before sleighing, breaks up, and then
come down and get her and Fannie.
It seems that Frances wants to go up.

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to the Broastock next Spring, and
wants Adelaide to wait for her.

I don't hardly know wheather to
consent to such an arrangement or not.
It would suit me a great deal better
to have her go up with me this fall, and
I shall try, and persuade her to go.

But I shall go next month, life
and health permitting, wheather she
does or not. I expect to work here
about two weeks longer, then I am
going home, sell off a part of my
stock, settle up my business arou-
nd home, and get ready to visit your
section of the country, if every thing
works favorable, I shall be at
your place by the 15th or 20th of
September. Now Almon, don't you
think of such a thing, as resigning
your office, on the grounds of me be-
coming your successor; for I am well
aware that I am not competent
of filling your place, even if I had

the chance to do so. I had rather
you would not think of such a thing.

I have been lame since I
wrote to you before; I found
father very miserable; would not
think strange if he does not
live through the winter.

I employed a man to cut his
hay; have heard from him once
since I returned; he was about
the same as when I saw him.

Now Almon, if you think
my services in the store wont
be needed till later in the
fall, I will wait untill Octob-
er or November.

Please write on the receipt
of this, and direct to Searsmont.
I was very soj to hear that your
wife's health was so poor. I hope
she is much better before now.

Accept for yourself and family,
the best wishes of myself & wife.
As ever D. S. J.