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Attleboro May 23 1881

My dear Children

I suppose Hannah has kept you posted in all that pertains to our condition & welfare, so much better than I could that I have left the correspondence very much to her. This is my apology for keeping so quiet.

I have no doubt you will, first of all like to learn of how we are physically, First your Mother is as smart as when you was at the age of our Grandson Allyn Kellogg Ford. She takes as many steps for him and knows what makes him cry, and how he faces at the table, and all that pertains to caring for a child of three years old, just as much as she did when you & our other children were of that age, so you can judge something of how smart she is. The girls are both in tolerable condition Allyn has not been sick a day since he has been with us, nor lost a meal and I never

saw a healthier looking child than he  
is and never saw one that was wider  
awake or one that needed looking after  
any closer. In regard to myself I am  
as comfortable as I can expect. Old  
age is reminding me of the infirmities  
of seventy seven years in two weeks  
more, I have with the help of others  
got my garden partly planted and  
your Mother & I propose to go to  
Warwick tomorrow (Tuesday) & stay  
until Friday next leaving the girls  
take care of Allyn & the hens and  
chickens <sup>&</sup> do their own cooking.  
Bell Green has been at P M<sup>s</sup> Sewing  
for Hattie, she will go to W. with us  
to help her Mother take care of us  
as Mary F. is in Providence.  
The May storm has been long  
and cold more than a week  
& has not cleared off yet,

The girls have just planted & set out  
<sup>their</sup> posy garden, thus ends the "first lesson"

As this is the odd year in which  
you have generally spent some time  
with us the last fifteen years, we  
are expecting to see you here this  
summer, and wish now to enquire  
if you have made out your pro-  
gramme, so that we can meet  
you at the depot this includes your  
household, In regard to Sarah's plans  
or expectations, you being nearer  
than we are, can learn better than we  
can, what she intends, or hopes to do  
poor girl we are sorry for her &  
wish we could see her where she  
could have the treatment of some  
one that could bring her out of  
her trouble, I don't think of more  
now, How are your parents &  
children, let us have a line from  
Charlie & Lizzie very soon giving  
us your programme all send love  
to the whole family Feather