Dear Emeline

I have just rec your kind letter of 21st Inst and perused it with much pleasure and strange as it may seem I hasten to answr it, you are right in reproving me for the little attention I pay to my relatives I cofess I am blameworthy and have been criminally neglectful and in looking it over I am led to wonder at my conduct but beleive Dear Em'l I have not forgotten you nor the rest of my relatives nor have my Esteem and affection lessened although I have been silent so long often is my mind carried to the place of my childhood and call back scenes that have passed there and often do I think of my friends and relatives there and desire to be there and spend a few days in visiting but circumstances will not permit, when I was last at the City of N Y I intended visiting your place on my return but on leaving the City it became necessary for me to go another way which was as much disappointment to me as any of you when I shall be able to visit I cannot say possibly the latter part of April though not certain you write about all our friends except your Father and Brother but not a word about them I want g to know how they are and particularly whether your brother is likely ever to recover he is truly greatly afflicted and it must be a great trial to you all it is the hand of an All wise God and I hope it is sanctified to you all we should learn from this dispensation how dependent we are on God for all things how thankfull should we be for the possession of our reason and health we ought to remember that we are accountable for the improvement of them your Mother says she did think in years past that I wont forease them I am sorry that she feels thus she does not consider the circumstances of the case she seems to be afraid my heart is set too much upon this world no doubt it is too much the case yet I feel this world is unsatisfying I am daily warned of its fading nature and the importance of an Interest in Christ and a treasure in heaven. Oh my Dear young friend let me say to you if you have not this Interest in the Saviour if you have not him for your friend do not delay but give him your heart and seek his favour which is life and better than lifeGod requirements arereasonable and just and easy to be comply with He: delights in the happiness of his creatures then consider the promises held out to the young God says he will be found of them that seek him in the morning of life then will you oh will you give this subjct your candid attention now before habits of sin become fixed and attachment to the world become strong it is much easier now than it ever will be here after the longer it is put off the less probability that you ever will be converted Satan is continually winding his fetters around you to keep you from Christ and cheat you out of your soul and heaven and Oh should he succeed and you continue to give heed to him and turn your back on the Blessed Saviour on the offers of salvation though you shout have all that this earth can afford what will it avail when death comes when God calls you to give an account dont think you are too young to attend to this subject nor flatter yourself that some future day will do just as well thousands have done so and lost their souls forever Oh the worth of the undying Soul of such immense value that the son of God died to save my dear young friend I am this plain because the subject demands it your best Interest and welfare demands and I feel a deep interest in your happiness here and hereafter. will you write me plainly how you feel on the subject I wanto just say to your parents my dear friends how is it with you do afflictions wean you from the world and lead you to live nearer to God or do you murmer and repine God does not afflict willingly it is in kindness and love to turn the affections of his children to
himself you are now in the decline of life a short time at the fartherest for you to remain here do you find yourselves growing in grace your hope in Christ strengthening your love of holiness increasing. I have lately understood you are expecting a minister to preach to you half the time I am glad to hear that I feared it wont be a long time before you wont have preaching again from the fact that there was such a division among you and so much bitterness and what is worse than all I have of opinion from what I have heard that there is but little real vital piety in the church but I hope you have a good Minister and that you will be revived and sinners be converted

Yours Truly C A Osborne

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