

My Dear Sister Rhoda,

We received the basket that you sent us by Mr Kevil and was much obliged to you for it but was rather disappointed at not having a letter. Father has not got rid of the [rheumatism] yet but we hope he is better than he was a short time ago. I dare say you thought we had forgotten you but we think a great deal about you and would like to see you very much.

Mother gave Sarah and Mary some of the Fruit that you sent us the filberts were quite a treat. Father thinks a little Brenchley air would do him good when he gets rid of the [rheumatism] yet if he could make it convenient he would like to come early in the spring to spend a few days with you and for you to return back with him. Mary our *** [or Maryann Silverthorne] is going to be married to Mr (Vie?) we expect it will be a Saturday week or Saturday fortnight she is three months older than I am.

Mother is very well and has been all the winter through much merry. She is looking forward for the time when you are coming and your dear little baby she says lays very near her heart we are very glad to hear that William has got a daughter I should like to see her and her baby very much. My Dear Sister I long to hear from you and how you get on may the lord bless you and your dear child that you may live near to him and enjoy more of his treasure and that we may be more like that meek and lovely Jesus And he die for(**) And he hang on that **** cross for us such sinners and that he won't pardon our sins and wash us in the blood of the Lamb he has shed through (your?) sins be (**) they shall be white as wool.

My Dear Sister may we be often coming to him for mercy to pardon our sins and pray for each other that we might become Christians in deed I must soon come to a conclusion Mr Kevil will return back next week if you can get time to write we shall be very happy to hear from you as we have not had a letter for a long time Sarah and Mary send their kind love to you and mary is very busy with (***) work little William and mary grow very much and often talks about her Aunt Rhoda in the country. Father and Mother sisters and Brothers all unite with (***) love to you and John

Father and Mother's love to Mr and Mrs Waterman and all their family

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