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LETTER WRITTEN BY CHARLES ADDISON¹ AND
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TO HIS MOTHER CHLOE FALES ADAMS³

Winthrop Jan. 27th 1848

Dear Mother

I have delayed thus long, to answer your kind letter, on account of an intended visit "up country," and from which we have just returned, finding & leaving friends all well. we started to N. Sharon 2 weeks ago today with beautiful sleighing but on Sabbath morn the ground was nearly bare, it rained hard but, [unclear] Tuesday Morn, set out for N. Portland, twas considerably bare but looked like snow, Sarah went with us, well, we staid 3 days longer than we intended, but no snow came. so we dragged luck again to Sharon. On Monday one of the cousins came I brought S. more than half way. spent the night at Uncle F.s, left the sleigh & took Uncle W.s wagon & started fro home via [unclear]. (where we also spent a night) & reached home yesterday noon safe & sound, but much fatigued. & after all "there is no place like Home" Got Elizabeth Austin to keep house & Samuel to help Emmons take care of the barns, found things in good order when we got home. We enjoyed our visit very much. as to things about home we are all blest with good health. I have marketed all my dry wood, & might As much more if I d had it at 2.75 per cord – Got my fire wood out & piled before our visit

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& a little of it hauled. have been hauling some
to-day. got my [unclear] steers tolerable handy
but the Snell steers are rather wild yet –
think I told you in my last that I had
[unclear] a pair of two years old of Copeland. I gave my
Note on six months, for \$50.00 Uncles think
I got these very reasonable they are smooth & hand
some & I needed more stock after I sold my ox
to cut my straw &c. think I shall have a plenty
of fodder. I also swapped the farrow heifer away
to Copeland for a cow of the same color, larger & one
year older, calves in April, & he says is a first
rate milker. & I could keep her cheaper than the
heifer this winter – gave \$5,00 to [unclear] & think
I am the gainer. Cope wanted milk, as they have a
boy baby 8 weeks old. Sumner Stanley also has a boy
three weeks old, have not seen it. we made
them a visit a week or two before the child was
born. she has her sister with her this winter –
But while “there is a time to be born,” there is
also “a time to die.” Mrs. Capt. Perley died to or
three weeks since after much suffering, & Mrs Andr
Wood dropped suddenly away last week, so the
wise and good depart – Daniel Allen the oldest man
in W. died a short time since aged 93 –
Among the works of Hyman & Cupid, we notice, Amalis
Wood has married J. Morton her twin sisters husband
& Daniel boy & Harriet Morton are out [unclear]
should you believe it. her Mother is to have a

room in Mr. [unclear] house & board herself
but I have digressed from home matters, think
I shall not haul much green wood to market this
winter, although it is worth 2,50 per cord, the winter
has been so open (we have not had more than
a weeks good sledding yet) I think it will be worth
3,00 next fall dry, & the probability is that many families
Will move into town this season, I intend to get
up all I can, say 20 cords, split & pile it in the down yard &
yard, to haul in the fall if I should live _____
Mr. Cushing wants me to get him some wood &
he will make me some blinds for the house, think I
shall. You asked how much H. made at in Rail Road
he made from 3 to 5,00 dollars I believe _____
the work on the R.Road is [unclear] well _____
Frank gets along very well in his school. Think the
children learn well E. has ciphered some, got to
long division, as to domestic matters we get on
finely, I think we love each other better,
as we grow older yes, dear Mother, we are a happy
family circle, & if you could but look in upon
us & be with us now & then it would increase as
[unclear] – heard via Uncle & Charles Wyman this
May had gone to see you we were glad to hear
It, wish we could be there to enjoy the visit too,
but if Providence smiles, we intend to see another
year roll round [unclear]

You wished to know how I was getting along paying debts, &c? I just sent James 50,00 when I sold the oxen, and owe him 25, more. I also paid 20 to R. Road, also 5,00 for a silk velvet vest as my [unclear] was not suitable to wear visiting. I have also taken a full suit that was Georges, cassimere pants, will wear longer than my [unclear], & it will [unclear] my best suit also some linen & stocking am to pay by making the girls [unclear].

Sarah will write soon & E. & M. will help make up the letter. Emmons has ciphered as far as Long Division think he understands it pretty well – Martha learns well both with Sarah send love they are good children, Accept of our [unclear] love and believe us still your loving children

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