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My Dear Husband

As the opportunity still lingers to write
you again, I think I cannot spend this Sabbath evening
alone without writing some of my feelings (as far as
I can express them) to him that I love above all
others. I have just been reading over my letters from
you, which afford me much pleasure when the
truth presses on my mind they are your own words, or things
said since I beheld your lovely face. you mentioned
that I knew to well the love of your heart for me,
for you to repeat it. I certainly have known, & by your
love and regard for me by happy experience your
kindness to me can never be effaced from memory,
as long as life lasts. our love has been from our youth
up and has been growing stronger. and my prayer is
that our days may be prolonged, & that we may enjoy
more and more of each other's undivided society. and
another desire that increases, that is, that we may
live to see this our dear babe grown to womanhood.
Peter the care I have for her is great, you can never know
until you are with me and see the different motions
made in twenty four hours, and she is very healthy child
and called good if I tend her all the time. you know
she is now six months next Friday and not a tooth yet
next summer she will be getting her teeth and then she