

attend. Our dear favored children do not know anything of poverty and want. I want the children to learn as fast as they can. I want to know how fast they are getting along. Is Ann's Botany the right edition? Ask Mr. Thurston; show it to him and if it is not, ask him to get one for her. Ask for the tuition bill, before the term expires, and show it to Bro. Brownson. I want you to have some coal. Mr. Goodwin can tell you where to get some, six cents a bushel. I want you to get some ripe currants. Let H. and Ann go some where and pick you some; carry the money and offer to pay for them. You need them for your health, I want you to have some fresh lamb or beef. Ask Mr. Norcross who has it to sell. I will pay for it when I come home. It will grieve me to think that you are doing without anything that you need. I want the children to write *longer* letters, and you to write *no shorter* ones.

*Saturday morning, Houlton, Aug. 3:* To-morrow I preach in Linneus. There are no prayer meetings among the Baptists, in any of the towns, where I go to preach, I am trying to arrange for some female prayer meetings. Next week I hope to have some commenced, one in Belfast and another in Houlton. I wish you would write a *circular letter* to the Baptist sisters, in Linneus, in Belfast, in Limerick, and Houlton. I think it would do good. I feel a deep and growing interest in this region. I want the children to get an *education* and come and *instruct schools*.

I long to see you all, but I must be patient. I am willing to stay here, if I can do good to my fellow-men, and also be earning something to educate my dear children. I look toward Charleston very often. If I could fly I would be there, once a week. My health is *very good*.

Yours, most affectionately,

R. C. SPAULDING.

P. S.—*Sat. night.* This afternoon, we have appointed a female prayer meeting, at Sister Tupper's, for next Friday, at two o'clock.

R. C. S.

HOULTON, Aug. 27, 1844.

MY DEARLY BELOVED WIFE:

I have just returned to Houlton, after an absence of a week,