

home late last night. Alfred and Jessy both came with him. Today we have all been together for the first time since Liza was married; the 15<sup>th</sup> of last May, nearly a year ago. I shall have now five letters to make, and care for. It will augment my cares considerably, but I can do it. "Better wear out than rust out." I must cultivate more energy & perseverance, know patient earnestness. O! that I could thrust them all to the fountain of peace and holiness. Father of mercies preserve them from sin and sorrow. May thy guardian care be round about them and shelter them from any evil thing. O! make them thine. " heirs of that inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away."

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> The girl father engaged last week came today she says the reason she disappointed the father was sick. I don't like her first appearance. She is too put and consequential but maybe she will improve. Received this evening an "April foot" letter from cousin Will in answer to one I sent him last year.