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My Dear Sister

It is a long time since I have heard from you I wrote to you by Franklin Merrill the particulars of my Dear babes death, have not heard whether you received the letter or not I expect you in before this time Mr. Merrill has been at home two weeks his return has cheered us up a good ell If I could see Jane I would be made up she is at her Gran Fathersⁱⁿ Peacham Vermont I received a letter a few days ago she is well pleas'd and would be well contented if we write often to her, her last letter was dated July 14, and had not heard of her Sisters death she said she had not heard a word from home except a letter that was written three days after she left we have written five letters to her I think some of them will get there. Poor girl she little thought when a letter would bring her such afflictive news I never saw a sister so ^{would come} rapt up ~~as she was~~ ^{with Elizabeth} I believe I mentioned to you that she had join'd the Presbyterian church a month before she left home I want to tell you a good many things but am tired and sleepy do wright to William I dont know what he will think of me give my love to him and my new Sister give him some good advise he dont say any thing about religion or churches I would like to see him verry much

