

My precious Mrs Belden.

I hope that this bright  
sunshine has brought  
comfort and encouragement  
to you and that Mr Beldens  
night was a more useful  
one for him.

I enclose this lovely letter  
which I received yesterday  
from Miss Feltham which  
I answered at once and  
also wrote to Mr Anderson  
and to Mrs Packe. I wish

Begin the circulars on Monday afternoon  
You will of course tell our Co. & I forgot  
When I spoke that you were waiting &  
hear from Mr. Gracy on the subject - and  
Shipday at my own house. When my  
only wish was to accommodate myself to  
your hour.

Mama and Grandpa send you their  
hearts full love and we earnestly hope we  
may hear that dear Mr. Palmer is better today.  
Mama wishes to send you this little basket

I could make you feel  
what a great comfort it  
is to me to be able to assist  
you in even the smallest  
degree - and if my letters  
express what you wish to  
have said it will be a great  
favor to let me write as  
many as you can.

My stammering tongue  
expresses but of my heartfelt  
sympathy in this great  
anxiety which you are  
going through - but I hope  
that you know of it.  
If you are not ready to

and fail in the hope that it may  
relieve you from a little thought in the  
line of housekeeping.

With kind regards for New Scranton. I am

Dear Mrs Pilder, most tenderly yours

Clara L. Brownson

Bristol

March 14<sup>th</sup>

Bridgeton Mar 11.

Dear Miss Bowman,

You were so kind as to write my brother concerning Mr. Belden last week that I take the liberty of asking you if it would be too much trouble for you to let us know further about him.

We are very anxious to hear again, how he is by this time, and if there is

prospect of his recovery,  
so many are inquiring  
after him, that I know  
it would gratify us all  
to learn later news.

We think so much about  
him and the family in  
their great trouble, and  
it seems to us mysterious  
why such a man should  
be cut down in his prime.

He was a great deal to  
me, and possessed an  
influence over me that I  
sadly miss - an influence  
for which I shall be

thankful as long as I  
live, of which I shall  
always feel the benefit.

There was a power and  
a strength about him, that  
one seldom meets with, as  
you have all discovered  
long ago of course.

Please give my warmest  
love to Mrs. Belden.

I sent her a word of  
sympathy right away, but  
do not want to ask her  
to write, as her heart and  
hands are full.

Yours sincerely  
Phebe L. Lathrop

3/17/77

Mrs Rev. W. H. Pelden  
Pastor

Kindness of H. P. Lounsbury,