

- 1) "I went down to Meeting last Sabbath and altho' El P. led the Meeting, his is verry [sic] feeble! I asked the Sisters, (his supporters) if he could look after business they said, only as carried around by Paul Kingston, (his confidential [sic] aid-de-camp) and owned that he was surely failing. He told me after meeting, that he tho't [sic] his usefullness [sic] was nearly over, but perhaps should live many years yet, which appeared so to me! So you see our Trustee (Paul) is living the old way, we should judge, having his 6<sup>th</sup> Baby, born, last week!

Your Sister.

This will burn quick."

- 2) Shakers' Medicine Department. Mount Lebanon, N.Y. June 16, '84.

"Bro Benjamin.

I trust you will give your personal attention to having "Pain King" labels forwarded this week, so that we can get it out of our way. Bro J. Hallock arrived home on Saturday A.M. No visible improvement in lameness, if limping is to be taken into consideration. Suffice it to say, he forgets to limp occasionally when he is not walking the door-yard. The good Shaker that neither 'limps nor halts', but 'who presses on his journey and rectifies his faults' is the kind for us. We all 'hate a halting Shaker that must be dragged along' personally I should prefer those that kicked a little over the traces occasionally, because they have life and spirit enough to comprehend a little training and can hitch 'em up again. Give me a middle position and let me quietly work my soul's salvation. Good shipped from Bridgeport were received in pretty good condition. They were nicely wrapped with paper and canvas, this smallest table was broken; it was a slender thing anyhow. Let me take this opportunity of personally thanking you for your kindness, care and consideration in regard to settling Mother's troubles. Not very wordy herself perhaps she has said nothing to you, but she feels superlatively happy and grateful; Myself, it only makes my attachment the stronger to you and to community. I sincerely trust you will never have cause to regret or anxiety to feel on our account.

Believe me Most respectful and deeply grateful. Mother desires to be remembered to you.

Yours,

N. Clough"

- 3) "Son Yea Jan 7<sup>th</sup> '84

Dear Bro' B;

Let me tell you that I have seen Tom Gamble (El Peter's Lawyer) and talked plain English, as you know I can, when ready.

I told him I believe they meant to delay, (**D** suit) hoping some of the parties would die, leaving things to fall thro'. **As** he knew, El Peter was failing, he ought to put the case ahead immediately, which he promised me should be done, the **17<sup>th</sup> of this month** January 1885, without fail, but how they lie!! So you see I cannot leave home till after we get our **\$10,000**, then, shall I have to pay Interest on nothing any longer? Would you? If we don't owe anything now, shan't we be rich then!! I shall surely see my friends East this winter, but can't tell them when. Had I better inform the Ministry, when decided? If I go, soon after, shall be judged and hated worse yet, but don't care much!

Drop me a line from your Wisdom Box

Your Bro evermore

James"

- 4) M. Catherine Allen

Mount Lebanon, N.Y., Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1919

"Mr. Rosenthall

New York Store  
Pittsfield Mass

Enclosed please find check for 84 cents for which I would like reserved for me 1 each of the remnant pieces 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  yard like enclosed samples.

Expecting that a Sister will soon be in, will not ask you to forward as they can be called for.  
Respectfully yours,  
M. Catherine Allen”