

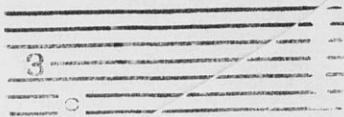
Anna White  
Mt. Lebanon N.Y.

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My Friend

Laura Holloway Langford  
# 181 Schermerhorn St.  
Brooklyn  
L. I.  
N. Y.



*W. L. ...*

Mt. Lebanon

5.30.1902.

My dear friend Laura:-

Do not think that because Charlie has gone from us that you or he are forgotten, nor yet our friend Edward - not so.

7.21.1902.

And again, my dear and sorrowing friend, the same envelope with your autograph was taken<sup>only</sup> yesterday with this sheet and had the day been lengthened it would have seen these lines filled. I thought of you so strongly and really was impressed to write, another proof that telepathy is as real as is spirit communication.

Colonel Langford and yourself were in perfect harmony hence the vibrations were perfect and then his own mind was at Mt. Lebanon - was

with Elder Levi conversing with him.  
I have broken your request, have  
read Elder Levi your postals and  
note and I may read it to others.

You seem so like an old acquaint-  
ance and the dear friend of our  
sainted mother (Eldress Antoinette)  
that we take liberty. You will  
trust and forgive.

We have always regretted that  
Colonel Langford's stay with us  
was not longer. He only had a  
glimpse of our home and yet he  
seemed to understand the inner  
workings that produced the  
outward order and beauty he so  
much admired. If he still  
lingers on this side, please convey to  
him our help our strength in  
passing over - our kind remembrance  
and love. He may soon meet some  
of our people and then he will know  
more.

lim. A man of Colonel Langford's  
type stands high above his fellows.

He was a knight, a hero, a conqueror  
who rose above base passion and  
thus fulfilled the higher law of his  
being. No fear of his after life.

Your faith in immortality will  
help dispel the clouds of grief, and  
the thought that he will be with  
you still will be a comfort to you  
in many a weary hour. You will  
miss his bodily presence; that can  
never be replaced, but the spirit  
may be so quickened as to know  
him better even than when in the  
body. There is a lovely poem in  
New England Magazine by  
S. H. W. Dyer, July No. of 1902.  
If it were not so long I would like  
to copy it for you. It is entitled  
Beautiful Death; perhaps you  
may feel inclined to get it.

"Beautiful death - that is what it is;  
And that very day I had told you so,  
When you stooped to give me a one last kiss,  
And your eyes filled up; oh, you did not know  
How sweet and sudden a dream was mine,  
Without a pain or a pang, at last,  
One single sip of the nectared wine,  
And out of the there to the here I passed.

Still for a little the clouds were cleft,  
And there behind me I still could see  
The flowers, the room, and the friends I left,  
And the beautiful body God gave to me.  
And just a moment I waved my hand  
From the rosy heights of the newer dawn,  
To tell you dear, did you understand,  
That I was not dead, but was living on."  
Look up and faint not, and when it is  
all over come for a quiet and rest to  
Mt. Lebanon. As we joy with those who  
joy we likewise sympathize with those  
who weep. Most emphatically you have  
our heart-felt sympathy and love.

Your Shaker friend Anna White.

Anna White,

Mt. Lebanon,

N. Y.

L. C. H. Langford,  
147 Willow St.,

Brooklyn.  
N. Y.



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Wt. Lebanon N. Y.  
5.24.1906.

My dear Laura.

I hope you will put a good bait on to  
 line wherever you throw it out - a bait that will catch  
 and hold. I no need to say this to you who are ever  
 doing your best for your Shaker friends and neither  
 do I need to say how these friends appreciate your  
 efforts. Yes, we remember Miss Cary and am glad  
 remembers us. The Ann Lee Cottage will open  
 first of next month with sister Emma as sole prop  
 she has engaged a woman of our acquaintance to be  
 housekeeper, this woman we took when a girl some 3  
 years ago, she went out, married a young man born  
 up in the same family - Canaan. they have three children  
 two girls 21 and 18, a boy 14. The father does not pro  
 for them, is sort of a spendthrift and they have  
 for themselves for years. The girls will be helps to  
 their mother in the cottage as well as the boy.  
 Sister Emma will charge \$2.00 a day and she pre  
 women boarders, would not object to two or three me  
 men - like Frank Butler - and would not care for  
 more than fifteen boarders without children. Do  
 many are wanting a still, secluded place away from

her show and fashion of the popular boarding place  
and from the noise of children, she has already quite a  
number in view of this class. How about Miss Van Wagner,  
Lydia Satterthwaite, Miss Felix? perhaps they would object  
to the price, there are plenty who will pay it and be glad  
of the chance. Your project of a summer's school is not  
feasible, this year. Sister Mary Simpson, who has taught our  
school the past winter is a frail little body and we have no  
one else whom we can spare, she is not able. Sister Ada  
might possibly do it next year; we are expecting her home  
next month. The matter of taking children is an easy one,  
we have plenty of room, plenty of work, plenty of food and  
clothing, but sad to say, no one to care for them, the most  
important part of the regime. Elder Fred. used to say  
the Society would never be built up by the taking of children,  
that men and women of conviction would be the ones to  
sustain it, however that may be, I do not know, but, I do know  
that our ranks should be filled and if the year of  
at hand, open the doors wider I say, by accepting recruits  
now any and every quarter even supposing half of them  
were unfit for use. Try, try again and never give up the  
battle, and let the incoming generation know we are doing  
something for the world, even as those who have gone before us  
have done. May we see your article? Aff. regards Anna White.

After 5 days, return to  
DANIEL OFFORD,  
MOUNT LEBANON, N. Y.



Laura C. Langford  
147 Willow St  
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P.S. excuse the blot on this sheet I don't  
know how it got here.

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Wt Lebanon N.H.  
Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1908

Dear Sister Laura.

We were very glad to receive  
a few lines from you which was  
acknowledged by Elder Anna's  
Postal. We shall all be delighted  
to meet you on Thanksgiving.  
Some things we want to talk about  
that it is difficult to write about.

But I will here ask you if you  
have seen and talked to Elder  
Frederick lately? He has been thought  
of considerable lately, especially by  
Elder Anna. And to-day in our  
meeting, Sister Amelia Calver spoke  
of him in greatest of praise, and  
with much feeling. There seems  
to be an impression that he wants  
to communicate something, but we

are so absorbed in material things that we cannot clearly understand what or where.

We are passing thro' an experience that I think is preparatory to some thing that is to follow which will bring great changes to our order.

What those changes will be none can tell till the times are fulfilled.

A few things we are sure of; that the few in our order who are bearing the burden are nearing the time when they will take their exit from scenes of time, and none are in the range of our vision who can take their places. We know that principles remain the same always, but how can they be manifested, materialized, except thro' some agency. Marvelous things are transpiring every day in the material world that a few years ago we should have



declared to be impossible. Yet the principles by which they were accomplished have always existed.

We trust there is that going on in the Spiritual realm equally as wonderful. O for a look into the future! it would make the duty of today clear. "Where there is no vision the people perish." no vision of the future. "My people perish from lack of knowledge": a knowledge of the future. Where can we go to find the knowledge that saves, to what mountain or valley can we repair to get the vision? We can look in to the future and have a mental vision of the inevitable, the passing away of the present leaders. But who can <sup>see</sup> the builders of the new order that Elder Frederick, in days gone by told so much about. There is the Prophet of the Lord, the unmounted

one to cast up the highway and  
make the paths straight for the  
ransomed to walk in.

Last night we had several inches  
of snow, and the evergreens were  
loaded. It was a beautiful night.

Some few weeks ago we received  
a copy of the World with article  
and illustration of the Monorailroad.

Our kind thanks to the sender.

Was it you, or Mr Burrows?

When it gets in operation I shall  
hope to have some business down  
that way so as to see it in op-  
eration. If any surveying is to  
be done this fall now is the time  
to get at it.

Thanksgiving will be a week  
from next Thursday; don't fail  
to be at the North Family.

In kindest love

Daniel Cofford

Emma J. Neale,  
Mount Lebanon, N. Y.  
Dealer in  
Genuine Shaker Cloaks.

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Mrs. H. Langford  
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Dear Laura March 7<sup>th</sup> 1909

Your letter of long ago was received and has had many mental replies but freely demponstrated. I have thanked you many times for kindly sympathy after our late fire but it seems the ever increasing care takes all the social out of my life. I have seen so little and heard so little of you the last season thought you might be on a long voyage around the world with Uncle Sam's fleet for all I could see. I hope you have been prospered in some things if not in all. When you have ample time let me know if you are still on this same planet with your humble sister. If we

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From  
Daniel Offord

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Jan. 30  
1910

Laura E. Langford

Canaan

N. H.

Mt Lebanon N. H.

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1910

To Laura C. Langford

Dear Friend and Sister

Just a few words to inform you of the sad accident that has befallen our beloved little Mother.

While we were at meeting to-day she, in stooping to pick up a paper from the floor, slipped over from her desk chair on to a small rocker chair and fractured her left arm. A messenger was sent to the brick house where we were in meeting. Sisters Sarah and Lelia quietly left the meeting, and every thing was done to relieve the pain. But it was not till the doctor arrived that we learned

of the fractured arm. It has filled  
us all with sorrow, and I know not  
how to express it. She is now quite  
comfortable and resting quietly.  
We are glad to learn that Amanda,  
faithful Amanda, that you  
are very comfortable. We hope  
and pray that you will so continue.  
I will report in the A. M. how the  
night has passed.

The night passed very nicely,  
Slept considerable.

We will keep you informed.  
And you with us must keep  
the good healing stream of  
thought flowing continually.

In kindest love  
Daniel Cofford.

Leila S. Taylor  
Mt. Lebanon  
N. Y.

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Dec. 7. 1911

Laura C. Langford,  
Canaan Shaker Farm  
Canaan,  
N. Y.

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Mount Lebanon,  
Dec. 7, 1911.

Dear Friend Laura,

As I look over the little packet of treasured letters you so kindly lent to me, the magic of <sup>the</sup> wondrous souls that penned them turns back the shadow on many a dial —

What a wonderful gift to us is the intuition of immortality, not only of life but of love

and memory!

I trust you will find the letters intact I have tried to keep them safely shepherded in a fold of their own.

Many thanks also for the books, especially for the sunny lanes and byways of our village.

If the volume of our dream ever materializes be sure one, more if you wish, will be sent you - Lovingly, Leila.