

Union Village Ohio June 12th 1858

Bro Benjamin Gates

Kind friend

Yours came to hand, We wrote to
Wm Pennebaker to know how
matters stood in reference to
the renting of the Louisville
store &c &c. In answer he merely
stated that Skeen was doing
worse than nothing and would
not take advice (or something to
that effect) and he was left
to look-out for himself.
Now I have no faith that anything
will ever come out of that
business unless you take hold
of it, and if you should
take hold of it and make
head-quarters in New York

I believe you could employ
Skeen to good advantage
and make a good thing of
the buisness, If you feel to
take hold of it you are entirely
welcome to my interest in it
I would be glad to have you
take it, If you will make
out papers for me to sign
showing that I have or do
convey all my interest in the
Chart buisness to you, and
that I have nothing further
to do with it, I will sign the
papers & return them to you,
I have a high opinion of the
buisness if it was handled by
a competent person and
would be verry glad for you
to make a good thing of it
for your society, Please answer
Yours in kindest love M. B. Carter

FOLDER 86-8

White Water Village O. Sept. 8th 1888
Beloved Bro Benj^m Gates

I have this day expressed a small box, marked Benj^m Gates, Canaan, Columbia Co. N. Y. containing 1 doz. vials of medicine, which we found, as far as we have tried, a good and sure remedy, for dysentery, diarrhoea, &c. I would like it much if you would take the trouble and have it tried, and ascertain its real qualities. And if it is a good article, we thought of trying to introduce it for sale, as a business. I think it would be a very suitable business for us. That is if it is as good as we think it is. It seems that the only chance for us to keep up our Society, is to take in children, this we are doing now, and that is the principle help we have on both sides of the house at present, and it looks as though this might be a suitable

business for such help. It seems grown -
people do not take to our life, in the west. a
The man who gave us this recipe is an
inventer, and on that business came to see us. c
He seemed to become quite interested in us, v
and our welfare, and therefore gave us this
recipe, and seemed quite anxious that we
should enter into the sale of it, that it would p
be profitable for us. He formerly studied medi
cine, but does not practice, He said he was in se
the army in the rebellion, and that he cured a
great many cases of diarrhoea, never failed, cr
succeeded much better than the doctors, In p
one case a man was at the point of death
he gave him a double portion, and he got a
well. He said give the medicine a good name
and put a good price upon it, otherwise the
people will think it worthless, And the char- ex
acter of the Shakers will aid its sale. w
He thought likely the better way would be to get
a good house to take hold of it. I thought per- be
haps I could get you to favor us with your w
aid in this matter, as to the best way of proceed

ing with it, in direction, counsel and advise
as you are acquainted with such business.
If you can feel to do so, we will esteem it a
very great favor.

I will now give a little statement of my thoughts
in relation to it. That is to put it up in 1 oz. vials
the same shape as the $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. vials sent, put the
price at 50 cts per vial. 16 to 18 drops on a dose,
and 3 doses on an average, one after each pas-
sage, will effect a cure, at that rate a bottle will
contain 16 cures. A very cheap medicine to the
patient. The cost of the medicine as I purchased
it at a whole sale house in Cincinnati was
just about 10 cts per oz. I thought of a trade mark,
and that the head and upper part of a shaker body
would do well, But find that the Pleasant
Hill have it for a trade mark to their malt
extract. I think it ought to be something that
will represent the shaker. If we put it up in
a flat bottle, I think we would need two la-
bels, one with the name cube, and the other
with the directions, as the vials are not large.
If you want to any thing more write.

Would like to hear from you when you
have formed any opinion.

Health of the Society about as common.
Plenty of rains for some time. Corn crop
exceeding good if the frost does not come
too soon, before it is fully ripe; Late po-
tatoes good, early ones not

In love from your Bro.
Henry B. Hear



My dear Bro Benj.

I wrote to you at Lou. telling you the reason I could not go up - but if I had known you were going to have your meeting there I would have went Rain or Shine - My letter to you was returned but too late for me to find you - I am told you think of taking the Chert to Lebanon - but I think you had better bear your loss & let it slide from all I can ~~learn~~ learn about it - I presume Bro Joseph Slingerland is now at Union Village & I learn that they have sold the 110 acre field south of the pike adjoining the South family for \$7000.00. cash & have still a debt of \$600.00. & have rented a part of the farm to pay interest on this - I am sorry they were compelled to sell the 110 acres - If done it correctly the purchaser can build by the Road crossing about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from the 2nd Order dwelling - the man ought to

have paid \$15,000.00 for it if it is
as I now fear — Why did they not
sell their 30 acres in the suburbs of the
City of Cincinnati? I hope I am mis-
informed — Enclosed find chks
for \$3.00. for hoes — At home, sent
for them without my knowledge — He
was foolish I could have got them
in Louisville just as well as in the
East — Am glad we are still able to get
chks for such a bill without going in debt
We have every prospect for fruit &
good crops unless another drought
should set in — if it should — It will
be very difficult to feed so & clothe
them — I have just been to Louisville &
bought \$24.00 worth of provision for
our table — Logan Johns, gone to the world
to day — because he was released from
care in the North family — Beautiful
weather sheep shearing tomorrow — all
will accept best love of our orders
especially those of Thine. A. L. Cady.

AYER, MASS., April 30 1889

Kind Dr Benjamin

ELIJAH MYRICK,

Bought of ~~S. T. ATHERTON,~~

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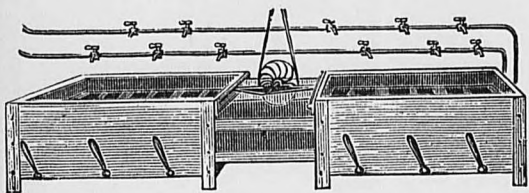
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and are used for factory & store brooms
Our parlor brooms weigh 24 & 25 lbs doz
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Our factory brooms are \$ 2, 25 a doz
Our parlor " " " \$ 2, 50 " "
If these do not suit the noble sisters tell me
what you would like & I will try to make
it satisfactory

Andrew

I should be very much pleased to
send you a sample of our Parlor
brooms for every one that has used
them have called for more

Andrew



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P. O. Address, J. S. KAIME, SHAKER VILLAGE, N. H.

Shaker Village, N. H., July 24, 1889

Dear Brother Benjamin,

Your very kind and welcome letter of the 19th inst enclosing check on Henry Talmadge & Co Bankers, for the sum of Three thousand dollars, came duly to hand, for which ^{we thank} you many times in behalf of the church and society here, for the present. - When the helping hand was extended some years ago to our dear gospel friends at Mount Lebanon, it was considered a present, not expecting it to be returned. We were glad to be able to help as we did, and have felt the blessing all the way along for what was done. Our beloved Ministry, Elders, brethren & Sisters, all join in thanks to you. -

General health in society here.

Please accept the love and blessing of all.

To Br Benjamin Bates
Mt Lebanon N.H.

Your Br
James S. Kaime

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Union Village Ohio Aug 3rd 1889

Benjamin Gates
Beloved Brother

Although Elder Joseph Shinglerland has been writing and explaining to you the condition of the North Union property, the writer thought it might be well to drop you a few lines also on the subject. I have talked with Elder Joseph & we have figured it up and concluded that to sell the property now there would be a demand against it of about \$20,000.⁰⁰ though we don't think that much could be sustained & collected. There is a mortgage on the property of \$4,000.⁰⁰ The remainder is demands from tenants, ^{But} when

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their leases expire they will have no demand on the estate, and there are but few leases that will not expire within five or six years so in that length of time there would not be much difficulty or cost in ridding ourselves of those leases, ~~besides~~ and during those five or six years all those parties holding leases will be obliged to pay rent and the rent from those who have already leased will amount to upwards of \$3000.⁰⁰ per year and we are of the opinion that the property that is not leased might bring an income of \$1500.⁰⁰ per year, or perhaps it might bring more. I wish to also state that the City of Cleveland is growing verry fast and has already built up to the foot of the hill next to them, and on

Woodland Avenue a street running south of buildings & through the North Union farm - there has been about thirty acres laid out in town lots which is above the hill and nearly on a level with North Union, and there are already ten or fifteen houses built & in course of construction and from present appearances it looks as though it might soon all be built over. Also there is a street running east & west two miles north of North Union which passes the Garfield Monument and we are informed that it is arranged for the Electric Street Cars to run ^{on said road} out as far as the road running north & south that passes ^{to} the Office and Center House of North Union. I will also state that a farmer about two miles north of the center house and about one mile north of their land has bored 832 feet & found

Answered

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August 7 1888

(he thinks) a sufficient amount of gas to supply his family and is laying pipes so as to utilize it, he has a pipe or tube put down and when he closes the tube so the gas cannot escape then it makes a strong pressure in the tube which he thinks indicates a heavy pressure and large supply still further down, He talks as though he has no doubt of there being a large amount of gas under his & the North Union land and says he will not sell his land for less than \$500.00 per acre, Therefore I wish to ask if you would think it most advisable for us to not sell the farm for a time (unless we should per chance get a good offer) but lease it to the

to the best advantage we can - and pay off the mortgage & get it in good shape for sale; I think in a few years we can have it entirely clear of encumbrance and the probability is it would then bring a much better price than it now will with the present embarrassments that hang over it. The wrighter thinks that unless we get a good fair price for it, it would be better to not sell it at present, for the rent we can get for it will soon clear off the mortgage and put it in good shape for sale, & I would not be surprised if at that time we could sell it for near double what it would now bring in its present condition, After

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reading this please show it to
the Ministry and when
you conclude what you think
best to do in this I would be
much obliged if you would
wright and let us know your
mind in the matter

Kindest love Dear Brother
to yourself & the Ministry and
to all in the Office
M. B. Carter

Ayer Mass Aug 23rd 1889,
Beloved Brother Benjamin
I have presented your care to
Cheney. And he suggests as the
best way to trace it out, is
to examine the Express Books
at Pittsfield to learn from
and to whom goods were
shipped to Boston parties
If any Boston parties are
in collusion with some
one in Pittsfield in any
manner illicit business,
they will not disclose it.

The Express company are
doubtless innocent of any
thing wrong and would not
hesitate to give any information
Cheney thinks West is pretty

Sharp, and honest where
it affects his interest (the
right way)

If you can learn from the
Express Co who ships goods by
them to Boston or other places
you may learn where the
deposit for such goods is
in Pittsfield.

Hoping you may be success-
ful I am as ever
your abiding brother
Elijah

Pleasant Hill, Ky.
Sept 7th 1859.

My dearest Bro Benjamin

I know you will think strange that I should go to the City of N.Y. & not go to see you. My reason for not going a great deal further East was the lack of means to defray expenses. I am not now as I have been the most of my life able to command all I wanted. I am now only common & in a Society, almost ready to go under strange condition for me, a constitution entirely unlooked for, & I might say unallied for!! But so it is, & "tis as tis" — Well I went to Fredonia only to find, that the Bankers had become suspicious of the note I had issued, return them the \$2,500,000. he had borrowed — Watson then went to Virginia & borrowed from the Bank in Fredericksburg

The Min. advised me not to trouble you, as you
had more than enough to bear already for both
W.V. & White Water & advised me to go to N.Y.
City & see Watson. I went but he had returned
to Virginia & all I could do was to send him
a telegram asking him to send me Danlovys
letters to Pleasant Hill, promising to return them.
Hope I may get them soon. So nothing was
gained by the trip only the privilege of seeing
the Ministry & some good old friends of W.V.
This paid well so far. Wish I could have gone
farther. I did not learn definitely about the
U.V. W.V. complication. If not too much trouble
I wish you would inform me. Masonically
if you wish. All well here but in something
of a buzz about that Note. U.V. Min. name at
S.M. I hope Cooper cant lie them into the notion
of retaining him as trustee. If they put him out
now he will doubtless carry off at least \$1,000.00
If not more. I did not take sleeper. was too poor
but stood the jour. Well. In much haste & more
Love Ever Thine
my 9th letter for the mail —————

H. L. Cadd.

South Union, N.Y.
Oct 9th 1889.

My Dearest Bro. Benj Gates.

I arrived last Mon evening, every one seemed glad to get another glimpse of me. Eld Giles advised me not to trouble you any more about the P. A. note. So dont be bothered with it. I only wish to say I received a letter this morning from Watson saying he believed it to be genuine because it had two witnesses to it & if we did not pay it promptly we would have \$1.400. more added to it. I have just written him that it was a private transaction; & Society had nothing to do with it. I wish you would write me here & tell me something understandingly about your troubles with the White Water & U. V. difficulties, which E. Giles said was enough for you, without the P. A. being added to it. Ever Lovingly Thine,
H. Leary.

I told him to send them to
west Pittsfield.

Confidential.

South Union Dry

Oct 16th 1889.

Beloved Br Benjamin

I have just authorized Weed Parsons
& Co of Albany N.Y. to send to you 50 copies
of the Lord's Book bound in leather and
^{they are to be sent to W. Pittsfield} enlarged & corrected - 46 pages more than the
4th Ed. - Cost me about \$1.50. per copy - It may
not be altogether acceptable, as I have dis-
cussed foods in defense of Christ & the Apostles
& in answer to Br B. who is Giles B Avery.
All well intended for truth. - I do not charge
any thing for them but as I have given to
Believers about \$1000.00 worth, & being now old
& very poor would accept a little present in money
from any who feel disposed to give it - This is
the first time in my life I have ^{thus} humbled
myself - The Books are for the Mount - W.V. & Son Yea.
You might give Br Philip at W.V. a hint - In much
love Ever Thine

H. L. Eads.



South Union Ky.

Oct 30th 1889.

My dear Bro Benjamin Gates: Yours to hand, Eld Giles B. Avery told me when here, that some did not want the Book - That was the first I heard of a disliking to it - Truth is more than some can bear - It hit Eld Calvin Reed too hard on the Edu- cation subject & Eld F. W. Evans on Christ & Eld Giles B. Avery on the food question &c. &c. Do just as you please with the Books, I do not wish you to lose any- thing - You can let them be sold for the freight or Ex- press if you wish - Or take them home & put them in your garret & give or sell one occasionally to people who come to see you - The Book contains the true old Shaker faith, & Apostolic. - This, the 5th Edition is the only correct copy - You had better take a copy or two in the office & throw former editions away. El. G. says I am 40 years back - I wish we could all be 40 years back then we would be better than we are now. - I am

Ever Lovingly Thine - H. L. Eads,

S. Union City
Oct 31 1844

My Dear Bro Benjamin,

Enclosed I send you a Copy of
a letter just received from Geo R. Vance the
glorious Minister in Maine - I wrote
to him & told him as the Books seemed
to be condemned by some prominent per-
sons at the Mt - He might dispose of them
any way, but supposed they would be
worth the Express charged on them
I sent him 20 - he paid the Cost of every
one - I presume he remembered my presents
of Sack Balance or One time & money or another
made him so liberal - I am suffering some
of Rupture & wish to go to Cincinnati some time
they say they can cure an Eighty year old man.

Lovingly Thine

H. L. Leeds,

Copy - Eld J. B. Vance.

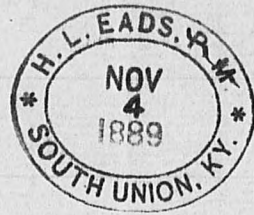
Alfred, Maine, Oct 28th /89

Beloved Elder Hervey, Yours came duly, & now
the Books have arrived. They are as beautiful on
outside as valuable on the inside. Enclosed I send
Draft on New York for \$ 30.00 with my thanks
xxx - Well whether you are at So. Union or elsewhere,
I hope you may have all the happiness your life of
of consecration in our cause entitles you to. Next
Thursday Eldress Emeline Hart who came here a
year ago to live in the ministry's ^{lot} returns to Canter-
bury - having decided she cannot make a home in
~~in~~ Maine. Who Eldress Harriet Goodwin will find
to live with her in the Order is not yet certain -
I wish I had something real good & cheering to
write to you, but can only say we keep alive "the faith
once delivered to the saints." xx had a real good meeting
this afternoon in which we "danced before the Lord" &
gathered much love a portion ^{of which} we send you. This from
your Brother

John B. Vance.

upon reflection - If no books
are wanted at the Mt nor at
water visit nor Son Yea - You
had better send the Box here
to me - As this is the last Ed.
If I live 4 or 5 more years I
think I can sell them all -
none are yet sent Harwood & Shirley -
By any way you might make
me a present of \$10. H. L. E. -

They are not getting along here very
well - I fear worse instead better in
future -



My dear Bro Benjamin
Enclosed I send you
copy of a letter from Elder Henry
just so that you can see that
~~some~~ still appreciate my long life's
labor in the good cause. Don't
know what will come next.

I am ever Thine

H. L. Eads.

Suffering from lame back just now
I have been for some days past —

H. L. E.

South Union N.Y.
Dec 13th 1889.

My Dear Bro Benjamin

I have just learned from Elder Abraham of Enfield N.H. that the scamp Jno K Cooper has circulated the false report that I told him that you did not love Eld Giles. It is a base lie, but he is made up of lies & Hypocrisy. He was Postmaster for a while & I presume he opened my letters to & manufactured some thing from some of my Confidential, & tried to do all manner of devilment. Well what of the Books? I presume you cant use them there. May be you can afford to give me 50¢ a copy & risk selling them. Beautiful weather all this month. The mer ranging from 32° to 75° - All well. Ever
Thine
H. L. Eads.

§6- Sisters
 2 " Marys
 1 " Angelen

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Shaker Village, N. H., 12-17-1889.

Beloved Br Benjamin,

I am quite well assured that you will be expecting to hear from the writer of this letter, about this date, in reference to the Manifesto. The assessment for the Church Family and Center Family, Mr Sebanow for 1890, is \$ 90.00

Please make the check to Henry C. Blinn.

After this month our post office will be East Canterbury, N. H.

Accept kindest love.

Your Brother,

H. C. Blinn.

57	Sisters	1 st Order
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25	Males	1 st
2	"	Ministry
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OFFICE OF

THE MANIFESTO.

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Shaker Village, N. H., 12-24-1889.

Beloved Br Benjamin,

We rec'd your letter of the 21st inst with accompanying Check, and with this return a receipt for the same. Thank you kindly. We will do all we can to have the souls flock toward Zion, as the dear Lord must know that we very much need them to do him praise and honor.

kindest love to all dear gospel friends,

Your Brother

Henry C. Blinn.

Ayer, Mass., Dec 22nd / 89

Beloved Br Benjamin,

Feeling a strong
desire to wish you a Merry Christmas
and return my grateful thanks to
you for your kind Fatherly interest
so tenderly bestowed on us of late
I seek this opportunity — if you
have not already the Photographs
of two of my dear friends please
accept these —

Elder Olijah is quite com-
fortable and we hope and pray

that he will continue so for many
years but still we fear, but I will
strive to remember your advise
not to borrow any trouble—

Elder Wm Dumont called a
few moments the other afternoon
but nothing thus far has revived
him as your visits did he speaks
of your kindness every day he
would send his best regards
did he know of my writing
with Christmas greetings I
remain respectfully your Sister,
Amie L. Walker

Ayer Mass of my L^t 1890

Beloved Bro Benjamin

It would be impossible for me to raise \$15,000 just now I have some small City Bonds but they would be difficult to negotiate.

You know how difficult it is to do business when tied at home. It is much like a locomotive doing service when in the repair shop. As soon as I can, I will see what I can do. Perhaps in a few weeks or months I may be able to place \$10,000 if the chance is still open.

I find that I am a very slow coach.

I have rode out three times and feel the better for it. The greatest difficulty is indigestion and poor circulation.

Hope to make better time when I get on the home stretch

I have lots of advice and prescriptions. But all agree on one thing is "Keep out of the cold, and go slow".

Yours grateful Brother
Elijah

JOHN WHITELEY,
Manufacturer of Shaker Brooms,
DISH AND FLOOR MOPS, &C.

Address Shirley Village, Mass., or "Shaker Box," Ayer, Mass.

Ayer, Mass., February 17th 1890

Beloved Bro' Benjamin

By request of Elders Elijah I write you, to express our
Pleasure that you are able to leave the hospital, and hope you may
not be obliged to return for some time, at least —

The business left by Elder Elijah is such that we could attend
too it much better if you were here, and we can wait a reasonable
time for you to become able to call on us. If it should not
be convenient for you to do so — It may be necessary to accept
your kind invitation to Mt Lebanon. In that case, Elders Elijah
says, she should want to be able to see the dear Ministry Sisters,
though as they have so recently gone to Waterford — she might have
to wait some time in order to do so.

If you should find it possible to come — please give me
timely notice and I would try to be there.

In kindest love and thanks for past
Kindnesses
Yours very truly
Ministry at Harvare.

By J. W.

P.S. All about in usual health at present, here and at Shirley.