paid by strangers; If after so much was paid to build the house by matters friends [illegible] collected by thee, they will damage themselves sadly. it would grieve me beyond measure. I will carry out just what I told thee I would do. When thou draws for the colored schools - add $25 for the other school thee wrote about. mark that draft col^d schools - I paid No1 for life Ins. for thee - all right. I had a letter from Jno Hoover some time ago instead of talking to him at Y. Mg. about his affairs I arranged for thee to help him as far as I could go. Do what thou thinks I ought to help him - I forget now what I told thee whether it was to come out of the sum I pledged myself for for N^o C^a this year - thou wilt remember. I am glad thou wont take a family in upon you - thy good woman must be spared. I have thought much about the Sampson's & if Martha will look after & advise the children it will relieve my mind much & do them good. I will write Wm. I will visit you as soon as I can, probably 4 or 6 weeks hence - we will talk matters over. Dont wear out or leave thy field this spring. I want to see thee & talk over some changes & plans. I am uneasy about our farm. Thine as ever Francis