

Transcription:

E Plainfield Oct 5th /63

My dear Boy

I rec'd your very welcome

letter the 30th ult, Now I want you to believe that I have not deferred (one day) to answer your letter because you are so slow to write to mother, for this is the first opportunity I have found, I have been washing & feel very tired and take this opportunity to rest a little, But you say I could certainly find time to write you a few lines any day Now such an acknowledgment is what makes ^{^it} so grievous, You say you could find time but do'nt like to write, this is what you expressed in your last which was written May 18th (the last I rec'd from you precious to this) and I have written to you twice in the time and would have written many times could I have found time, One excuse you make is, that you have nothing of interest to write, aside from saying you are well, That would be the best news, I say the best no

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55 birthday