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Your letter, my dear Sally, has gratified me more than I can express; the warm glow of true piety enlivens every line and bespeaks the peace promised to those who worship this becoming God, in spirit and in truth. What a day of rejoicing this would have been to our dear departed parents had they been permitted to have seen their daughter united to the Church of Christ! No doubt their departed spirits view this sacred scene with celestial rapture and hail it the auspicious day that witnessed our dedication. Though they are invisible to us, we cannot suppose they are ignorant or insensible to what is passing here, so that their joys are not augmented in viewing us candidates for eternal glory, for our Lord testified that there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth, which fully justifies my opinion. I do most sincerely rejoice that you are now a member of the Church, and am surprised I was not informed of it. Nancy wrote me that Abby joined the church a few weeks before