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family papers.

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Cincinnati Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1844

Dear Charlotte I delayed answering your letter  
in the hope of soon being able to transmit a larger  
sum, but as it is not now in my power to send  
more than the above twenty five dollars I have  
concluded to send it and hope in a short  
time to make another remittance. — Here are  
you all. — about this time I suppose that the number  
of my grandchildren has increased how are you  
my dear Ellen, thanks for your sweet letter I shall  
answer it at length soon, it is well written and  
I am much pleased with your improvement

continue to be a good girl, and you will  
be a great comfort to your sister, and make  
your Mother very happy — Mary, and Isabelle  
are very well, and send much love; kiss  
the children for us it is almost dark and  
I must send my letter to the office —

Your Affectionate Mother  
C. A. Clarke



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H. P. Vanclue Esq.

Brownstown

Michigan

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1845

My dear children

A happy new year to  
you and your little ones - the first day  
was spent by us as is usual in this place  
receiving visits and congratulations - the weather  
was sufficiently warm to sit by an open  
window, and every thing conspired to render  
the opening of the new year pleasant - for  
myself I found much for which to be grate-  
ful, my prospects continue to brighten, and  
I have every hope <sup>that</sup> the great end of my  
exertions (the benefit of my children) will  
be accomplished, and that I shall yet  
have the happiness should my life be  
spared, of dividing my time among them,  
and witnessing their domestic happiness -  
As I have always been moving from place  
to place <sup>partly</sup> a Michigan will be but  
a trifle, and sometimes I can bring Elizabeth  
and Anna home to see their Cincinnati  
cousins, and spend a winter in our warm  
climate - You see your Mother is still  
as of old, looking upon the brightest side  
of the picture - Belle is still attending  
school at Lexington, comes home on  
Sundays, Ellen will commence in the

Thring. All your sisters are well;  
Mary is out this afternoon, Belle is at  
school, and Ellen is spending a few  
days in the country. — Mrs Jane Miller  
lost her little daughter Lizzie the other day  
just about the same time three years since  
her poor sister Lizzie was killed; poor  
Mrs Taylor is in very bad health and  
mourns much for the child. — Mrs Judge  
Hall, Mrs Casaly, and many other of your  
friends enquire often for you, Mrs Worthing  
too among the number. — I wrote you some  
times since enquiring about our faces  
but have rec'd no answer. — ~~He~~ heard  
from Aladorn a few days since, he seemed  
in better spirits sent much love to  
you all, wrote very affectionately,  
and is I have reason to hope rising  
above the bad influence under which  
he suffered while at the Penitentiary.  
I think he now has no communications from  
this place except through me. — he still  
talks of returning next year but only  
for a visit as he says "the woods is the  
best place for a poor proud man".

Capt-Cran wrote me from St Louis  
that he was much liked by the Company

now you must sit down and tell  
me how you will care, and how getting  
on, and take as much care of yourself  
as possible in that cold climate of  
yours. Tell the children that grand name  
wishes the angels have spilt something  
into their stockings on Christmas eve,  
but that I shall not forget them when  
an opportunity offers — and I hope that  
they will be very good children all this  
new year and that God will bless  
them and make them very happy.

It is most often that I have leisure to write  
my time is so constantly occupied, you must  
not expect either long, or frequent letters  
but write me as often as you can I suppose  
Aladorn will soon be able to write —

Good bye my children may  
say that I love you  
Your affect. Mother

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should have become changed in heart and should return home, a true and humble disciple of her Saviour but we Presbyterians are not wont to place any dependence on momentary excitement and she has learned from us before now that we do not look upon such excitement as religion. I should not have said so much about camp meeting, but just as I was writing about it, the idea that my might suggest something of the kind came into my head and led me out in my own defence, when perhaps there was no need of it. Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> I have delayed finishing this letter a long time for want of time, owing to Kate's sickness and much of the time have not felt well myself. Ellen's health is excellent she told me last night that her clothes were all getting too tight for her I hope when you see her again she may be as fat and rosy as Becky Biggs. She is still well pleased to remain with and says she must write to you to let her go to Michigan. Now suppose we should take her to Mr. before you are able to come for her and you still feel inclined to think you cannot let her remain there could you not come for her there a great deal more readily than you could come here. It is but three days from Cincinnati to Michigan over a fine road, should you go by land which I should suppose would be pleasanter for you and when you get there you could see many old friends should you wish it. Mrs. Snelling who I believe is married again lives near us (in Braum's city) and then think of the people in Detroit whom you would be glad to see and who no doubt would be much pleased to see you. However if it were not convenient for you to make the trip at one time, if perhaps you could come at another just now you coming here summer is the only time that you could come. As for the expense of going there Ellen would cost us nothing and the trouble she would make would be nothing at all. But then if you felt as we do the importance of our going there and making a home of our own for ourselves and children you would not say a word to dissuade us and if you could only get over your scruples about Ellen (which I feel persuaded are groundless) you <sup>and did</sup> would know the comfort she is to me you would say take her with you. As to our going this fall, we do not as

yet know that we could raise the means, but as far as we can read the will of our Heavenly Father to which in all things we would pray to be resigned. It is that we should remove from here as soon as we can make it possible. We have been here one year and have barely raised sufficient to clothe and feed ourselves, five years from this time should we remain we should have made more money. How this would then be nearly 40 and I nearly 30 years old and yet we should not yet have reached the first state towards providing ourselves a home. I often now I long to feel that I am at home that I never have that feeling of exile as children never have to suppose we are now at home. I fear mother you will of the same importance of my being here when I am sick. The surest was very kind to me last winter but there were constant differences between the children which I could not settle and which were very trying to me at that time, in short I dread a repetition of them. In Great Rock I had as they know a most comfortable confinement with a doctor and friends were kind very kind and I wanted for nothing but the company of my dear mother. Besides I was in my own house and the trouble that I made was felt by none but my own family. If Ellen were with me to look after it men I should need no care but what the neighbours would cheerfully give me for a week or two, and besides I could travel with more convenience now than afterwards. If I could only sit down beside you for a few hours, I could soon convince you that we are not unreasonable. It is more than probable that we cannot go this fall, but I have you understand why we feel so anxious to go. In your answer to this I want you to give your consent to our taking Ellen with us, even should you not be willing to let her remain in case we are ready to go before you can come for her. I speak from my very dearest and dear mother when I say that the main reason for my being so anxious to take her is for her own good for I know her well enough to say that to bring her up in a city in such a house as yours would be a very great injury to her. With me she is a gentle teachable, industrious child and could stay until her habits are formed she could then return to you and you would

Sept. 22. My dear Mother. I am just recovering from an attack of fever, and do not feel able to say much. For the first time, I managed to salivate myself, and the misery in my mouth unfit me for every thing: eating, drinking, sleeping, talking, or even thinking. Every day I feel more and more anxious to get back to Michigan; for I am constantly putting out my life for nought here. It is true I may be doing something for my sister's children. But I have children of my own to care for. I do not think we can part with Ellen. She is a great comfort to her sister. You appear to think, that she would be running a great

Dec  
H. H. Burdette

Miss Charlotte A. Clark

Concord

Ohio

Means my daughter the first year  
from  
H. H. Burdette

risk, in going to Michigan, not remembering that Mary enjoyed as good health there, as she ever did any where. And that she put time to you inspired in youth, beauty, and loveliness. Charlotte looked badly when she went on to leave with Malcolm, but you must recollect that she was missing a great stout boy in the heat of summer, and that that boy tripled his weight in about five months. — Farewell. Think of things and let Ellen go with us, and if you cannot let her stay longer, she can spend a year there any how, for there

Concord Mass. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 40

Dear Charles

Lincoln recd your <sup>letter</sup> acknowledg-  
ing the receipt of the draft - and I have this  
morning sent the Box according to your direction  
containing the Wolf skin, three pairs of moccasins,  
two bottles of Catsup, and upon the top the six  
volumes of Scots Bible which I have so long wished  
to send, hope that <sup>it</sup> will arrive safely the moccasins  
are very ugly but are a specimen of the work  
of the abk for Indians, none of them are large  
enough to fit a grown person, and will only  
be curiosities for the children - We heard yesterday  
from Belle, she was in Boston enjoying herself  
much, we look for in two weeks, and I am counting  
the days as you may suppose, when she comes  
you may expect a long account of her travels,  
dear Child she is very happy, Heaven grant that  
the future to her may be equally bright -  
Mary baby and Ellen are well - I am just  
finishing the important business of house cleaning  
and other preparations for winter - my family will  
be very pleasant this winter, I wish all my children  
could be here, perhaps next summer I may see  
you all together - Mr. Culbertson speaks very  
highly of Melancthon - I am happy to learn that

you are likely to get something from Mr  
Houston's Will - and now my dear child tell me  
if you are fixed comfortably? if you have a good  
maise engaged? if the house is warm, and if  
Malcotus is a good boy, and does all he can for  
his dear Mother. I often think of him, and feel sure  
that he intends always to do what is right, and  
when he grows to be a man should he live, he  
will be a great comfort and make you and  
all who love him happy - kiss Emma for me  
and tell her grandmama remembers her with  
much love - Ellen heard with sorrow of poor  
Warden, and mourned as we all did for poor  
Mrs Meritt, it was a ~~very~~ sad thing, and Oh,  
how heartrending for a Mother - How is Mr  
Dunlevy in his Shouldn't we give my love to  
him, and the children, Mary and Ellen send theirs -  
Ellen had laid by a book to send you in the  
Box, and a piece of poetry which suited her  
taste, but she was at school when it went,  
and her package was forgotten which was  
a great disappointment to her -

God bless my child, write soon and  
answer all my questions, if you are not  
well enough Mr Dunlevy will write

ever your affectionate Mother

C. A. Clarke

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How  
if you  
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Mentor is  
his dear worth  
that he will  
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Rev. H. P. Van deuse  
Ypsilante  
Michigan

Flat Rock, Oct 10 1845

My Heavenly Father has again brought me up by the most sickness and suffering, and it would seem to dedicate myself wholly to his service, more especially as the Lord has felt to commit to my care another little immortal to train up for Him. O may he grant that I may truly commit my whole family to God. Altogether, dear and beloved, and may He enable me to be entirely submissive to his righteous will although at times that will should be opposed to what I in my blindness might think best for me. I think it be my own more than it should be. Therefore to live for God and may I forsake all native and self-speaking and the sin that so often most vilely beset me and run with patience the race upon which I trust I have set out. O may I keep from idolatry for I feel that I am in danger of setting my affection too much upon my husband and children, but may I have the steady day looking to let my affections "more entirely" turn things above" come from the fact that God has already removed from me two of my heart's treasures and may I realize that He requires



Sabbath 12<sup>th</sup>

I find myself at the close of this blessed day rested in the midst of my little family enjoying good health and many privileges of which many other better than myself are denied, and although the night is stormy and I shiver from the cold and rain and am enjoying the comfort of a pleasant fire side and yet I am <sup>far</sup> from sufficiently grateful for these many mercies and am again to move over ingratitude and want of love to my Heavenly Father.

At that I may find myself more conformed to His will, and yet I pray daily for an increase of faith and a true Christian grace and in the year 1800 the will of our Father be done. I think now that all around me are very precious but I know that I have been very foolish that I have been very foolish enough to seek and bring me, but although the flesh is weak the spirit is willing and it is my hope that we shall be united and will while in this tabernacle of flesh but when this earthly house shall be dissolved we shall be united with our whole soul to love and worship our God and Father. I have read some in the Bible to have and have received much comfort from it and have listened to some very good words to be the last petitions of our

Heavenly Father when we are on the way. Now I read of his sufferings I feel that anything that we can endure must be light indeed and not worthy to be mentioned. God grant that I may love that Saviour more and be more willing to endure whatever He in his righteous will may see fit to send upon me, and should my life be spared to do this I shall receive many. I feel that I have made considerable advances in the road to my heavenly home. Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

A bright beautiful day and we have all risen up. My dear husband left for Detroit this morning and will probably be absent the rest of the week. May our love be united to each other and may the Lord and health of our dear children be preserved in the hands of our Heavenly Father. You perhaps be as we are from this time I have never think it probable we shall ever be separated. It is a dreadful thought that we should be finally separated. God grant that I may be permitted to meet all my dear friends in His right hand and as I feel with you we have a family begun in Heaven so many it be united. When the last great day comes may my dear husband and my self be enabled to say, "here we are Lord and the children which thou hast



Examination the turning of dead bodies

Decussation crossing at unequal angles

Quincunx. a square of five trees

in the middle

Cranbury, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1845.

My dear Cousin

Your letter bearing date Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> reached us this morning, and was the occasion of some surprise, and no small degree of pleasure. We had almost begun to despair of any direct intelligence from you; but we had not ceased to talk often of you, to take the deepest interest in your welfare; and sometimes to wish that we could have your society and your co-operation in our own little village.

To say that we fully reciprocate all the affection and sympathy so warmly expressed in your letter, may seem to be a summary disposal of the subject, and yet I can say nothing more truly descriptive of the feelings with which my husband and I have ever regarded Horatio and yourself. And though you and I have not been personally acquainted, I can never look upon Horatio's wife as a stranger, especially when her claims to esteem and love are enhanced by all that I have from many sources learned of her character. I shall therefore most joyfully avail myself of your offered correspondence, and hope that no Providential interruption will speedily interrupt it.

I am grieved at the bereavement which has been made in your family circle. If there be any merit in what I have understood a short time since that you had still three children. But from the strain in which you write, I trust that the Hand that wounded has already applied the healing balm to your hearts. These are not sorrows to be forgotten; in my experience there is nothing so productive of lasting sentiments of tenderness & chastened though deep sorrow, as the death of a darling child; nor can I conceive of

any affliction (save one) which if improved, a right, is so calculated to wean our hearts from the world to which they so fondly cleave.

We too have been called to render back into the hands of their Creator two of our little ones; our eldest son was removed about 18 months since, and an infant daughter in the course of the following winter. I need tell you nothing of the feelings, the pangs we suffered at their death, nor how we tremble at the thought of parting with our remaining treasures; and yet when I think of all the evils which await the sojourner in this sinful and suffering life, I can only rejoice that two of my darlings are forever safe in their Saviour's arms. May God grant that in the day of His appearing we may all be made partakers of the joy, into which so many of our beloved ones have already entered.

I had heard from various sources of your different removals, & your return to your old residence in Michigan. My husband & I had often and earnestly hoped that Horatio would have found a permanent home, with an opening for such usefulness as he desired & his friends believe him to be fitted for. I trust that God, who knows best which place in the vineyard is adapted to the labour, will direct him to some field of lasting & extended usefulness. Why cannot you try teaching somewhere nearer to us? I am satisfied, that you could command a pleasanter & more profitable situation than your present; & whether you make it a permanent home, or employ it as a temporary means of support while Horatio studies, I think you will not regret making the trial. — Mr. B. once was on the point of urging Horatio to come & establish a school of a superior order in Cranberry; but those who were most anxious for such a school, were not able to offer a sufficient salary to warrant him in making any sacrifice in order to remove here. We feel in our Society

here precisely the want of which you speak, there is no mingling of intelligent and cultivated minds, though there is much to render our situation pleasant. My husband would dearly like yours as a fellow labourer. But I do not let him say all this for himself, so though I should like to chat with you all the evening, I must abruptly close only entreating you to write as often as you can, and with as much freedom & kindness as you have done, and you shall receive in return long-winded epistles, and overflowing gratitude and kindly interest in you and yours, from your affectionate cousin,

Ellen H. Blythe

My dear Cousin

Ellen has said I must finish the sheet, I take up the pen, though I intended the sheet had been given up. An entire one to myself, for your husband & I have been so busy. I feel deeply for every church is without a pastor. If I could, by visiting it the & I, I would be neglected things. But the difficult duty that we are called in our Presbyterian churches to obtain the voice of the people, even a small part of the deceased. Let me however bear your case in mind where I attend Presbytery in Princeton, during the month of Feb. I will do what I can for you.

You have in your hands a subject wh. I should have thought you would have been able to handle with authority. I will go again to Horatio & tell him what you have recommended. I will go & press my dear & I will do a correction, that you are not in the path of duty. Such talents, such acquirements as your husband has <sup>to him</sup> acquired, should not be wasted in attempting to sing as "wild birds". Nor did a kind Providence confer upon you all the advantages of education & piety to be ~~wasted~~ employed merely as "school ma'am" of a little

That it was Horatio's duty <sup>to</sup> seek the pulpit I do not  
 firmly believe. But I would not say with as much  
 certainty that it is his duty <sup>now</sup>. With a family to  
 support he may be obliged to confine his attention in a  
 great degree to that object. I am persuaded  
 that if he could only see his way clear to seek the  
 ministry <sup>now</sup> he would spend his <sup>life</sup> happier & more use-  
 ful than he will ever spend in any other employment.

Chamberburg  
 Jan 11 - 1840  
 Horatio P. Chamberburg  
 Frowndown  
 Michigan

My affection upon you. I was careless at  
 first but now I am in a letter to Horatio  
 your very warmest friend & your husband's  
 friend to be your little sister's friend

It would be a matter of great difficulty. Many  
 clergymen are now in the field of those who did not begin to  
 study for the ministry until they had several children.  
 If you would only come to Princeton I am sure God's good Pro-  
 vidence would open some door <sup>for you</sup>. Horatio would easily  
 enter the pulpit. You could, <sup>at least</sup> at, at least \$2.00  
 per quarter. It may be some other means of support would  
 open before you. Your husband is known & his merit as a  
 scholar is appreciated in Princeton. But this is only a

Cincinnati Sep 25<sup>th</sup> 1844

My Dear children,

I rec'd your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> yesterday and am glad to have so favorable an account - from you all - that the children are improving, that your health is good, and that our dear little Ellen is contented, tell her to continue to be a good child, and it will make her mother most happy - if nothing happens you will see some of us early in the summer, and we will then see if I feel that I care spare my little darling any longer - I wish that Isabelle would take her place for a year, but ~~she wishes~~ not now hear of such a thing; you know that she was always a baby <sup>has</sup> - not been very well this winter, the Dr advised that she should leave school, and she has for the last three months only attended to music, and French; Mary studies it very well, and they read it together, also History - Isabelle grows fast and improves in appearance, Mary is styled a lovely girl and indeed I think she is; her disposition has become very sweet - she receives a great deal of attention - but there is but one person that has her particular regard of him I will speak more hereafter, only now say that I am much gratified - How Maj Gwynne about taxes, he says that he sent

\$50 last spring, and finding that was not sufficient sent ten more in the summer, for which he has the receipts - of course I cannot owe much - I wish that the land was sold, if it could be done without a sacrifice, as I think it will never avail us much, and the tract amount to a great deal - I will fetch or send Scots Commentaries, and am glad that I have them for you - My horse comes on very well, that is considering the very great expence <sup>which</sup> ~~that~~ I have been at in repairing, furnishing, and the like. - I have three of the very best servants, and find them quite sufficient for the establishment - I suppose when Ellen comes home, that she will know so many more useful things than her sisters, that they will be quite ashamed.

I hope Charlotte by this time you have got comfortably through your confinement and are doing well - shall not send my letter to the office this evening, will add something in the morning, Cary Alston has been dangerously ill with the Typhus fever but is now slowly recovering - 26<sup>th</sup> just heard from Malcolm he is well but in very low spirits I feel badly about him and if possible shall try to get him employment with Col. Long, and then write him about it - Kiss all the children - Malcolm's letter has made us all sad -

Unite with me my dear children in prayers to our heavenly Father for your dear brother -

Your affectionate Mother,  
C. A. Clarke



Nov. 27. 1852

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Michigan

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