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I send your letter sometimes

W. Vernon June 28th 1853. (Tuesday night)

My dear wife

I have been disappointed about getting employment on this Rail Road, but am not discouraged. The Lord will order all things for the best. I am in his hands. Let him do with me as seems good in His sight. It may be a trial of my faith. It may intend to humble me. Pray for me, my dear, dear wife; Not only morning and evening, but ever remember me. Pray, not merely that I may be prospered in my temporal affairs, but spiritual: That my faith may be strong; That I may love my God and Father with my whole heart and soul and strength; That I may ever walk in the way of Truth, and be a bright and shining light to all with whom I may come in contact. Let us trust in our Heavenly Father, my dearest. He will never forsake us. Think not my darling, from my writing in this strain, that I am low-spirited and unhappy. It is not so, I am in good spirits, but I feel as if you who are so very dear to me, needed some encouragement. I think of you with the care of a large family of little children, laboring with all your might to discharge all your duties faithfully, yet tired and disappointed, daily and hourly; and not only compelled to bear these trials alone, but at the same time ^{you} must help bear my disappointments.

Some 3000 I expect to leave this afternoon for St. Mary's, and to stay there but a day or two. Will write to you while there. God willing. I can not hear from you again till I tell you where to direct your letters.

Where that will be I am in the hands, and under his care, all will be well. I am in the hands, and under his care, all will be well. I am in the hands, and under his care, all will be well.

I do not know yet which way I shall go from here. Perhaps, first to Mansfield, then to Dayton, from there to Cincinnati. — I have not heard from you since I left home. I wrote to you from Mansfield the evening after I left home, hoping you would receive the letter Thursday morning, and that I would get an answer on Saturday or by Monday at the farthest, but no letter as yet. It would be useless to complain we cannot hear the mails & Postmaster. It will not be necessary for you to write until I can tell you where to direct your letters. By the bye, I wish you to get some thin paper, so that you might give me a double sheet occasionally. I intend to get some, for writing to you is a great pleasure to me and adds much to my happiness. I only wish that I might write something to cheer you up and comfort you, and that my letters were not so doleful. Keep up your courage, perhaps my next will bear to you better news. I wish you could lay your head on this faithful bosom, and tell me all your joys and sorrows, that I might partake of the former and sympathize with you in the latter. — Do not let the little ones forget me; and when you bring them around again the evening to say their prayers, let each one offer one short petition for their father.

Wednesday June 29.th I am still here expecting to leave this afternoon for Dayton. I am expecting to see an Engineer from whom I may receive some information. He is expected before the cars pass

Remember me to Sam when you write. And remember all to most and give me from Helen too. Kiss Rachel for me.

I have no news of any interest to communicate. I might describe Mt Vernon, the County Seat of Knox County, as a town, about the size of New Arbor, situated on the North side of Owl Creek, and surrounded by a very fine farming country, whose inhabitants are all strangers to me, and to whom I am a perfect stranger; — but it would not interest you much. So I pass it by. I attended Church last Sabbath morning and afternoon, where I worshipped with Old School Presbyterians, (all of whom arose and stood up during prayer, and heard a great deal from Princeton preachers. His discourses were quite good; But I did not consider him a man of superior talents.

It is very warm now, mercury stands at 93° in the shade. On Monday we had a fine shower. I hope you have had rain since I left. — You are expecting Malcolm home this evening. I hope he will be a great comfort to you. He is a dear good boy and I know he will try to use every means to add to your happiness. — Although it will be vacation with him, I trust he will not waste his time in idleness and frivolity. He will have but little work to do, and he might accomplish much with his studies. I wish he might feel the vast importance of improving every moment of time. Precious moments, how many are wasted. Now when I meet an old man, superannuated, I feel sad; In a few years, if I live,

I will be an old man, superannuated; tottering about, supporting my feeble frame with a staff. Then will my children be a comfort to me? They may be comforts to me. It depends upon themselves. I intend some time to write to the children, but cannot now. - Tell them all and tell them how much I love them.

July 30.th I went to the office last evening, and found
no letter from my dear wife. Saw Mr. May, Brewster
some after, he asked me if I had received a letter.
Told him No. He have given up then, have you
says he. Yes says I. With that he handed me
your letter. Did not my heart leap? — Your
letter did me much good, and I try to thank
our Heavenly Father for his kind care over my precious
wife and dear children.

I wish you could get some new books for the Sabbath School children. I fear however that funds with you are scarce. I think there will not be more than three or four to get. Anna and Miss Woodwell are the only two, I believe who have never missed school. The son of Mr. Wines, the Cooper, was absent once necessarily, but not from sickness. - Lizzie & Ellen were never absent except from sickness, but they were absent a great deal and are not entitled to the premium. In fact the "Sick Class" was added by Mr. Wines, it was not my intention to have added it. George Fuller has been very regular, but has missed some a little daughter of Mr. Clay in Abby Maynard's class, has been absent a few times from sickness. If you could get some suitable books that are not too expensive, I would be glad.



Horatio W. Van Cleeve
Care of Capt. R. S. Ely
Ohio

Amherst March 7th 1854

My dear dear Husband,

Your letter from Cincinnati and Dayton, came all the way from Dayton arrived on Saturday, and gave me ^{you} much pleasure, and yet I don't know as I ought to be so much delighted after all, to hear that you have been falling in love with a pretty gal because you thought she was a widow, really such admiration of imaginary widows might make one quite ambitious to wear weeds and traill in stage-coaches with sedate looking old men, and be helped out very carefully and have hands squeezed, and all that. However I will never desert Micah, and if he deserts me I shall try to solace myself with the little Micahs who are very interesting and lovely. You say I forgot to mention Seymour and for fear I may do so again, I will begin with him. He is improving very fast can read right well, in words of one syllable, and spells almost any thing. He is moreover very fond of his book, and bids fair to make a smart man. He is a dear child very affectionate and gives me no trouble. Little Sonny-bell is just as full of fun as he can hold and keeps us laughing at his odd speeches. Would not you love to kiss his sweet mouth? Sammy had had a dreadful bile on the inside of his

though but the Dr has learned that he is much
better. He is a nice baby. Anna says he is the pret-
tiest child we have got. Malctun is studying
at home. Mr Seed did not hear him his legs,
in Geometry, and George Hanforth told me
that Malctun knew as much about it as the
Lord so I took him home, I hear him myself
now. Anna has just returned from Detroit where
she has been to see Mr Lecherat. They are all
well but Mr K. and he will never be better.
He is losing his mind, and is nearly idiotic.
He is perfectly imbecile and childish. He loves Anna
however, and seemed glad to see her. She saw
Mrs Forsyth too and Marion who were very
glad to see her, and said that if they were housekeep-
ing they should have kept her with them awhile.
I am so rejoiced that you have been to see our
dear children in Kentucky. I hope they will be able
to visit us sometime or other. When we find out
where our home is to be. I should like much
to become acquainted with the Kentucky folks.
perhaps I may have that pleasure some day.

You speak about the possibility of our going
South to live. It makes little difference to me
where we live, so that we can be nearer together
than we now are. If we remain in Michigan

I should on some accounts prefer Detroit to
Ann Arbor, but this we can talk about when
we meet. I am glad that Mary has a
pleasant home, and hope we shall have
a nice visit together, but I still think that
it will be better for me to make my visit
there on my return route. What do you
think about it? I believe too that Mary's
pride is more affected than any religious feel-
ing, in her opposition to Ellen's course, and
I sincerely hope that she may get over it some
and that she may be led to inquire for
herself, and see if she has not been living
in error herself for some years. Forgive
her pride will avail her very little in that
day when the secrets of all hearts shall be
revealed. Let us try to pray for her. God's
grace is free and powerful. Ellen is very
happy in her prospects, and much happier
in her search after truth than she ever was
in her blind infatuation. I believe she honest-
ly means to know what is truth, and am
sure that she is thoroughly convinced that she
has been much in error. Anna and Anne
are now well, and so is every one else I believe.
We are very much busied now trying to get ready.

for our trip, so you must excuse the
brevity and the carelessness of my spirit
and look forward to the time just approach-
ing when we can speak face to face.
The children all send love. Mother and
Ellen ditto. We are all anxious for you to
find out when you are to be here and all about
it. Give much love to all the Mayton folks.
When did you hear from our precious Lizzie? Has
she well? I have not heard from her for
some time but I feel as if God would take
care of the darling. O don't I want to see her?
But I must close now for I have so
much to do. So good bye darling.
Pray for your own old affectionate
but sinful wife

C. O. Van Allen

St. Astor June 8th 1854

My dear Husband,

Just as we were sitting down to dinner Anna came in from the Office with two letters from you one dated, South St Marie and the other Eagle Harbor & La Pointe so after despatching a very hasty plate of soup I have seated myself to answer them, and begin by apologizing to you for sending such a scrappy letter from Penck Orchard. Of course I should not have done so to any one else in the world, and I did wrong to do so to you, but I had been drawing some patterns for Belle and had a great lot of such scraps left, I was out of stationery myself, and thought that rather than disturb Belle by getting her to any more, I would just use those. I have hard work to keep back the tears when I think that perhaps it hurt your feelings I named to you like want of respect I will not do so again however, and I guess by this time you have forgiven me. I should not have thought of finding fault with you for such a thing, but we are not alike about some things and must make allowance for each other. You speak in all your letters of your ardent desire that we should live alone - I know how you feel about this, and will try to remedy this trouble as soon as possible - Just at present there seems to be no place for Miss Thomson to go. She has made

inquiries of several persons about me. I cannot
just after she has done a great deal by taking care
of my children, tending her garden, but shall try
to manage matters so as to be home soon, and to
part with her amicably. I will do this out of re-
gard for your feelings, for which you are good.
It is most pleasant for me to have her with me
and Mr. T. although not in some respects very
agreeable, assists in providing for the table and
takes a good deal of care of the garden. They
neither of them require any soliciting on my part.
I do not make the least objection in so far
for them, do not be surprised about this or any
thing else. When you come home you will
find me alone, and I hope it will be long
before any thing happens to make you in-
convenient as his arrangements. I have
I have a great deal to say about my visit
which was very delightful and I believe more
I have dismissed all disagreeable topics so that
we can turn to something more pleasant.
I found Mary very delighted and she did
every thing in her power to make every thing
pleasant to me. Mr. Lincoln is a dear good man
and I became much attached to him. They
both seemed pleased with me and the children
and think that Anne is beautiful beyond com-
parison. They want her to come down this
next winter and attend to music etc. Mary

would teach her French and I believe it would
be a good plan. What do you think? Anne
is willing and rather anxious to go. Mary
is very fond of her and indeed she looked and
acted so sweetly, so one could help feeling so.
Her playing was much admired, and her manners
were so lovely and composed that we could
help remarking them. He spent a day at Cordis
Elizabeth's, and she thinks Anne looks and app-
ears like sister Mary Anne. Elizabeth thinks Lizzie is a
very sweet child, and in fact I believe we shall
find her as good and as interesting as any
in the world. I have put Malabar into Mr.
McCreckin on trial, as a printer and am
daily convinced that it is the best thing we can
do for him. He is very fond of the business
and he is very ready to do it. I went to the office properly and
was convinced that it would be a good
school as we could put him at the books there
are very decent, and he cannot learn any
but there as he inevitably would be learning the
struts even at interruptions of his school. He
will learn to compose and spell properly, and
if when he has learned the trade he wishes
to lay it aside and learn something else
you will find that it will have been time
well spent, for he will have learned much
that is useful, and will have acquired

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Caroline E. Sanborn
Portage Lake
Lake Superior



June 14th 51

Dear father

How do you spend
your Sabbath's out in that
heathenish country. I suppose
you have been to the Court and
going into the printing office.
I hope you are not fed up with
Mr. Mac Cracken as
I was out with for a
printer he seems to like me
very much. I like him very
much indeed, and I hope
that he will improve so much in such
a little while. He is very
kind to me and tries
to make me more of a
man. I think a trade will
come out of me if I should
ever take a notion to do any
thing but what I am now

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don't like it. I just cannot help
themselves. She will not be able to
see so much from her front window
as she used to. That's wicked. I know
but "what is writ is writ" and if I do
wrong in having such feelings may
God forgive me. Since I have been away
from her, some of the things that have been
said against me seem more misapprehensions
and contemptible than ever. Let it pass.
I have no time nor inclination to think
of such things. Every one seems very
glad to see me, and to appreciate
the feeling. We have just had letters
from Deak & Sarah. They are all
well, and miss us very much. I wish
you could hear Sister call "Lutie"
Houston this boy's Parker's house.
He called this morning and was
very pleasant. I guess he thinks I am not
the worst woman in the world. Where
shall I hear from you again. I will
write you as often as I can. I hope
perhaps you will get the letters some-
time or other. The children were much
pleased with their letters and they
all send love. Every body is inquiring
after you. They think it is a very
great pity that you are so far from
home. When Sunday comes and that
reminds me of Michael's first question
his letter to you. It soon is that you cannot
evening from him don't it? Well, to pray
for you dear husband, pray for me, let's do it
and may God bless us all and remember
us in his love and grace. Yours ever dear wife

June 25th 1854 Eagle River

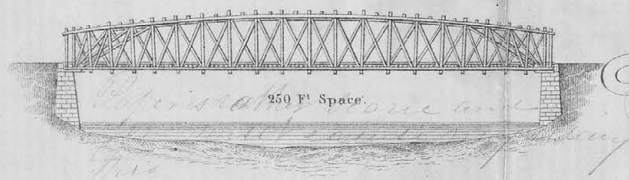
My dear little son Eddie

When we were coming here yesterday
on the Lake, 4 or 5 gulls followed
us, a great many miles, and when
they would see any scraps of bread or
meat on the water, that had dropped
from the Steamboat. They would sail
down, skim along the water, and pick
them up. They would come very near the
boat, and sail around, and looked very
pretty. After a while some men that were

ticed the happy birds, thought they
wd like to kill one. They got a gun &
loaded it, but it wd not go off, & father
felt very glad, for he did not want to see
a poor bird, that God had made, killed
for man sport. Another man brought a
gun, aimed it at a bird as it was sailing
gracefully around, and fired it. The
poor bird screamed and tumbled
into the water. The other birds flew
around, their dying mate for some time
and when they found it could not fly
any more, and perhaps that it was
dead they would not come back to the boat
again. — I hope my little Eddie
will never be a cruel boy, May God
bless you my child, So prays your father



Mr. Horatio P. Van Cleve
Portage Lake
Houghton County
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Am. Ark. June 28th 1854

My own dear husband,

I have a great deal of scattering data and rec'd
Sunday and some more. It came as you may suppose, that
Knox's letter reached me in the afternoon to tell it was
no your letter, but it is longer than the last. I was
to give you some particulars which interested her. I was
your friend in the house rather a hard time, but I hope
as you keep going on the 10th of the month getting very well.
I had a letter from her in which she seemed to wish
that he had a little more money and permission to
go to study in the summer, but fear it will be impossible
again, so he will have to study, evening and then in
the course of the summer he will be able to go into
business. I hope she will stay by you and see the
improvement. I have not heard from her in some time
and I am sure she is well. Since he has been in the
office and I think it is a good school as we could
not find a better one. We are all very well; the garden
is doing finely and the fruit trees having full apple
and all, the currant and gooseberries are loaded and
we shall not starve. My purse is not so full but there
is no danger of its bursting, but I manage to get along
with very little money and I shall it until I rec'd

children ready to see him and they do really
not see at any children in town. I high-
ly think that this separating families is getting too
much to be agreeable, and when a town is so
poor that it will not support a whole family I
think it is time it was disbanded. I think the
State had better hire a school for widows
and orphans, for it seems to me that it is not
right to put them in the hands of the State. Mrs. May
proposes that we should go to the State and meet
you a visit but so long as we have our little
to nurse. I think we had better stay at home. By the
way, my little son began to walk. He is not
yet two years old. I am not sure of the date but
I think it is a fine specimen of the human race.
by a Picquet in the Glen, back of the jail, the private
schools are not to join. I suppose the State
will not take them out of children. I think I will
leave the children at home. I will not go and
I will get them all there and back again. I think
it is better when the day comes. I will be
trudging along with your pack thinking very little of
the day, but not about feeling as independent as the
rest of them. I wonder if you will remember me
Saturday that I am just half of thousand and ten.
If you can, pray that the last half of my life may be
spent to some profit than this. I always think when
I go to bed that you either are praying for us or that
you have done so before. I am not sure of it. I am
not sure of it. I am not sure of it. I am not sure of it.



Horatio P. Van Hook
New York
Foughton Co.
Lake Superior
Mich

Ann Arbor July 1st 1852

Dear Husband,

This is my birth day as you will perhaps remember when you see the date of this and I rec'd from you as a birth-day present two letters which gladdened my heart exceedingly, and when I tell you that one letter enclosed a draft for \$50 you will perhaps think that was what made me glad but one second thought you will know better. They were coming on this particular day and just when the flour barrel was empty. It was rather pleasant, and seemed to tell of better times. I have a sort of idea that you will be entirely out of debt before next Christmas and then won't we have a Turkey and Plum Pudding? You will wonder what makes me think so and I was not going to tell you until it was all done, but I think I must. There has been good news from Philadelphia

and thanksgiving, or I might say, certainly, is that you will receive in a few days something like eight hundred dollars your share of some settlement of the Houston estate which has lately been made. I do not understand exactly what it is but shall know in a day or two, when I will immediately communicate the whole to you. Now this intelligence is my birth day present to you, and I don't say if you were here you would like to live me for it. If you will believe me, ever since I heard of it I have not been able to think of it without tears of gratitude, and the words of Holy writ are continually coming to my mind. Whoever trusted in Him and was disappointed? But then this thought comes up now - you trusted Him? Have you not doubted, and feared, and murmured? O yes I have, but May God forgive my want of faith, and enable me henceforth to cast my cares entirely upon him.

Of course you will want me to pay off your debts as soon as I can, and this will be the greatest pleasure I could possibly enjoy. Perhaps by the time this reaches you, you will be able to say that you "owe no man anything but love," and let us see to it that this is the only debt we ever contract. You need not fear that I shall do any thing rash, I shall consult with Abner, and it will all be done right. Now my dear husband, work with a will, and feel that you are working to support your family, not to pay old debts. Sleep sound, and grow fat, don't let me see so many wrinkles on your face and such anxious looks when I see you again. The bitterness of your life is past, and God helping us we never need sink into the mire of debt, poverty and almost despair again. I shall be as economical as I can and shall not presume in the least upon this piece of good fortune. Don't be afraid that I shall be extravagant. Love to all.

attend to the ladies. We are getting on very
very pleasantly. Our garden is a great help
to us. Mrs. Thomson takes excellent care of
it. I will tell them soon that we shall
not be able to keep them any longer, but I do
not feel like turning them out doors. But they
are not so bad too. I will do as well as I can
now, and you need borrow no trouble about
it. Why you don't receive my letters is more
than I can tell. I have written as many
as six or seven and if they do not come from
you, I think it is very strange you do
not. I think I shall write a few more. I long
to write to you instead of me, if this
letter meets with your notice. I like them
the former ones. Just as I was dropping to
sleep last night I thought what a pleasure
it would be to you, if you had a comfort-
able bed to lie on, that very lively child
was thinking thus, you were rolled up in
your bed, but sound asleep with no fear of
being aroused by a baby's cries as I was for
some and before I got the youngster quieted
that I could sleep again, I came to the conclusion
that lying on the ground with a blanket for a
bed was the most trying in the world after
all. All mine. It is Saturday afternoon, and I am
feeling better. In the much better.

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Mr. P. Van Cleve
Troy Lake
Houghton Co.
Mich.

Am Arbor July 11th 1854

My dear Husband,

I have been quite sick with
Ague for several days, and was not able
to write to you yesterday as usual, but I am
better to-day and hope I shall not have
another attack. I have received same-
as I found my milk was not good for
him since he was so much better for it
and is now well. I have rec'd two
letters from Mary Ann, I wrote last, and
am certain of her health. I think you
continue so well. There is a great deal of Choler
in the large cities West and South, but Am
Arbor was never more healthy. Indeed people
are coming here from Chicago to escape the
disease. The summer had exceptionally hot weather
but the summer is gradually passing. Now it has
done for years, your letters are quite refreshing
in a hot day, for they tell of food and ice
which are pleasant things for the South of now.

I saw your letter but not the letter from
you, and I am puzzled to know where
you are. I have written every week since I
turned and have been the same as
a permanent director of this church.
You ask where I directed. I remember sending
one to "Kirkland P. O. Minnesota Minn."
I have not directed to Ontario yet, but it
seems to me I sent one letter to some place men-
tioned in your letter. He is not now
remembered. The rest of the church is directed
to Portage Lake, and I think it very strange
that they do not reach you. In my first letter
I mentioned Hamilton, put Malactin in the
printing office. He is there yet, and gives
good satisfaction. is very steady and is
certainly improving. I was not influenced
by any thing that others said in the best
but I saw that he would not improve him-
self to his books, and that he would be in the
street with boys whose example was anything
but a benefit to him, so I put him in the

office as under the care of the church. I think he
might be kept from evil and from indis-
trious habits, and he would learn to study
and would get a good many ideas when
solus. I thought too that if he did but form
habits of perseverance and application it
would be worth a fortune to him. Mrs. Ladd
told me that it had done it for a great
deal of good, and she thought I had done
the best thing I could for Malactin. He is very
anxious to be regularly indentured for three
years, but will not until he has your con-
sent of course. He says he does not care to
work at the trade, but wants to feel that
he has the means of helping himself if he is
obliged to. He says he will study arithmetic
evenings and prepare himself for a cler-
ship. He has begun to do so, and I really
am of opinion that this is the best course
one can pursue with him. I have thought
over it and tried to pray over it, and
trust you will not be displeased.

Anna is doing very well. She reads 'History by
the hour' and looks out every place on the
map. She learns very fast and knows what
she hears. She takes notes of important events such
as inventions and discoveries, etc. and it rather thick
she is after all the child after your own heart. Suzie
goes to school regularly and seems glad to learn.
Leopold reads very well and seems to like it very
well. Ellen your niece is a student, and
which is quite ambitious. Edie is rather ca-
pricious about going to school. Some days she
feels like staying with me and other days
she is quite intent on going. We are all well
and all talk of father's going. You will be
glad to see them will you not? Our garden
is doing nicely. We have had onions for a long
while. Beans for a week or two days. We have
beets large enough to eat. And cucumbers
and tomatoes are in blossom - Our currant
bushes give us a nice sweet berry meaning
we have had a good many raspberries and
shall have a good many apples and some
pears. The plum trees bearing well. I try to thank
God for all my blessings. He is indeed giving much
to us. He will give you my dear husband.



Mr. Horatio Van Cleave
Copper Harbor Portage Lake Lake Superior
Houghton Co
Mich.

Ann Arbor Aug. 1st 1854

My dear Husband,

I wonder if you are suffering with the heat this morning as I am. Yesterday the mercury stood at 103° in the shade at John Maynard's residence and to-day it bids fair to rise as high if not higher. Such weather is exceedingly trying to us all. The children are well but very fretful. Summer cannot sleep at night unless I fan him and altogether we shall be extremely thankful when the sun abates somewhat of its frown. I suppose you almost always have a cool breeze from the lake and you may feel thankful you are not here at present. Last week Houston and I attended to the settling of most of the accounts standing against you, that is we paid all the small bills, that we knew of, and a proportion of the large amounts. Below I send you a statement.

Becker \$126

Back M^{rs} 60/26

Maynard 126

Charlotte 50, advanced by Hous. before I had the draft cashed, and used by me to pay some small bills

Seawick 3260

460.60

154.67 Certificate of Deposit which Hous & I for

615.27 me that I might obtain some thing to live on and out of which I am to pay — (Or —)

taxes when he learns the amount, and the interest on Mrs. Lincott's debt. ^{also, Holmes} I have got receipts for all the amounts named above, also I paid what was owing at Edwards, and have the receipts. I also paid Fritz and Tom Gieson. In looking over your pocket book I find a bill of Linclairs amounting to \$19.73. I did not know that you had any account there, but as I have bought all my flour of him of late, and paid cash on the delivery of it, I rather think he won't grumble, if it is left till you come home - or at least I shall mail your order for it. I have thought that you might have a bill against him somewhere. At all events it is of no consequence, I shall find out the amount of Dr. Stevens' ^{account} ~~note~~, and perhaps can do something for him, when you send your next remittance. I am going to speak to Mr. Marsh about John Harris' account, and I dined with Mary Phillips the other day. If I collect those debts, you will owe me a handsome drop, but you are pretty safe I think. Write and tell me if we have done as you would have wished with that draft. I was in at W. L. M.'s last night, and he came in to wish me good evening very politely, but I was very dignified and perpendicular and did not encourage a conversation. I think he is a bad man, independent entirely of his being our creditor, and I despair

being more than I should a member of the church. That church is not like home to me. I turn to the right and there is that hypocritical mortal, leaning against the pillar strong in his self-righteousness, and the evil one whispers to me, "that man called your husband a liar" my blood boils, and I turn away. On the other side a woman, whom I believe to be a prostitute sitting so seductively dressed in finery which perhaps is the price of her fair name. I feel sick at heart and lean my head on the front of the ship. I feel behind me, a pair of eyes, looking through spectacles which kept watch of my private movements and instead of acting as a witness and seeking an explanation of what to her seemed wrong poured the whole story into the ears of one who could not rest until the whole was republished with large additions and my name was bandied very lightly. These same eyes became most benighted by reason both my right and left hands neighbor and the thought comes up to my mind, "I will not do to prove upon that man, because he gave \$50 per annum, to the support of the minister, nor that woman, because, if her case should be investigated that man's name would suffer" and is the Church of God governed by such mercenary motives? The hear very few "let the things our Saviour" more and less, if Satan has a handful of money

ted those who wish to tempt. Then
after these thoughts I determined to fix my eyes
in the pulpit, and try to put all evil thoughts
out of my mind, but even then I am led astray
for it is filled by one who said he did not wish
his wife to visit me. And then I wish my-
self at home, what I hear does me little good
No doubt this is my own fault. God forgive me, and
make me humble. The children are all very
well, and talk about father. Sammy calls Paper
and is a little darling. Mahew is getting along
very well with Mr. Craken. spends most of his
evening at home - and thinks more of home
than he used to. Anne wants to write suppers as
sweet as ever, and Seymour is a dear boy. Little Ed. is a
rogue, as pretty as day and smart as steel. Many God
bless you, dear Husband and restore you to us
in his own good time. Love our dear wife, C. C. Vanhook
My dear dear father,

Oh! how very warm it is this
morning, but I suppose it is quite cool and
delightful where you are, dear me I wish I
was with you, all I should dread there would
be the mosquitoes, I have received the letter with
the mosquitoes, that you sent me, how can you
stand it to be eaten up with by them?
but have you many flies where you are? we have
a great many here I never saw them so thick
before and I have heard several speak of it.

I am nearly through Gray's little history of England,
and I like it very much indeed, when I finish
it I shall commence Dickens's history of England, Mother
got me the first volume a few days ago, there is
another volume out but they have not got it here,
she will get it as soon as it comes, I have not read

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any of it yet but Father has and she
says it is beautiful. I like history
very much indeed now, I wish I could get
some interesting history of Rome, I want
to read it so much.

I expect Mary Van Cleve
up here this week, I think I shall back
with her when she goes and stay a
few days. Oh! I shall be so glad when
you come home I do want to see you so
much. But good bye now my
dear dear father, your only little
daughter Nannie

Just rec'd letters from Cincinnati and
Peach Orchard all well. Belle had her
daughter born on the 22nd ult. (Mother's
birth day) named Charlotte. Young Lilliman
has been in Kentucky with Mr. Hall
State Geologist exploring Peach Orchard
and vicinity. They have had a fine
time. I wish I had been there. The
general results of A. S. is very good. Don't
believe any Chinese stories. Good bye yours
ever C. C. V.



Horatio P. Van Cleve
Eagle River
Lake Superior
Michigan

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all with 7/8
I have just finished a long letter to Mr. L. S. D. & have
now to write you a few more.
Ann Arbor Aug 14th 1854

My dear Husband,

This is Monday and I am going
to write you a short letter. I am in such a hurry
to get every thing in order for the folks from the
cinnam. that I can hardly take time to breathe.
I suppose they will be here in about two weeks
and I think we shall have a pleasant time to-
gether. I shall dread Malcolm's going away again
and shall keep him as long as possible in hope
that you will be here in time to meet him.
Mary will be here of course and you may ex-
pect a warm welcome from all of us.
Malcolm's health has not been very good for
some time past and finally last week he
was taken with the chills, and on taking him
to the doctor, he told me it was owing to
his handling the type, and that he would
not be well so long as he staid in the
Printing Office. I accordingly took him out
and after he got well enough I sent him

home with the John's children to spend a week
as Mrs Dr said that the best thing he could
do, was to take a holiday and recruit his
strength. This was of course a prescription he
was glad to take and he went off feeling
very happy, and much better in health than
he had been for weeks before taking ^{the} medicine
since which the Dr left him - He says that
as soon as he returns he wants to study and
fit himself for a ^{situation in a} store. I think he has learn-
ed a good deal this summer, and am sure
that he has more application than he used
to have, and has learned to frame sentences
with something like correctness. At all events
he has been kept out of the street, and has
not learned any sort. I am afraid you
will be somewhat disappointed in Sam-
uel's improvement. I wrote to you some
time ago that he could walk, just as he
had learned to stop, he was troubled with
bills on his knees, and gave up walking
entirely. He has got entirely over his trouble

now however, and will soon find his
feet I think. He is very strong, and can
get around by chairs, and in fact often lets
go of every thing, takes a few steps, and laughs
heartily to think that he could walk and
as any one if he wished to, but that he is
determined to take his own time for it -
I wrote to Portage Lake last week, but proba-
bly you will not get the letter. I asked you to
send me one more remittance that I might
pay on or two more little debts, and have
a little in my purse when the folks come
to see, and then before you get to
Arbor, Oh would you believe it Sam and
and Jane Brigham arrived last night
or this morning and there is a great state
of excitement in town. I shall not call
on the Lewis until the first burst
of curiosity is over. And now I have
to tell another piece of news that has
disturbed me somewhat but which may
after all be true in good. Sam Agnew

Lovey for me more trouble

note me last week that he should
sail for California next Saturday &
be gone a year. He goes out as equal part-
ner in the firm of "The Bradley and Ogden"
he says, ^{it is} a very lucrative business, but does
not say what he will write me more fully
before he leaves. He says his object in going
is to hasten his marriage with Ellen as
he knows he can get sick in a short time
there and cannot marry until he can
place his wife in that position which
she is qualified to fill. He is very sad to
think he cannot see her before he leaves
but it cannot be and he will have to
~~face the fact~~ ^{face the fact} as he must be full on, and
love Ellen with his whole heart. I feel a
confidence some how that he will turn
out well, and I endeavor to commit
him to the care of Mother & Father. I feel very
joyful today. Every thing seems right. troubles look
right and I feel sure that all things will
be better for our good. All the little ones send love.
Annie was not very well last night but
is quite well through. I then read this morning
if those boxes come I shall not see you again until



Hon. Mr. P. Van Cleave
Ann Arbor
Michigan

My dear Mr. [unclear]
I have been thinking of you
very much lately and
wondering how you are
getting on. I hope you
are well and happy.
I am very much
yours truly
C. A. [unclear]

Dayton Oct 27th 1854

My dear Mr. [unclear],
I have been thinking of you
very much lately and
wondering how you are
getting on. I hope you
are well and happy.
I am very much
yours truly
C. A. [unclear]

Don't feel worse and
don't mind a
pleasant time, so I gave him
at least a moment in a
chance to visit me. I was
very much interested in
the subject of the
meeting of yesterday and the
discussion of the
by the way by handsome but
very interesting. I spent
the evening and all asked
him to stay. You and Ned
were with him. He is little
Lizzie. He lives at Mr. Louis
Barnett, formerly a
with Cooper. I hope I
will be able to visit in
the future. I am sure
important. I met
George Cooper. I
found him

and on the
quantity of
from him. I
several gentlemen
met on the way
towards the
on the prospects of
the government
his request to
adding to your
of Civil Engineering
road from the
to be carried on in
the rail road
and that I would
glad to have you
Engineering
your eyes open. I
a very favorable
upon me and
or, do not you
with you and
Ned. Just
on the cars to

Send happy up and circumcise
conversations on the art subjects
while you are at home in
the the babies not thinking of
any other education more of
the future we must be off next
week to Detroit, and took us up
to Mr. W. Brown's. He was all seemed
glad to see us. My dear Kate
to see us in our car and then
to see us at talking to us near
all the time. He had a great
to say of the children and how
much he had seen of them very much
he has been on his friends
of his high principles and
his ideal of the world. He is an uncon-
quered thing. Send you a notice
clipped from the Louisville
after we arrived at Sandusky
and took up to the Detroit
and bought through tickets
to Cincinnati with the privilege
of stopping at Dayton for a
night if you so desire.!!
I have 2 tickets for there and
off to the home again. So
you must not be weary. We look
on this boat as a little rest and
then we must be off to the port to look
at the city. I have got my check

when I offered him a board he
declined and said it was a
trouble & it was not his
business to put a person in
America, but by your
the people by a person
just as sweet and
advice even as you
go to Cincinnati to
afternoon when I
a letter informing
myself at home
you and the
do you sleep in the
head of the
some to see if
might me, and are
I'll hear him be
and I shall hear
to the time, Every
me or my good
beautiful
are very
pleased on the

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Abraham Lincoln
Union Army
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told me that if every thing was as
just right to bring her back, and
he would be delighted to have her spend
the winter with them. I thanked him for
his kindness which I really think I appre-
ciated. He says he shall come down after
her this winter and take her to Langton to
make a visit. It is pleasant to make
friends with every body. Mary Anna was
very kind, she gave me for Anna four
beautiful dresses of Petticoats which will
make over elegantly for her. Mary
thinks her wardrobe will be quite complete
and I must spend this week for
thing nicely for her. I shall be to morrow
about her lessons, and she has not started
yet before I leave. Mary says she shall have
her take lessons in French of a French
lady, a very superior teacher at her own
house, and when I remonstrated with
her she said that you taught her when
she was a little girl and she has not for-
gotten it. Besides that she will take
music and dancing lessons as we
proposed and Marie is to teach her
to cook. Every one seems fond of her
and I feel as if we should thank God
for his having caused our friends to be
no more of us.

We went to St Pauls this morning and
heard a sermon from Mr Haight a man
who stands high as a Preacher, but who
does not compare with Mr Clark.
However the latter read the service and
that was worth a great deal. I shall call
on Mrs Clark to morrow and deliver
all the messages which I have been
intrusted with. This afternoon we went to
dinner with Mary and Mr Lincoln and
enjoyed it as usual. Would you believe
that Mrs Coleman has become a Protestant
and that as Mary cannot attribute the
change to the influence of any young
man she says it is because she could
not stand the test of Confession. Mrs Col-
man herself says in her letter to the
Arch Bishop that she finds by remain-
ing in the Church she has been sinking
deeper and deeper into the mire of hy-
pocrisy and can endure it no longer.
I shall hear the particulars when I go
among Protestants and will tell you
all about it when we meet. When
we arrived here we found no letter
from Mr. Lincolns son, cheering me
with accounts of himself and his prospects but
none from you at which I was disap-
pointed, but we may hear to morrow and

very much while the minute relieved
How do you get along with the children
My heart is with you all, I should be
very homesick if I should say much about
them, so I will just tell you to kiss them
all for me and to tell them mother
prays for them all every day. Tell them
too that the only thing that reconciles me
to this necessary separation from them
is the assurance that God will protect
and take care of them and that how-
ever uneasy I may feel about them
at any time, if I just ask God to watch
them in his loving arms and shield them
from all harm I can feel safe and
happy. Mr. Mullen says he may have
a job of topography for you to undertake
in the neighbourhood of Peach Orchard
some time during the winter, if you
are at leisure when he wants it done.
I have my eyes and ears open and mouth
open for you, you may be sure I will do
what I can. Most kind in his letter to me
that he was going to write to you as soon
as he could find words to tell you how
happy you have made him. It is almost to
believe himself in the joy I have taken great
comfort in reading the Bible to day, what
a blessed book, and how all the follies of
the Popish Church sink into insignificance
when compared with it. I am - Dear you -



Horatio P. Van Allen
Ann Arbor
Michigan

Cincinnati, October 4, 1854

My dear Husband,

Letters that letters from
from assure me that you are all
well and happy, and I am so
busy I can hardly take time to
answer you. But I must take
time this morning to tell you
not to expect me next Tuesday
for I find so much to do that I
shall not be able to leave here
before a week from Monday. Don't
be disappointed nor look sad, I
shall have a great many pleas-
ant things to tell you when I come
back, and my staying here a few
days longer will make Anna much
more comfortable. She is getting along
nicely, has taken one sleeping lesson
and I am delighted with her

He says she will make a fine singer. Most told me in a letter rec'd yesterday that he had written to you. I am glad of it and hope you will take time to answer it. He is a noble boy and our influence over him is doing him a great deal of good.

I went to a large party last night given by Carrie Ellis (formerly Lindley). It was very brilliant. Augustus Whooly was there, the prettiest most cheerful little widow you ever saw. He talks of old times she will call on you. There was much else of deep. It was given to a ^{very} handsome man was very pretty and looked very happy. There were few people there whom I knew and we came home at one o'clock. quite tired and convinced that parties are a humbug.

Is Ed. writing you yet? Give him much love, and thank him for the paper he sent me. Tell him I thought his article very much and was much entertained and edified by it. I hope his life will hereafter be more varied and agreeable and that he may be as happy as he deserves.

Tell the dear children that my heart goes out to them, which I will do at my writing in an agony of love and that I shall be the happiest mother in the world when I see them. I will write more at length in a few days, and when I know myself I will let you know exactly what day I shall leave here and what day you and Mal must meet me at the cars. Anne sends much love. She may not be able

to write until I hear her
She is very busy all the time.
Miss W. Darling, for me - God bless
you all - Mr Lincoln has been to
Columbus on a great case for a week
will be back to day or to morrow -
The Mitchell and Denmour case was
settled by some one - Good bye my
darling, your own loving m^r
A. C. Van Allen