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Peach Orchard Augth 25 53

My Dear child

Last evening brought us your letter ^{of the 12th} among
many others from Cincinnati I am quite distressed to
hear that you were feeling so sick at the time, but hope
that it was owing to fatigue of body, and mind,
and that as the weather becomes cooler, and I am
with you, your health and spirits will be better, and
that we shall have a very pleasant time together -
I want you to write immediately, I had intended
to have left for Ann Arbor about the middle of October,
but if you are not better, I will come sooner, let
me know as soon as you receive this - I'm glad
that Malcolm is with his father, should Mr. C. be
engaged permanently in Ohio, I hope that he will think
best to remove there - he would something about the
neighborhood of Dayton, that would be delightful
to us all - and the climate would agree better
with your health - we can talk all over what I see
you, at least I shall bring you and, two or three
of the children home with me, or if you have

thought of visiting here this fall I can remain and
keep house for you, if we cannot make a better
arrangement — now I want you to keep up your
spirits and take as much care of yourself as possible —
do not try to get along without a servant, you will
only fatigue and wear yourself out, and what will
your children do without you — besides your prospects
are so much brighter — I had looked forward to quite
a long and pleasant life for you, after all your suf-
ferings — let us hope ~~that~~ and pray that ~~my~~ expectations
may be realized — I have so many pleasant things
to tell you and anticipate so much pleasure in seeing
you and all the little folks, little Lizzie that she
shall not be forgotten, and Ellen shall also be remembered —
Anna must prepare herself to return with me at any rate —
Mary will leave for Cincinnati in about ten days,
she has a beautiful infant, and both are in the best of health —
Belle and children are very well, Ellen also, ^{she} will go
down with Mary to be Godmother to her little namesake,
and return immediately, she is so fond of Peach Orchard,
that it is quite a grief to her to leave it, even for a
few days — little Sam's silver cup makes the ugly name
more bearable, and I dare say after a while it will

sound quite well, we all like Sam Junior of course the name
has lost much of its importance —

I am at present very busy preparing Willie, who is going
down with his Aunt Mary to attend Mr Brock's School —
also Belle is weaning her little boy, whose weaning is not,
he of course gives us more trouble — then I have my
preparations to make for leaving, so that altogether my
time is much occupied — I have a thousand things to
say, but hope to see you ^{soon} that I shall defer until
that time and only now anxious that you use every
possible precaution to ^{restore and} preserve your health, and all
will be well, trusting that our good God has yet
in store for you many happy days even in this world,
at the same time we do right to strive to be
prepared for every event, either merciful, ^{or} afflictive,
with which our allwise ~~and~~ ~~all~~ Heavenly Father may see
fit to visit us — My best love to all — your sisters
will write next time, all send much love

Your Mother

with affection

B. A. Clarke

Perth Amboy June 24th 54

Dear Charles,

I recd. your letter yesterday and was
truly glad to know that you were all well, and that
our dear little children are improving. Still more was I
rejoiced to hear that you hoped to be able to go
up the farm, and that your prospects were brightening
till that I may yet have time to see all my children
in prosperous circumstances. Mary and Ellen arrived
the first of the week, Mary's little girl is very beautiful,
her hair is light and curls very prettily, falling over her
neck and shoulders, she has a peach nose, and talks
very well, but does not speak one word of English.
The new house is very pleasant and convenient - you did
not tell me if you thought it possible for you to
make a visit to Kentucky during the summer vacation,
Billie and Mr. Mollen would be most happy to see you.
I and not only the rest of your family, but I wish to see
~~to~~ be once more together. - I would like to go with you again this
summer, but I can hardly consent myself to do so, but
see no prospect of it at present, if Mr. Mollen comes, but
I hardly expect him. - Mary says that she will finish your
letter to Charlotte, and I will have her write - Ellen sends
her love to Little Susan, with a note of mine, she will understand
it, and explain, also, if she can, to the rest of the family.
Love to Mr. Mollen, and to all the children, and to all the family.
Yours truly, J. B. M.

Do not go in the water much my son

till after dinner, but begin right, although it may be Saturday. Go to your room and there sincerely and earnestly confess your sins to your Heavenly Father and entreat his divine assistance, to enable you to lead a new life and do his Holy will. And may God bless you my dear boy. Ask your dear good mother to pray with you and for you.

I have given you more of this sheet than I intended, for I had calculated to write a few lines to each of my dear children, but feeling much anxious about you I did not know when to stop. Make one good resolution now, and act upon that resolution, look to God for help. Give up all idle and vain companions, and let me feel when I come home that I have a son that I may be proud of, and one who seeks in all things to please his Heavenly Father. That you may become a child of God is the sincere prayer of your own dear father.

My own dear daughter Anna

I cannot say much to you now my darling, but must try to write to you soon, perhaps in my next letter to mother. I am sorry I could not have seen my precious little girl before I left home, but it was all right, for God so willed it and I cannot complain. I trust my dear child you will try hard to improve your time, and do all you can to make your parents happy. They are beginning to grow old and to look care worn, Mother's hair is becoming quite grey, and father has but little to turn grey. You must do nothing to add to those grey hairs my darling. Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all things else will be added to you that is necessary for your happiness. And may God bless you my child ever may your dear father.

Ask mother to write your name Anna, when she writes to me

Am. Art. r. May 3rd 1854

My dear wife

Your letter to Malcolm dated Peach Orchard, Apr. 26th was rec^d by him on Monday last, May 1st. Is it you say that you had not yet rec^d a line from home. It is certainly unaccountable on any other ground, than that there is no such place as Peach Orchard, Lawrence County, Kentucky. In fact I have about come to the conclusion that it must be some imaginary place that romantic individuals, have talked about, and written about, and dreamed about until they have fancied that it did really exist and had a locality. We have written and put in the office at least five letters for such a place. Mr. Freeman says, they send them to Detroit; and he supposes they must be sent from Detroit to Cincinnati; from Cincinnati I presume they have gone in pursuance of Lin John Franklin, and will finally locate in Symmesianum, or some where else.

Taking it for granted that you have not yet heard from us, I must tell you that we are all very well, and are getting along charmingly. I will not go over all that I told you in the letters that have been written; you must be

Content to know that when you come home. In order that your mind may be at ease, I will assure you that like my letters generally, they did not contain much.

I must now tell you what has transpired, since I last wrote. — Houston has moved into Parker's house on the corner beyond McWarr and this side of Mt Pleasant. I have been up this morning to see Ann. It is a very pleasant place and very convenient, and in a good neighborhood. Ann is much pleased with the change.

I also called on Mrs Williams to inquire about Bette. Mrs W. said she was suffering the greatest agony and did not think she could live two hours. Mrs W. was in great affliction. It is now twelve o'clock & she is still suffering. Mrs F. is going up after dinner.

Mrs Page's husband has left the Franklin. She has bought the house of Hanson Goodrich, the brick this side of the Congregational Church, and is moving in.

Malcolm helped his Uncle move, and he let me take his Shanghai fowls. They lay sundry Burrhampton eggs daily. When the cock crows you are apt to think he is on the top of a fence. Mr Ladd told me yesterday that he thought it probable that he should go to Detroit to live & of course take his family. It would no doubt be

better for me to be there, than here.

May 3rd Friday. — There has been considerable excitement in town, concerning the worthy Doct. in consequence of the proceedings of the Regents of the University, by which Dr Allen has been discharged.

Of course there was an indignation meeting last evening, to censure the Regents, for you know Ann Arbor considers herself as God-mother of the University, and as a consequence must look after its spiritual interests. From what I can learn, the Regents did not act hastily in this matter, but knew what they were about. It will no doubt be explained. I suppose you will mourn over this, more than I. For I will confess I care but little about it.

May 6th Saturday afternoon. I have been in the hospital to see the patient. I have written a letter to such P. Richard, I concluded it would be useless to send it there, but would direct to Cincinnati. — Bette Williams was living last evening, but was no better. Dr. Lagan says she has a nervous fever, and may live several days, but gives no encouragement to hope for a recovery. — I understand the storm that has been sweeping over the town, and that will fair to besting the Regents of the University, is subsiding rapidly, and it is probable that Old Roles and his tribe will be glad to hide themselves in the caverns of the mountains.

*The indignation men

When you come home, you will learn a great deal about Doc, that you probably never knew before. Recollect, I say nothing against him, for he is your family physician, but not mine. — I had a conversation with Edlie a short time since about his dandy boots, and we came to the conclusion that it would be better for him to get a pair of nice shoes made by Mr. Sam Green for seven men, and get the dandy boots in the fall. So I would advise you not to get them; they would be too warm for summer and you might not be able to get him. — Mr. Saddle & wife came from Detroit this morning. Seymour, Edlie & I had gone to see the Congress and were at the time they had called on Mr. Sam Green, (who is the only one of the kind in the city) and I learned that there was no prospect of my getting a situation on that road. You must give a great deal of love to Mr. Saddle & Mary for me; also to the children and kiss that darling little Ellen a great many times. You will, most assuredly, say you have seen a smarter child. I should like to know how the Seymour & Mitchell case is likely to terminate. — Good bye my own dear wife may God bless you and take care of you and my dear children and restore you to us soon, Kiss my darlings for me.

Your own devoted husband J. P. Danblon.

Free Arbor May 20th 1854

To My own precious wife

I went to the East this morning with a faint hope, I can hardly say expectation, of seeing you. I expect to leave on Tuesday morning, to be absent until about the 1st of October, and it would have been a great gratification to me to have seen my own darling wife and child and that are with her, before I go, but if God wills it otherwise, I will not complain, although it may cause some sadness.

I have a great deal that I wish to say to you and hardly know where to commence, and when I commence, when to end, for some things I would prefer not to commit to paper, for paper sometimes proves treacherous, although in many respects a very faithful messenger.

I feel a great deal of anxiety about Malinda. He should embrace every moment to improve his mind, but I am sorry to say that now, he is quite as fond of play as any child, and does not manifest as much disposition to study as Seymour or Eddie. I hope as long as he remains at home you will keep him at school and not suffer to go out at night on any pretence. If he wishes to read, let him read at home; we have books, good books and interesting. I fear you will find him very selfish, consulting no ones pleasure or happiness but his own. I hope he now intends to do better.

Sabbath morning. Last night, thinking that there was
a bare possibility that you might have been accidentally
by detained in Detroit and might come in on the night
train, Malcolm and I went to the depot and waited
for the cars till after midnight. This morning I
have come into my room to try to pray for you, my
dear children and myself, but when on my knees
was so overcome by my feelings that I could do no more
than commit you and all to the care of your Father
and my Father, your God and my God, and may
he take care of you and our precious lambs, while
we are separated. And my dear wife, cease not
to pray for your absent husband, morning, noon
and night, and may he bless you, bless you, bless you.

Evening. Have just returned from Church, and accord-
ing to promise went up stairs to kiss my darling
little Seymour, who is sleeping so sweetly. How lovely
the dear child looked. Last Sabbath, in hearing me
read to him the Prop. of Day he learned that God
would give his Holy Spirit to those who asked him.
He said he wished God to give his Holy Spirit to him
and ever since when saying his prayers at night
has been very particular ^{to ask} for it. Encourage him, my
dear wife & pray for this precious gift, and may
God hear his prayer and bless our dear little boy.
He is a dear good boy, and oh how precious to his father.

Our dear little Eddie has slept with me ever since
your absence, and has taken much comfort in snuggling
me with his precious little arms about my neck, and
sometimes warming my back with his.

^{Sunday} I rec'd a letter from you this morning and was glad to learn
that you were spending your time pleasantly, and that
all were well. I mailed a letter to you on Tuesday and
you had not rec'd it on Friday; your letter mailed
Saturday morning reached me this morning (Monday).

On your return here you may no doubt hear much
of the troubles in the University. I hope your friendship for
your family physician will not lead you to think that
all else are in the wrong. I am perfectly satisfied that
the Regents have done right and I could tell you many
things if you were now here that would satisfy your
mind, I think. I regret much that you have ever
called him here as a physician. I would much have
preferred Dr. Andrews. I hope however you may meet
no physician during my absence but that all may
enjoy perfect health.

When Anna was a little girl the boys used to be in the
habit of kissing her when they met, she is now old enough
to be treated with more reserve, for my sake ~~you~~ will
see that all such familiarity ceases. I never liked
it. It may be French or Turkish but it does not please
me. The fact is I do not like to see boys so over loving.

I hope you will give up keeping boarders as soon as
possible; ~~if possible~~ find that you can live far more eco-
nomically and pleasantly, and my thoughts of home
will be far more pleasant when I can think that you
are living by your labors. It never was pleasant to me
and I cannot be reconciled to it. I know it is of no
advantage.

Since you have been absent I have contracted no debts at any of the dry goods or grocery stores. I have got boots & shoes from Van Gieson amounting to near (\$9.) nine dollars, and some articles of Henry Wells amounting to two dollars. That is all. I have borrowed \$25. of Doctor Douglass to start with on my journey. I expect to be able to make arrangements to have money sent to you monthly. I have mortgaged their Houston land again, and would like you to sign it when Houston brings it. He may not bring it unless he can use it. I wish you to be careful of the little trunk containing my papers. There are a papers and receipts in it that are valuable to us. I cannot find the key of it. It should be tied securely so that children will not meddle with them. It is in the closet in the bed room above stairs.

I wish Malcolm to hoe & weed the garden as soon as it needs it. - I will let you know as soon as possible when you can direct a letter to me. I fear it will be long before I can hear from you. Kiss my darling children for me very often; I may be heavenly Father bless you & them.

Your own devoted husband
H. M. Van Gieson

Malcolm sends love to you, and his & sister. He is trying to do well.

New Haven, Thurs, Apr. 13th 1854.

My dear wife,

It is a great satisfaction to me to sit down to write to you with glowing & many new notions of particular interest to you. I have today & every night some such occupation to interest me, more than usual, for I am in a measure shut in the house, having a bad cold on my head, and such a head-ache that I can scarcely speak intelligibly. The house is very quiet. The clock has just struck three, and it is ticking in all the rooms I move in. Mrs. T. has vanished, gone to bed for aught I know. I have not been to inquire; - Ebenezer, who never makes much noise, has settled down in to a very comfortable quietness; - Malcolm has gone to school unknown. The children have all gone to school, and I am left alone to my meditations. Do you not enjoy the quiet I enjoy? - Mr. Bailey left this morning for home. He had a letter yesterday informing him that a bad was about to start for Black River. I was really sorry to part with him, and I think he felt some pain at leaving. I had become very much attached to him. May God bless him. - He got to Black River but no letter from you and that from Clara came. In looking over the papers every day, I see no account of accidents on Rail Roads or Steam boats along the route.

No letters yet, but I trust they will come along, some
of these days, and be very interesting when they do
come. I am expecting a jolly time. I have a right
to be jolly now under very favorable circumstances.

Monday, Sept. 17th. It seems very strange that your
letters are so long on the way. It is now two
weeks since you left, and I have had no
news of you excepting your letter from Cleveland.
If my letters are as long in reaching you, you will
not be likely to hear from me before you are ready
to start for home. — I am much better
today than I was last week. My cold has not
left me entirely, & nothing of importance has trans-
pired since my last letter was written. The
children are very much interested in their
school. Seymour reads a little book to me, and
reads very well. Eddie had a very good lesson
to me yesterday. He was spelling in a Pictorial
Reader and occasionally made a few bad ones,
such as, E-L-K, cleary, L-A-R-K, bind,
U-R-R, lassie; Z-E-B-R-A, house. He learned how
soon very fast and will soon be able to read.

I think our two little boys will compare very well
with any children of their age. They are sweet
unobnoxious, well behaved children. They have
great sport with me when they wake up in the morn-
ing. All the children appear to enjoy themselves
and play pleasantly together. Mrs. Landon
takes very good care of them.

Exr. 13, 1854

I think it rather doubtful whether Mr Bailey
left Detroit last week. I saw his name in the
list of arrivals at the Exchange on Friday. And the
weather has been very cold and unfavorable
for navigation since then. We are expecting
Spring however, and think it will be along soon.
Perhaps it will come with your letters from the
South. I suppose the forests with you are quite
green, fruit trees in blossom and the fields cov-
ered with fresh grass. Strawberry all gone and
green peas ~~in~~ quite a drag. How is it?

Tuesday April 9th The mail this morning brought
your long and anxiously looked for letter from Wash-
ington, written April 6th. Postmarked 11th arrived 11th.
You will readily imagine that we were delighted
to hear from you, of your safe arrival at the Spring-
ton Landing and that all were well. And so the
Captain of the Lott promised to go up to Peach-
 Orchard, did he? When he makes such a promise
you may be sure he is off for Postmouth. You
should have made some promise to go to Post-
mouth, you would then have had a chance
of a trip we was to keep the river, for he goes
at every opportunity for talking a big lie. I
have to say it but do not like to say the word.
You see from my letter that when you were here
interesting inquiries, riddles and others we have
been a long while (that we have had the same).
I had a letter from Mr Bailey today, Postmarked
Post House where he was, on board the steamer

Michigan, which was detained there by the
storm. He said he had not been well since
he left. He went home to get well, and
said I ought to be thankful that I had kept
a wife. He desires me to come to Macine
and spend my length of time.

It was no small gratification to me to hear
that our little Vaggie was well. She has cured
all the children for me. — I say in your letter
that the trustee was not all told about the untidy
people on the sandy. I am looking for a letter a few
days since I forward me that your father Malcher
writes on his return from a visit to Melle. He
says the habitués on the Big Sandy do not com-
pare in intelligence with the Black feet.

I was glad to learn from your letter that the feet
held out well, as I had had some fears on that
point. — Did I give you in Detroit a little stick
as the measure of Eddie's foot? If I did it was exact-
ly the length of his foot, and if you buy a pair of boots
(handy boots) for him you must make proper allow-
ance and recollect that his foot is very fat. If
I can find some book that would answer for him
to learn to read in, bring it, and bring some book
of easy reading, and good print for Jay now.
He appears to be fond of his book, and seems
very fat. He recollects quite well. — All are well
to day. Good bye, love to all. May God bless my
dear and darling. Your own loving husband
All send love.

H. P. Van Cleave

The weather is so cold here that our winter clothing is very comfortable

Sum. 20th June 21st 1853

My dear husband,

I rec'd your letter this morning and your first one dated Mansfield on Saturday evening. I don't know why they have been so delayed and regret it exceedingly, as I should have liked much to have written to you if I had known when to direct. I am glad you have had so pleasant a time. Can imagine from my own feelings that you have wished to see us several times since you left. If you wish to know how much I have missed you, just think how you have missed me, and then think that with me it has been a good deal more so. I am all as well as usual. I have been down & heated some times and have felt that I would give all Michigan, all of old California too, to be able to have you read in your dear faithful brown and tell you all my little troubles, for then I should find him



father may not fail. I am sure and I
am precious to you? If God spare our lives
we must all be together next New Year's
day. I trust you are enjoying yourself
to day, but if I know you you will rather
be at home with me than far from it.
your children around you. I am sure
our home is very warm, fresh away
from us in the midst of the winter.
Never mind, God will take care of us, and
we shall be reunited here or in a
better world, whichever you please will
be the best. Only let us love and trust him,
and if at any time we get dizzy and
faint by reason of the daily trials we are called
on to pass through, let us "look aloft" and
we shall not fall. I am hoping to hear
from you to-morrow, and trust to hear
that you are well and about to succeed.
The gentlemen are calling on me, but Mrs
Horton has appropriated Ellen and I do
not know what she shall be doing with
it. It is a perfect little thing to me.

Aunt Ann Sunday January 1. 1854

Dear Father

I wish you a Happy New Year
and hope you and Lizzy are well. I suppose
Lizzy does not get home sick at all does she
we miss her big blue eyes and pleasant
face here at home. I went to church this
morning and heard a very fine sermon
from Mr Curtis & his text was, "Time is short"
it was a good sermon and don't you think
I did not go to sleep over during it. ^{Chapin}
Mother has gone to communion this
afternoon. Aunty Vanele & we and Mary &
Aunt Ann & Uncle Houd were here to din-
ner. ^{Friday} Saturday, Mary & Louisa & Lee have
left us but Mother has got another girl
in Louisa's place, the stitching is very good
indeed, we have not had as much snow
in a long time, it is snowing quite here
this afternoon the ^{deep} has been two feet
deep. Did you see Wellington when you

were in Dayton. I hope you did, did
you see any one from German town when
you were through Carlisle. You must
have been very lonely if it had not been
for that little comfort. Don't you think
so? Write to me father the next time
you write home and have Lizzie write
to me she must write me a long letter as
soon as she gets time

Good by

Your affectionate son
Rev M. C. VanDeusen

P. S. we are all well and doing well
I am ^{trying} to study hard I have said
"going to" so often that I have got sick of
it

Mother

Dear Husband,

Mother was here to you yesterday
and I expected to speak. I have been writing
a long letter to you but I have not had time
to do so. I have been so busy all day and night
to church (feeling unwell) and to the

care of the church. I have not had time
to do anything but to think of you
thing but trying to do it. The church
very good. I am very serious, and was very
solemn and I suppose in administering
the sacrament. I know that I went to church
daily with a desire to get a blessing and
trust I succeeded in a measure. I have not
made any of the Lord's resolutions, for I am
a miserable creature, not able of myself
to do the best thing as I should, but I wish
to feel entirely dependent upon God, and to
offer him a broken and a contrite heart.
If I am saved at last it will be through
his abounding grace to me, the chief of
sinners and not for the best of things of
my own. I know I am very sinful, although
I am constantly doing something to dishonour
his holy cause, for always when I would do
good with it, I find it with me. Pray for
darling that I may be a faithful and
true and faithful and that my

Oh dear, If she does not hear
cheering news soon, I do not know
what will become of her. Be sure
and see that Lizzie has shoes and
gloves and stockings enough to last
her till I come down. I can't bear to
think of her being more troubled and
suffering. There is absolutely nothing
more I can do for her at present.
I am getting along quite
comfortably. Don't give me any
unnecessary worries. Be sure to be
very careful of your eyes and
trust in God. I much love to all
I wish you would write to Willie
and try to get him to go to college. This is
the dear boy. I hope this first he
ever spent with his dear mother.
He must feel very lonely. Remember
me to Elizabeth and William. Eliza
Esther and all. I am ever
All very much love to you. Good

Love
from
your
mother
and
sister
Jan 10th 1854
Dear Husband,
I have answered your last
letter but shall not keep very strict
account of it with you as I know you
do not wish me. This is a dreary
day. Snow and rain and
dark. It is gloomy enough out of
doors but we are all merry and
happy within. I have got to speak
but I have got to go, sisters and have
much more time to attend to
my children and to rest myself
if necessary than when you were at
home. Since the new administration
we have our breakfast at seven
and sometimes I feel more like lying
in bed than getting up but we
up on all manage to get up and
eat at the table sometimes. Male is not
by very steady and is doing well. Namie
is getting on very well.

Sydney Chick and Ellen get school
and are improving daily. Little Ed
went yesterday to visit Mrs. Costin
and it stormed so severely, that
he has not come back yet. So
we are quite lost and lonely without
him. I shall send for him directly if
I cannot find him without him any
longer. There is nothing but a beautiful
day and is very happy and quiet with
his new music. And now all have
been named to my little household.
Has she forgotten us all in her new
home? Tell her to be as happy as she
can, and to be kind and gentle to
nouns. You will have to leave her I
know, and what are your prospects
for business. Is there any business of
any kind down there for Cliff? He is
very anxious to be at something where
he can have his evenings to study.
He is much disheartened at his father's
course, and I do feel for him. I wish he

could find business on the way, he sure
and keep him in mind. A letter
from Oscar informs me that he
will not be able to take the school
at Peach Orchard so I have written
to Everett M. Solomon. Thomas was here
yesterday, he died at home of consumption
and was buried at his own request
near the house. When we find out your
last news, let us think of these poor
dear parents, and I feel that
Miss Selah was a good one!!! The Governor
will visit home in the summer to look
at home. I have just completed two
nice little overcoats for Chick and
Sydney, they are very nice and
will do much good in their
present state than hanging up in
the dust as a cloak or ^{being} used for a quilt
on the bed. We see distressing accounts
of the poor mother, of ^{being} trying to ^{be} correct.
Mother's spirits are in a fall with the

[illegible]

My dear husband
I have been very busy
on my part. I have been very busy

Ann Arbor Oct 13th 1853

My dear Husband,

Mr and Mrs Corbin have invited me to go to Flat Rock and as the weather is very pleasant and every thing is favorable, I believe I shall go with them. We shall be back to-morrow. I have been uncommonly busy this week or should have written you a long long letter, but when I come home I can write again and tell you all the news from F. R. Hunt says don't be in a hurry to sell the Huron land, for it must certainly come up as the R. Road will inevitably go through there some where, and as to Rosedale, there seems no doubt about selling that, this fall. Clark Rogers wants it and is willing to take it at \$3000 if he can sell his own farm for which he has had an offer. He would pay \$800,00 down, 500 of which would go towards taking up the Champion Mortgage. Tom has talked with me about it and thinks that would do very well, for it would stop that interest, which would be a great relief. Of course he would expect to apportion the debt to Johnson - but I don't know yet as he will buy it. When I return I shall be able to tell you more about it. The taxes have been attended to, and all is right. I forgot to tell you that I think you had better not interfere John's conduct in any way at least at present, wait till I see you and we can talk about it. I do not think

it would do any good to speak, or write to him
I know his disposition and am sure that he would
do something to hurt your feelings. I don't forget that
he called you a liar once, and I have never had
any respect for him since. It makes me almost
furious when I think of it, so I don't think of it at
all if I can help it. Let it go, keep cool. We are very
happy in spite of them all, and God willing we will
continue to be so. May he bless you and my dear
boy and restore you to us in his own good time.
Goodbye darling. Your own dear wife C. A. P.

My dear father I was going to write you a letter but
I have been very busy and it is too late.

Stannie

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Robert P. Van Cleave
German town
Montgomery

informed us the paper. Mrs. Clarke and Ellen will report
he best. I am quite well and the baby is comfortably
healthy. J. D. Clarke

Leicester June 26th 1852

Dear Charlotte

Enclosed are twenty five dollars for the coming quarter on Malcolm's account I can as well send it now as ever. Indeed better, for I now have the means at hand.

I am now a poor forlorn widow. Mary and all the family are at Mr. Mellers. They left here more than a week since & will be absent most of the summer.

They left early so that the baby should not get pulled down by the heat. I heard from them yesterday. They are all well & enjoying themselves much.

I suppose Mrs. Clarke has informed you of Ellen's engagement. If not she probably will do so. Wm Foster is a very pleasant fellow with good friends but nothing more. & with no prospect of being married for some time to come. But if he has a mind to do so, he can do well.

I think that is his present determination. Then & I have no reason to believe he will not do so. But I am no hand to speculate upon such matters. At times I am a little crazy. For I think unless except that

Charlott A. Vandev
Care of H. P. Vandev
Upsilanti
Michigan

Cam⁵ Jan^y 18th 43

Dear Charlotte

Enclosed is \$50. for two-
quarters. I should have sent it before
but the multiplicity of my duties has
led me to neglect it. not knowing how nec-
essary it was to you. This is for the
Nov. & Feb^y quarters and you will ac-
knowledge the receipt of it. Whenever
you wish it I hope you will write for I
am by nature an indolent & a neg-
lectful man. so do not fear to draw me
up to the mark. the money does not come when
it should. I am used to being blamed
and am not frightened or offended when
one as Mr. Jeff then just comes. Mr. Mel-
ler & Wells are now here. They expect to
leave for their Egypt next week. I
hope they may find camels to take them
there as there is hardly anything else in
that region to carry them. As if they leave
the Ohio. Mr. Clarke and Ellen are at
Beach Orchard. They have spent the
winter there. They are very pleasantly
situated. We are all quite well and
hope to be remembered to all

Yours brother

J. D. Lincoln



Mr. P. Kanelev

Spaulth
Michigan.

Leicester Feb 16th 1832

Dear Charlotte

I forward twenty five dollars, being the amount due Feb. 1st as I understand from Kalamazoo. I should have done it long ago, but I have since forgotten it in the multitude of business that presses upon me, for I am employed almost every minute of the day in my own business. So you will excuse me for a summer.

I am in very good health and so are all here. Pearl has had the measles, but has now got well of them, and the family is quite well, but all this and very much more I have time to write already written to you. There is a great letter waiting and I shall write of it. So I will not bore you with much. Certainly I have not much time to write and I know you have no time to read my little letters. I shall go to Washington in a few days and it is possible that Mary will go with me. Mrs. Miller is here and Mrs. Blake will go home with her to Peach Orchard in a few days. My father is also here, will soon go to New England. We shall then have quite a small family comparatively. I hope you are all well. You must remember me to all the family. I believe Mrs. Green brother truly
C. A. Lincoln

Ms. Charlotte Ann Vanderve
Ann Arbor
Michigan

North American mine S.S.

Aug 23^d 1854

My dear Sirs. My heart was glad here
today by the rec^d of four letters all bringing
good news. I am well & in great haste.
When you write to W. C. H. send me the
above and thank him for me.

Apologizing I did not get your letter
at the Postage. Could have sent a
rejoinder, but now the Dr. says I
must write him.

Love to all. Love devotedly

H. Van C. Lee

August 16 1888

Dear Mother & Leggy

How do you

how I would like to see you
with your eyes. If you were here
and go to see your little cousin
Harry and ^{love} Bessy why Leggy
hasn't got a little
play house big enough for you
to go in and walk around
big enough for father to stand
up in and why hasn't got a
bed in it big enough for you
to go in it is just like any
other house would it not you
like to see it

Goodbye your brother

August 16 1888

Dear Mother

How do you like to see

would you like to see
papa and mama and
Isidore and the baby
you has a four brother
and his how has he shoot
holly with it yet you must
see that he does not like
any more with it. Mother
I would like to see you
any how you must write
me a letter and you must
tell Leggy to write to
your sister

August 10 1862

Dear sister

Are you a thinking
me this evening, if you must write
to me and tell me what you
are thinking of me, when you
receive this note you must

as soon as you see it
This I wrote you a letter
quite a long one as I have
told you that you were a good
to Mary, most, I suppose
to me I was to write to tell me that you
a note and I have told her so and then
a letter and I suppose we have named our boys
you will be tired, all my
love, give my love to the

the must have something to
back about, but never mind
them they will get their turn
for a while there is a
of a deal of writing about
in Dayton about that murder
and if ever I live to die
with you and my mother
of the son of a bitch
I will but it is getting
to me I was to write to tell me that you
a note and I have told her so and then
a letter and I suppose we have named our boys
you will be tired, all my
love, give my love to the

[Mar. 4th 1854]

Miss Anna A. Van Cleve
Care of B. B. Kercheval Esq
Detroit
Mich.

Ann Arbor March 2nd 1854

My dear Child,

I have just rec'd your letter and am glad to hear that you are well, although I am afraid you are a little homesick - You must try and enjoy yourself as much as you can we are all very well, Sammy is getting a great deal better. St. Allen opened his bile last night and it discharged so freely that he felt entirely relieved and slept sweetly all night - You speak of coming home on Monday. I shall not object to it if you wish it, but would it not be better to stay till next day as you first intended. I want you to do just as you please about it. Some of us will walk down to the cars on Monday to meet you, but if you are not there we shall not feel worried about you, but shall conclude that you made up your mind to stay.

till Tuesday. You have done very well
with your money. You must save
\$1.10 to pay your fare and a shil-
ling for your omnibus fare - You had
better call on Mrs Gunn on Monday,
if you stay, and tell her Dr that you
are coming home the next day. He will
take care of you. You must pay your pas-
sage at the ticket Office and if any one
goes down to the Baptist with you be sure
and hand them the money on the
way down or as soon as you get there
You must be a good girl and be as cheer-
ful as you can. You must play with
Mrs Woodbridge's children, and must not
be afraid to speak - Give much love
from all of us to Mr Kercheval and
all the family - and also to Mrs Thom-
son and Joe. and Cliff and Mrs Al-
ford. Do just as you like about com-
ing in on Monday. I want you to enjoy your-
self and not feel worried about us. Hope you
have seen Mrs Forsyth. Love affectionate mother

Ed. December 1st 1854

[Nov. 26,
1854]



Miss Anna H. Van Cleve
Care of J. D. Lincoln Esq
Cincinnati
Ohio.

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My own darling daughter

It is a stormy Sabbath
afternoon, and as the children
cannot go out doors on account
of the weather, they make con-
siderable noise in doors, for you
know we cannot expect the lit-
tle ones to sit still like statues.
I read to them some stories from
the Bible, as is my custom,
until I thought they were get-
ting weary, and then let them
amuse themselves as they wish
excepting when they become too
obstrepous, I am obliged to
restrain them somewhat.

We think a great deal of
you and miss you very much
but trust that you are get-

ting along well, and spending
your time pleasantly. I want
you to keep up good courage
and not get discouraged, for if
our lines are spared we hope
to see you again in a short
time. I hope mother will be
able to go after you about
the first of February, and that
will soon be here.

As we were going to Church
this morning we met Mr Bailey,
with Miss Chloe Clark.
He looked very well and
said he would call on us.

Mother has been writing to
you today and I suppose
has told you all the news, which
is very little, for there is nothing
particularly exciting in our
village just now.

Monday Morning. Dr Bailey called &
spent last evening with us. He inquired
after you. He is on his way to New York
and calculates to spend the winter
there. Of course he will see Mother & Ed.

Seymour, Nora & Eddie have
been improving the opportunity
they have had this morning of
playing with their sled, and
enjoyed it much. They went out
as soon as they had their break-
fast & had a happy time. They
and the girls are now at school
and Sam is helping Susan
make the beds. They all wish
to be remembered to Sister Harriet
and send much love. Sam
does not talk English much. He
says, boots & shoes & hate; that
is about all, & a few Dutch words.
We think he is very sweet, however.

I think it is unnecessary, my
darling child to speak to you
of the importance of studying your
Bible, daily; for I know you are
fond of Gods Holy Word, and, I
trust delight in his Law. Look
to him in all times of trial.

If you ever feel in doubt as
to your duty, ask Counsel of
Him. Commit all your cares to
Him who has promised to as-
sist those who call upon his
name. — It is now almost

four weeks since you left home
and the time has flown by very
rapidly, in about nine weeks
more I hope Mother will be
able to go after you, and the time
will fly by only too rapidly for
we will then, all be nine weeks
older, and I fear not nine
weeks wiser.

Good bye, May God bless
I keep you, may your own
dear Father H. P. Van Cleave

Ann Arbor Nov 26th 1854

precious child

L. C. D.

gentle and kind, your influence
may do good. I think you love your
Saviour, and endeavour to do
as he wishes, like every act of your life
be in conformity to the teachings of his
word, and those around you may
be led to feel that a person may
be a Christian without following
those forms which we, as Protestants,
consider quite useless. He do pray
for you may shield and you with all
heart, yourself to give you grace to do
right. He will hear you and will
protect you from harm - I do not
at all afraid that you will ever be
Catholic, and I am very happy that
I feel such confidence in you. I think
the trial you are now undergoing will
be of great benefit to you and I hope
you many come out from it as gold
from the furnace, well refined.
Dear Aunt Mary is very good to you
never say any thing or do any thing
without her feelings. Remember that she
not only thinks she is right, but that
no one can be saved who does not
think as she does, therefore you need
not wonder that she is very anx-
ious that all her dear friends should
be what she calls good Catholics.
When she proposes to you to do
any thing which you do not think
right, you can very pleasantly ask her
to excuse you for you do not think it
would be proper for you to do so.

Auntie tells me you have had a
present from New York. What is it?
I shall have to see to this, so I can
a young gentleman dare to send
my daughter a handsome present
without my knowledge? Dear Mary
love you so well and so entirely,
I hope when you write to him, you
will tell him that you are grate-
ful for the many kindnesses he
shows you, and that you will always
try to please him and make him
happy. He is a noble hearted man and
I never have seen any one whom
I would so willingly trust with my
darlings happiness. Father feels just
as I do, and thinks you will be very
happy together. One of these days
continue to write him good long
letters, for if you should shorten your
epistles to him or make them any
less affectionate than they now are,
if you been, he would be very un-
happy. I am not afraid however that
that you will always love him and
will always be pleased to write to
him. You can tell him all your
troubles and whatever interests you
he is always glad to hear just what
you are doing and if you need
any comfort he will do his best to
comfort you. He thinks your father
is the best he has ever had, he seems
really delighted with it. He likes your
journal plan too. The more you
write the easier it will become and
by and by you can write as fast as I can.

Lizzie Sinclair, or I should say Mrs
Williamson, is here now. Mr. Williamson
asked me her. She seems very happy and
looks very beautifully as a bride.
Her husband seems a very fine
man and is exceedingly proud of her.
I have not seen any of the girls
to speak to them since I got back.
He went to Upsalanti on Friday
and had a very pleasant visit.
Mary was delighted to see me and
asked a great many questions about
you. I have begged a great deal
of your teachers, you will have
to improve as much as possible
when you return. The folks
will expect great things of you. I
want you to go sometimes to see
Aunt Mary. Her mother was here last
night and said they hoped you
would be sociable. In writing home
always tell me how your screaming
comes on, also dancing, also the
mother. I am glad you are in the
little blue room. It is a very cosy lit-
tle place and I think you will get along
very well. I am glad Miss Lincoln,
and the little girl are in the same
and hope you will be a very happy
household. Endeavour by kind &
gentle manners to make every one
love you. Kiss Pearl and Ellen for
me and remember me to the girls.
Give much love to Uncle Lincoln &
Aunt Mary. Father says I may come
for you when your quarter is out. 100

Dec 8, 1854



Miss Anna H. Van Cleave
Care of J. D. Lincoln Esq
Cincinnati
Ohio

whether we receive that Phila-
delphia money or not so soon
as that, I presume we shall. My own darling
generally gets her towards
the last of January. You must
be as happy as you can until
then, be cheerful, and don't let
any one see that you are long-
ing to come home - Remember
that many a little girl would
be delighted to have your oppor-
tunity. I hope you get along
finely with your singing -
What piece of music did you
send to Mother for? It pleased
her much to have you send
for it - I am glad you had
a pleasant Thanksgiving
dinner and think Mary Anne
must have been delighted to
be with her Aunt and sister
- that day -

My own darling

reached us yesterday making our
hearts glad for we learned from
it that our dear little sister was
well and happy, and that she
was trying to improve her ad-
vances to the best of her abilities -
You write very good letters and
your hand writing is improving
very rapidly - I have mis-
spelled a few words, and I will telegraph
what they are that you may
not make the same mistake
again - I will just write them
as you wrote them, and you can
get the Dictionary and find out
what is wrong, Journal, Sisters' Reading,
Legitables, Clothes. Now don't think I
am finding fault with you, but

remember that I used to correct
your spelling when I was with you
and I am only doing the same
now. I do not wonder that you
felt badly to hear that Docticks
was married and gone to Cali-
fornia, it gave you a kind of
shock although I don't think you
really believed it was your Doct-
icks. No matter what you see
in the papers nor what you hear,
never for one moment doubt
dear Mort. His love for you is
past all telling and I do not
believe there is any power in the
world able to weaken it. He will
never give you up, until you
tell him you are tired of him
and even then he will never
try to find any one else to take
his dear child's place. But I don't
think you will grow tired of him

soon, and if God spare your
lives, I know you will be very
happy with each other. It is
best that you should not say
any thing to him about it.
It might make him feel
badly wroth that he is away
from you. I am glad it has
happened on one account.
It has shown you how dear
he is to you, and you did not
know until that dark hour
of fear and agony, how dear
the world would be to you
without him. It is all over now
and you will love him more
than ever. Won't we have
nice times in the Spring when
he comes out here? I shall come
to you in time to prepare
your dress for the party, if
it can get away. It depends upon

[Dec. 8, 1854]

smallest as ever, Did I tell you
Mrs Maloney was very sick.
She is no better, and some think
she never will be. You must
give Aunt Mary a great
deal of love for me, and her
little daughter too. I am afraid
they will think my visits
are becoming over frequent
but probably after my next
visit I shall stay pretty close
at home for a long while.
Father will be busy for a few
days preparing some maps
for Mr. Thompson. He has not
found any permanent busi-
ness yet. But will, I think, before
long for as soon as he gets money
he is going away some where in
search of something to do. Will send
love to you dear. Pray for us all
every night. In a few weeks if it is
God's will, we shall be together again.
God bless you darling. Love from mother

And by this time you have
seen the Karels. I suppose you
enjoyed it very much. Perhaps
when I come down, we may
go to some kind of show
together. I should have enjoyed
going to the Opera with you
much. I have never attended
such a place in my life, so you
have got the start of your mother
ever. Well, if I don't go before, I
will do so when I go to New York
to visit my oldest daughter
who talks of being married and
settling in that city some day.
When I come for you we will
go together to see Mrs. Allston.
I had a long letter from Sister
Thurston the other day. She
urges me to make them another

visit, which we will do when
we set our faces towards home as usual. Sam is getting
next spring. Malcolm has earned
enough money to buy a
watch, and has his choice
between getting his watch and
going to Cincinnati with
me! He has about made
up his mind to go with me
but may change it before the
time comes. You would like
to see him I think. If he comes
down I think he will try to
get employment either there
or in Kentucky. He is very
steady now, is improving in
his studies and would be
able to take care of himself very
well I think - He sends a great
deal of love to you and all
the family - The rest of the

children are coming on about
as usual. Sam is getting
some more teeth and is
rather troublesome to day.
He understands Dutch and
says some words in that
rightful language and when
we ask him his name, he
says, "Dutch" Father and
I spent the evening with
Lizzie Williams (Linclair). She
is right, she seems very happy,
and had a long talk
with me about Ed. She says
she did not take those pictures
from Mom. I wonder who did.
She says she shall call on
again when she goes to the
city. I saw Mrs Peakes too and
she inquired about you, also
Emily Bull, who is just as

[Nov. 16, 1854]



J. D. Lincoln

For Anna H. Van Cleave

Cincinnati

Ohio

The ground was covered. I understood it was a foot deep out west.

I send you a few letter stamps, for I suppose you calculate to write letters occasionally.

Give much love to Aunt Mary & Uncle Lincoln, Mother & I (more particularly Mother) will try to write to you frequently. And now good bye my darling child; may God bless you and keep you, and restore you to us in his own good time, in health & happiness.

The children all wish to be remembered to Sister Harmin. — Your own dear father
A. P. Van Cleave

San Antonio Nov. 16, 1854

My precious daughter

I have just received a letter from mother, dated the 10th in which she says she expects to be home tomorrow. I had not heard from her for a long time, and was almost despairing of hearing again by letter. This morning I went down to the Depot, thinking I might possibly meet her. We will give her a hearty welcome when she does come, I assure you.

Mother gives a very good account of your music teacher. When you come home you must take charge of Virginia's musical education and also teach her to hope she must not say "dancer"

that would be very naughty.
I am sorry to find from
the papers and also from Mas-
sey's letter, that there is such hard
times in Cincinnati. Blessed
be nothing. Those who have nothing
to lose, have nothing to fear.

Do not think I shall be able
to send you any pocket money
under two months. I trust I
shall then be able to send you
all you need.

The children are all very
well. All have gone to school
but Sumner. I hear him talk
up in the kitchen. He is my best
fellow, and I have a nice time
when we wake up in the morn-
ing. He is full of play, full of
mischief. Eddie is as big a
scamp as ever.

The children pray for Sister Har-
rie every night. Father prays
for you every day and many
times during the day. I trust
you keep up good courage.

You must remember that
next Thursday is my birth day.
I will then be forty five years of
age. That is getting on the down
hill side, but I feel quite young
yet.

Miss Mary Clark called to-
day to see if mother had return-
ed. She wishes, I suppose, to
make some inquiries about
her relatives in Cincinnati.

Worst sends Malcolm some
newspapers every few days.
I will him a letter and must
answer it soon.

It snowed last Sunday

Green Mountain Sep. 18th 1853

My very dear daughter Fannie
Little can you imagine how much your
father loves you, and how much he has your good and
happiness at heart. It distressed me very much to be
obliged to advise mother not to have you take music
lessons this winter. But I thought you could improve
music by practicing at home, this winter, with some
little assistance from mother. It is my wish to get
entirely out of debt and in order to do this we must en-
tail our expenses as much as possible. I know how
tired daughter dear, that you have not felt like complai-
ing, but on the contrary have been perfectly satisfied
with what father & mother have determined upon. But I
mention it to let you know that I think of every thing
that concerns my dear child's welfare & happiness.

Leave my daughter to commit all your cares to God
and "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth."
Farewell darling, it is your own dear father that writes
to you and prays that God may bless you & keep you

My darling daughter Fannie.

Father has thought a great deal of you this
summer, and would be right glad to give you his arms &
kiss you; But as he can not do this he must content him-
self with writing to you & thinking about you. Mother
Malcolm & I talk a great deal about you all, and hope
one of these days to make you a visit, and we hope too
that the time may soon come when you can all live
together again. I always remember father and mother
in your prayers, I trust, & try to pray for you my dear
child. May God bless you & keep you in health and
make you a good girl. I must do all your
dear to make mother happy. I hope you and Ellen
love each other. Give much love to Ellen & Charlie
& much love to the others. And give love & kisses
from me & Ellen & Jane. Give love to mother &
God bless you my dear child. I pray for father

at the end of them of them and of their
and of a precious meeting who had not had a letter
mess taken. I should like much to see the originals
of all the pictures. I suppose I will let you see his
Cub when I come home. I should expect
to visit his friends in Michigan and think he is
go to Ann Arbor in the course of two weeks. He calculates
to leave here for Michigan next week. I should like
you to show him my children and my drawings.
I am proud of my children and I wish him
to see them. I also wish him to see the drawings, par-
ticularly the engineering drawings & topography of
West Point. You may think, my dear wife that I
have not spent my time in a very Christian like man-
ner to day in writing this letter but I do not derive
much benefit from attending church here, and
I wished to have some conversation with my dear
wife & children intending to write on more serious
subjects to reconcile it to my business. I suppose if
I had been at home my conversation would have been
no better, and in my intercourse here with my fel-
lows it has been no more edifying and surely not
half so interesting. But all this is no excuse. I
think I should spend more of the Sabbath in studying the
Scriptures and meditation. Since I have been here
my Sabbaths have not been spent profitably. I went to
church three times, on Day to last Sabbath, but after
all I did not spend my time profitably. There was
but little time allowed to meditation and prayer.
I intended to have written a separate letter to each
of them & the ones and to have enclosed them with this
letter but I write in a hurry. I will say
I love you very dearly. I am ever your affectionate son
John

I will write the enclosed to send love & inquiry
to the family of the late Mr. Woodard. I have
heard of the death of the late Mr. Woodard.

Germanstown Aug. 25th 1853.

My own dear wife

I sent a letter to you this morning in a great hurry, and it never occurred to me till this evening at supper table that I had not paid the postage. Our mail closes at 10 past 6 AM. which makes it necessary for us to be somewhat early in the morning.

I have been out all day, with our dear boy and after walking (four miles) feel perfectly well, comfortable and free from fatigue. Malcolms enjoys his labor very much, is merry and contented; expects

to go to bed, and his mother and Anna, and Lizzie and Seymour, Eddie and baby and all.

I am hearing something almost daily that is valuable and useful to us, and hope that ere long my situation will be more to my liking, and more profitable. Malcolms is also learning the value of a nodman so that he gets along very well.

Sat Friday the 19th about 9 o'clock (precisely at 7) a very loud report somewhat like thunder was heard by us, in a direction East of North, I think. The sky was perfectly clear. In the evening when we were home, I met Mr Woodard who had been off with a party about 16 miles North of us, and he had heard the same report. It is supposed by many to have been the explosion of a mine. Was it heard as far North as Michigan? Of course I have heard

I. Capetown. I am a man of one grand aim
is worth cultivating. I wish it was so that
I could accompany him.

As soon as possible (that is, I will write to
him). Poor boy when we were in prison we
worked. He does not feel much like writing or
studying. He must work in rainy days.
To day our work took us 10 miles from
home. To morrow we are to go to see him in
church. We left off and should go about
fifty miles further, and I shall be home
about noon the Saturday. I may be
able to arrange it so that I can be in
Cape the day after tomorrow. I hope so.

I should like to write a letter to you dear
children but I am not here. Give it
make all allowances for my untidy
very letters; they are really in a great
hurry. You must look over them and see
if I have left any thing out, and correct my
mistakes. May God bless you all my own
darling wife. May he take care of you and
my dear children. Kiss them all for me.
I told Mabel to lie awake till I came
to bed, and we would have a talk but
she is now sound asleep. Give much love
to all the darlings, Anne, and Lizzie & Ellen; Fay
Mabel & Grace, Eddie and Sam. Remember me
to the Mrs. Thunders. Tell Mary we have not yet

German town Sabbath Evening
July 31st 1853

My own dear wife

I rode over to Dayton this morning to Church. I fear it was not exactly right, but I had an opportunity - to go over in a buggy, and as I had promised Maria Anna to come over to Church sometimes, I embraced the opportunity. I came back alone, and wished that you were with me. I was thinking how you would talk and I would listen, and then you would admonish me to do my share of the talking. Would it not have been so?

I heard Mr Kemper preach this morning. He is one of the Walnut Hills Kemperes, and is pastor of the Mission Church in Dayton which is a branch of the Old School Church there. He gave us an excellent discourse from the text, "I would not live alone." He spoke at the close of his sermon of the death of his father, who after years of great suffering, died about ten days since. He is Mr Lowers' cousin I believe.

Good night dearest. May our Heavenly Father watch over and protect you and our little ^{family} during your absence.

if you cannot stay all.

Monday Aug. 1.st I have been at work today at usual and have nothing interesting to communicate to you. Malcolm is not regularly employed as yet, but I am hoping to get him work soon. I have him studying Geometry, and trust that his time is not entirely wasted. He does not study quite as diligently as I should wish, but perhaps as much as he finds conducive to his health. I am very anxious that he should improve his present opportunities for me do not know how long they will last. He behaves very well, and I would miss him much if he were not with me. In my last letter I spoke rather disparagingly of him I believe, but you must ^{make} allowances for I had just been lecturing him for writing in such a careless manner to his mother. I am confident he wants to do well, and to please his parents. I hope he may soon begin to feel the importance of improving his time, and storing his mind with useful knowledge. He has just said his prayers before going to bed and is now reading his bible. I think he is a boy of good principles.

Now much I wish to see you. I want you to sell the farm as soon as possible, so that we can pay our debts and then I trust we will soon be able to make arrangements to live where

it will be more convenient for me to visit my home. This spending my earnings in a room at a public house away from my wife and children does not suit my disposition.

Mrs C. called on you lately, or is she waiting for you to return her call? You must try to forget the remarks she has made. I am sorry that I feel as I do towards some that we are thought our friends. I have no ill will towards them, but have lost my respect for them.

Michigan has very few attractions for me besides my own family. I could leave it without much regret, if you desired, and my dear children were with me. My little ones, little know how much their father thinks of them. In the morning when he awakes during the day while he is at work, in the evening when he returns from his labors and when he sits down to write to them (for my letters to ~~mother~~ of course are also to them), and when he retires to bed often he lies awake a long time thinking of Mother and Anna, and Siggie, and Seymour and Eddie, and Sammy, and Ellen & Chick. So Ellen & Chick can think of uncle & Malcolm and so the rest of the children think much of Father and brother. Tell them all for me and tell them all that they must remember in their prayers. Remember me also to Mary.

Tell her not to mind the beauty. She will be young enough five years hence to look for a husband, and then take some one she knows well.

Sun^d and Tues day. Having no particular duties this morning, thought it a good opportunity to have a little conversation with my dear wife. In your letter you said nothing about ruin, and I fear you are yet suffering from thought. I pray that God may send you ruin that there may be no more suffering.

Malcolm heard some loud singing in the Church of the "Methodists" last night and went over to see what was going on. He said it was more amusing than the theater but did not think there was much true religion in it. I believe he intended to give him an account of it, in a letter he had commenced. He is now lying in the bed fast asleep with his eyes Geometry over his face. You see he is making head work of it. — Are the Children studying with you or have you given them a holiday during the warm weather?

Be sure that you take no more scholars. Have you got through with your French lady? If Mr Good takes those desks, and you have any money to spare, which will be possible, little I wish you could pay Mr Forest. I think his account after deducting yours will be about \$1200. — I should like you to pay a part if you can.

Cincinnati Oct 13th 1853

Dear Charlotte

I am just writing a line that you may not expect me this week — Ellen is coming with me, and we cannot get off certainly before next week, I cannot speak positively as to the time, which depends upon circumstances, rest assured that we shall be with you as soon as possible, and then you shall know all the why's, and wherefores — am sorry that Mr. Thompson did not call, we should all have been glad to have seen him — all well, and desire much love,

tell all the children that Grandmama is coming, and we will have such pleasant times this winter, Lizzie can have tea parties, and Ellen can visit her with her baby, which must be called Lucy, which is the name of her cousin Doll —

Good bye my dear child, untill

I see you — your Mother

with affection

C. A. Clark

Rec'd Nov 23rd 1857



Mrs Anna A. Van Cleve

Care J. D. Lincoln Esq's

Cincinnati

Ohio

New York Nov - 21, 1854.

My Darling Child.

I received your dear picture, some days ago, and should have acknowledged the receipt of it, before this - but I have been very busy moving over to Brooklyn - Ed is here and we have got nicely settled at my old boarding place -

Your picture, darling, delighted me, and it certainly is beautiful, it is like yourself, and that is saying the most I can in praise of it. I will try and send you mine before a great while, although I believe you have one or two of me now.

I want very much to see you dear, and I feel that if I had you with me I should have little else to wish for. in a few years we will I trust have a pleasant home here and be

keeping house - would that be pleasant?
I am very much pleased with your
plan of keeping a journal, and sending
me a copy of it every week - for I like
to know what you are doing all the
time, and how you are enjoying your
visit - I hope you are not homesick;
you will try not to be I know dear
for your mother's sake, and mine,
for it would make us very sad
to think that our dear child was
unhappy - but I suppose you are
very happy among your new friends,
and are having a good time - I
know you will try your best to
improve in all your studies, and
you will be a most accomplished
young lady - My own darling, you
must excuse this short letter,
it is the first I have written in
nearly a week, and I have not
time to write more before the mail

closes - Next Sunday, my regular
day, I will send you a good long
letter, and before if I can find
time - I have to steal time to
write this - I love you best -
best of all the world my own
dear wife - write to me soon
and do not feel badly because
this is not long -

Yours truly

Your dear husband,
Matthias

from deeply. Near Baltimore
aboard your best friend's ship
and it was right when it was
be so. But no more at all.

~~Love and affection~~

Together, you do not know
how much I love you and
how often I think of you.
I remember the time we were
at Wilmabergs. I saw dear Helen
I met face, her sweet lips and
I go back to the time when we
all slept together and I wish
I had had a care over both of
you. It seemed but as yesterday
and yet it is so long ago.

How much I have suffered
lost, but better on left to the
one, and I will not let her
has to have her. I will not let her
mine and become her child.
I want in a proper spirit to do
I hope for and comfort is what
your own dear sister to do
I am to the Misses Lincoln

Amherst Dec 29th 1854
My dear sister Mary,

"There is no friendship
ever defended, but for a
certain cause."

Sister around our hearth again
in chair so warm and strong
your warm lap. What before
you mean to teach us
of this affliction, much, if we
truly understand it.
I wish our hearts bleed with
your grief and sorrow
we can but mourn. Our sister
was very lovely the night before, she
had not a thought of malice in my
the felt her blessings to be far above
her deserts, and I remember her
saying to me last spring, "O sister
I have so many blessings and am

happy, it seems as if something
must happen to me - that in
the midst of all her earthly
comforts, she felt that they were
not enough, but that she must
be united in
a little of long continuance
I would have come to you
immediately if I had been
wounded, but it may be all for
the best I did not go. It would
have been a great satisfaction
to have seen your face
more. I hope to hear all the
news of you all in the
future. I wish I could meet you
now it is so sudden. I am all
about it. I want to see you
all. it seems as if I must
fly to you. How long will the
all remain in continuation
Could I meet them there.

My dear loved sister, I trust
that you and Ellen will now
overcome all its feelings toward
each other and be united in
a little of long continuance - What
a difference it makes in
me. I feel that I am all
at last. God gives you both the
to be right. "How swift tread
down on the heels of joy"
Let not a wedding, this a
finger. This is what is made
up of such contrasts and
may be all the time to
be united in the future. I
wish in the future many
our lamps be trimmed and
burning and my first mail
may for the day. "Is the bride
from a corner?" I know dear
may you will feel this often.

Ann Arbor Feb 25th 1854

My dear Husband,

Your letter of the 11th from Hartford together with your letter of the 10th day before of today and we were both very delighted with them. With your letter we received a small card with good spirits and a very fine photograph well and with your letter we received a card something we had all longed to have, and because it is so exactly like your own dear self - Of course all the children kiss it and all smile at it. With a smile of love. I kissed it and you kissed it over and over again. From the same little Ed said "that is my father and he has got his hat on in the house I take off my cap." I was to be to great satisfaction in looking at it and very often comes to me to look at it. I look at the little man every day. "Papa" and "Mama" are very much interested in him. He is very sweet and very pretty. But he has just been into Secord. He spent the evening at Honston's last night. They were sitting with Ann. Ann had cold, and that is suffering from molar attacks of molar blood which continue for three

or four hours at a time. Mother and Ellen
have been making books felt a very pleasant
visit. They give very pleasing accounts of the chit
dress attendants and general good behavior.
They attend the Normal School which is con-
ducted on very high principles and is doubt-
less an excellent institution. Antoinette
spoke the other day of the contacts between the
passions, regarding the understanding again
and gives them a good understanding again
she says many things have been misrepresented
to them, and that they have formed erro-
neous opinions of people and things. I am
glad to see you soon and I am sure
over there and spend a day. I am going south
wants particularly that I should visit them
and perhaps to think highly of her. I don't
know what to think, but I have come to the
conclusion that there is little dependence to
be placed on any one, and that the only way
we are done with this hollow-hearted world
this better, only let us so live that our suffer-
ings if we have any may be on the side of
right. I am ask about my health. I am
not very well, suffering considerably from
pain in my back and limbs but I am dis-

posed to think you must be about home, and you
must not be worried about me. I suffer
more from loneliness than any thing else
and I constantly remind myself that I should
be so, for I have nothing to make me feel
sad. Only when I am alone I feel inclined
to be cheerful as usual. The thought of
at "how trifling such things are, the life and
the better" and so I keep going and I intend
what I think say. Perhaps my natural buoyancy
of spirits will return when I go south, but
it seems to me that most people are so busy with
trifles, so much engaged in this world
with its petty concerns of food, drink, and
that I take very slight comfort or satisfaction in soci-
ety, and am weary of the world its cares its pleasures,
its doubtful friendships, and its doubt
and confusion. I can tell you very much
more about me, and that if any thing will
do me good, I am glad you are going to work
soon, you will be better satisfied, and will feel
as if there was a prospect of your making a living.
I hope you found Corcoran's children well. I have
answered Mings' letter. They are sweet children and
I love them dearly. I have not seen Mr. Vookins
I left your letter at his store, but I have not heard
he was much gratified. I have just stopped to

