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Amherst July 3^d 1835

My dear Husband

I did not write to you yesterday because I confidently expected a letter from you in the evening and because I was exceedingly busy. I worked in the garden from dinner until tea time and think it did me good. The girls and I will do all the house work. I have not a man as I enter my home. It looks rather feminine. I congratulate yourself that you worked for love and not money. In the evening I went up to Mrs Cook's and got some cabbage plants which she has been saving for me and shall set them out this morning directly after breakfast. He gets along quite well, considering we have no money. He does very well and our garden is a great help to us. We have the finest lettuce in town and other things to correspond. Mr Chase and his wife called last evening while I was at Mrs Cook's and left word that he should call again. I was sorry I did not see them. Yours was

him in the evening and I made myself
very agreeable to him, so much so that I
should not wonder if he came again. I
love Miss Maledon very much, but when
I see the boys about town getting ready for the
forth training round in their fine coats
I really feel thankful he is not here. Had
talked about him last night and I can't
think of him now.

I did a little work in the neck up, and to
take Anna and a gig and go to Spauld's
myself next week, that is if I can get Laura-
ette Corbin to keep house, and can get your
consent, and a couple of dollars. It seems
vacation now, and they are very anxious
we should come; it would be very pleasant
for us, and if it meets with your approbation
we will go. The trip will cost us going and com-
ing about 10 shillings and if we get our board
for a week, you see we shall make by the
operation!! I heard from Ellen the other day
they are well, baby and mother are quite
well. I read "Halestick's" new book yesterday
from the beloved author. I had not been

Danville Ky. June 1855.

My dear uncle

I must again, though I hope
for the last time, commence by asking to
be excused for delaying so long answering
your kind letter. College opened the first
of the month, since which time, my
poor allowance of leisure moments, gained
from my studies, has been taken up in
making some preparation for an exhibi-
tion in our society, in which I was
engaged. Although the end of June is
near at hand, we have had, as yet, cool and
pleasant weather. But we certainly will
have, must have hot weather before long
and how to study then, I know not. Among
our professors seem neither to exercise their
mercy nor reason (if they have any, which
is doubtful) in regard to the length of
of our lessons.

The farmers are now very busy putting
their wheat and rye, and the general

hope and expectation is that the price of flour will be considerably diminished soon.

A letter was received some time since from cousin Wm Houston, saying that unless security were given for the whole amount, that we could draw neither principal nor interest.

~~We are all as well as usual.~~
Please excuse my short, uninteresting and badly written letter. I commenced this "Mort- lugubre, its insigne documentum" once before, and would commence it again if I knew when it would ever be finished.

I remain with much love,

Your sincere nephew
Wm. M. Daviess



Jan. 6th 1856

My Dear Sister

So you have another little boy - I am happy with you, but why could we not have made an exchange in some way (in embryo) and you have had a little girl and me a boy which I wanted so much -

Annie says you are comfortable; if you will let me preach what I never practise, I beg you do not be too smart: without joking, I think my last confinement affected my mind because I was too smart in getting up and I am a constant victim to headaches ever since -

Ellen and Mr. Mellen have been in town for some two weeks nursing Willie through a very violent whooping-cough. They are staying at Dr. Brooks. Willie is much better now but all my children have the whooping-cough even the poor little baby - Dear Mother has not been so well, she is all alone up Sandy with the children and I feel exceedingly apprehensive about her. We are in the height of winter ice running in the river and altogether dreary & gloomy hoping this picture of my misery may raise your spirit according to the amiable maxim of La Rochefoucauld - I turn to other topics - I received lately a very pleasant note from Mrs. Lorrain who wishes me for a *compagnone de voyage* to go to Europe what do you think of that? "I'll not march through Coventry with her, that's flat" - but I intend writing her a very amiable letter for she is a nice old lady

and her face looks like a nice rich pound cake - Harriet
does not mention whether her father is at home or
not I presume he is not, don't you think it is too
bad he should have been at home nine months ago
when I dare say you didn't want him? and be away
now when he might be of some service - but it is
always the way, if it would be any comfort to you
to have Mr. L. at his interesting period with you, perhaps
I may prevail on him to go nurse you he is an in-
-valuable person at such a time! he can slay a
don harder, wake a baby quicker, stir a fire louder
squeak his boots better and altogether contribute more
to perpetual fears than most men -

We have been enjoying
some very pleasant music lately, Miss Type of the English
Opera has been singing to large houses she has a delightful
voice - some one told me Mrs. Worthington had returned
from Europe but I do not know whether it be true or not
I should like to see her - Judge Walker is lying at the
point of death from an injury he received two or three months
since which affected his lungs - I have no news but
domestic as you see, so allow me to close with the expressions
of my most distinguished regard in which my large
circle of acquaintances beg to unite

What do you call your boy? Benjamin I
hope -

Yours truly

Mary Lincoln



Mrs Charlotte D. Vaubleau

Ann Arbor

Michigan

June 26th I engaged to do some work yesterday. Frank W^d take me out of town for a day or two. Went to the man from whom I had hired a transit. He had sent it off to a man who wished to purchase; but he did not do; I could not afford to purchase, still a man cannot work without tools. Went to several establishments; examined instruments & inquired prices; can purchase for \$120. I do not know how to spare the money. Wanted to take some home to you & send some to Anna. Must look to God for direction & commit my ways to Him. All will be right. Bought a Summer Coat & pants this morning that I very much needed, & for which I paid \$9.50, was too extravagant, but wished something decent to attend Church.

Rec^d your comforting letter yesterday. Will see Hous about the matter of

[June 29, 1856]

Chicago June 24th 56
My dear darling wife

I returned from the Post office this morning empty handed. I had been out of spirits. I had confidently expected a letter from you, but it did not come. Last night I went again to the depot to look for Mal's car, but was disappointed, the train was somewhat behind time, and when I returned to my office it was near 12 o'clock. I have been disappointed there so often that I did not go down this morning. Hardly know whether to go to night or not; first thought I would, but as the time draws nigh, begin to waver. The St Louis train on the Illinois Central comes in at 10.15.

All last week & this & this week I have done nothing. I have not been anxious to get any work, for expecting

Maledieu said, I wishing to accompany
him home, I wished to be on hand &
ready to start at a moment's warn-
ing. Still I cannot afford to waste
my time thus in idleness. This
people is becoming impatient to me. I
want to be with you. It is a great
trial to be separated in this manner from
all that are most dear to me. You have
the little ^{ones} around you, but I am a-
lone, separated from wife & children.
Much of my time I am in my office
entirely alone, & then how much I need
your society! What a comfort it to be to
have one of the little ones to comfort
& cheer me. My dear wife this must
not be so much longer. I cannot en-
dure it. May God strengthen me.
And may He open the way for me to
support my family & have you all
with me. I cannot think that it
is His will that we should be thus.

So far I wrote a letter, as you
saw. It was wrong to write in such
a strain; I do not complain, but I feel
sad & lonely and sometimes you by me
comfort me. I said when to my son
I was going to be seriously ill that I
be comforted me. All will be right
& well my precious. God will take care
of us, and make all things work to-
gether for our good, if we trust in Him.

It has been very severe for a few
days past, and we have some dust
when the wind blows. — I must get
some summer clothing, but do not
feel well able to afford it.

I believe I must go down to the
Depot and see what is going on.
A short walk in the cool of the eve-
ning might do me good.

Good night may God bless &
keep you & may we all soon be united
again my precious one.

[June 24, 1856]

Remember me to Bridget.

Martin O'Brien appears to
appreciate me. You may give
him my respects.

which you spoke, when I came home
I close up all my business affairs with
him. Have no confidence in him. If
he has paid that money to W. S. May and
it will all be right.

Went to the fair Sunday night & a-
gain last night. I saw it is past
the time for this morning's St. Louis
train & still they do not come. Aw-
way through disappointment, sur-
prise & anxiety. May God protect
the wanderers & speedily restore
them to us. — Sometimes think of
starting for home without them.
Oh that you were with me! And
my little darlings, how anxious
to take you all in my arms!

My board & washing here \$212.

3 trips home in a year 43

Rent of house in Cincinnati 125.

\$380

would about pay the rent of a
house here. It would cost say \$500

to bring my family here & live with
a house very plainly, but other
expenses to be rather greater
than in A. A. say, $\frac{1}{4}$, perhaps more.
The question reduces itself to this,

Can I raise the sum of £500? Can
I sell the African land? Can I
dispose of Rogers' mortgage?

These are things that are dwell-
ing constantly in my mind. You
must help me solve them.

It is hard to pay out money when
we have none. Where can we
look for aid? We need more than
human wisdom to guide us.

Met Dr. Ware on Black St. bridge
Monday morning, I think; said he was
going up North & would be back in a few
days, & would call on me. Great joy on
the bridge & not much chance to chat.
He likes to see him. — It is raining
heavily; we need it much.

I think the Pres.^l Church will give Mr.
Morse of Cleveland, the gentleman
I heard preach last Sabbath, — a call,
but it is not at all certain that
he will come. He is no common man.
He is full of very particular impor-
tance to day. Saw the Rev. Mr. Clark
this morning. He is well & in good
spirits.

Give much love to my dear
children. May God bless them &
make them good children.

Take good care of yourself my
darling wife. Keep up good courage
& may God bless you.

Dr. Andrews sends his regards
to you & the children.

Your ever loving husband
H. P. O. A. C. C. C.

I wish you were here bread Kitten
to me every evening. I love his
writings much.

Recd Aug - 16th / 80

Saturday

Miss Anna H. Van
Care Mortimer Thomson Esq.
141 Schermerhorn St.
Brooklyn
L. Island -

1880

Cap.

[Aug. 12, 1856]

I am afraid that you will
be inclined to laugh at
this very singular bund-
le of letters &c —

Emily wanted to enclose
me to you & all together
The envelope is quite
full — You must excuse
it. I really wish you
would think seriously
of running down to
help Emma & me keep
house — It would be
such good practice
for you — Especially
with such an experi-
enced person as my-
self! Do you remember
the Currant jelly — you
made about as much

of it - as I did, I
think - You know I was
reading Shakespeare all
the time - For all its
unpromising appearance
at first - it proved to
be very hard & clear -
after standing a week
in the sun -

Now Annie you must
write to us very soon
indeed - Annie & I will
have to walk down to the
Post Office every day while
father is gone - So let us
be rewarded by receiving
a letter from you - It will
be so pleasant - Be sure
to write & don't forget -
Your aff. Cousin
Julia L.

We shall see him if he ever comes to New Haven. I wish you & he could come down while grandma & myself are staying here. I wish you were here the only Cousin of mine, whom I have ever seen who was any where near my own age & he cannot think how much I want you here. I am sure he would let you if he knew. Perhaps it is partly the name you bear - so nearly that of my own mother that makes me love you so much. Do write soon & let us know whether you are expecting your mother - I hope she will come for then you will come with her to make a nice long visit. You must write & tell her how much we want her & you here. Will not she bring some of the little ones with her? How I should love to see them. Emily & myself have kept house alone a good part of the time since you came here - you were with us. Anna & father are going away again in a day or two to stay ten days & we shall be alone again. Could not you run down & help us keep house? Millie is away from home, at Williamstown with Mary Barrett - Papa he went, he gave me a lot of the Brothers' songs which he wanted

New Haven Aug 12th /56
 My dear little Annie,
 I have been hoping every day since you left us that we should hear from you, at least a few lines telling of your safe arrival in Brooklyn - but I have almost despaired at last, & as I cannot afford to have the dear little Cousin whom I have so lately found, forget all about me I must even write to her myself. Perhaps after all it is the fairest arrangement for me to write first, as I am the older of the two. But I shall expect a nice long letter in reply, & you must write quickly too, Annie dear.

programme
 of the
 Com.

I was long time before Willie
 could recover from the effects
 of the astounding intelligence
 with which we overhauled
 him on the last evening that
 you were here - He could not
 be convinced that we were
 not all in fun - When at
 last we did succeed in
 convincing him, it was some
 time before he could be recon-
 ciled to the idea - But he
 quite likes it now, & told me
 to write you that 'he was
 not very angry with you' -

I wish you could have stayed
a day or two longer with us.
The exercises in Chapel on
Sunday were very interesting
& we had a delightful time
in the evening all singing
together. For there was no
Bible Class that evening —

at Com-
Then on Monday, ^{mailed} ^{meant} ^{give} ^{my} ^{respects} ^{to Mr. Thompson} ^{+ telegraph me} ^{very} ^{much} ^{for} ^{you}
Came around & spent the evening & he was so disappointed to find you gone - He came the next day to take us to ride & there was just room in the carriage for you - Also Mr. Walker took us on his promised ride on Wednesday & there again there was just room for you - Then there was the party on Tuesday night to which many had to go alone - Solitary & forlorn - & she wished so many times for you - So you see you were too bad to run away from us - but I will forgive you on condition that you come very soon again & you must tell Mr. Thompson that you must stay a long time

[May 22, 1856]

Mr. James Thompson
Ht. Chamberlaine Street
Brooklyn
Mass. U.S.

Ann Arbor May 22nd 1856

[May 22, 1856 ?]

My own dear boy,

Your letter enclosed with one from
my dear child reached me yesterday and gave
me much pleasure, but I can see from the hand
writing that you are working too hard, and the
nervousness you complain of, arises from a constant
tension of your nerves, which will wear you out
my boy before your time, if you are not careful.
I am sorry you have that X & Y poem just now
to attend to, for I know your hands are full with
out it, I do hope now your books are out and
Short hands is nearly or quite mastered, you
can have something of a breathing spell, I want
to see your new book, I take great satisfaction
in Philobustak, I do think it is capital, Lately
I took tea at Miss Clarkis by invitation, she
said she had seen a very complimentary notice
and a synopsis of it in the Evening Post, and
she would like much to read it, I was somewhat
surprised for she has no particular fondness
for X & Y's and I supposed you came in for your
share of - fondness. However I know she always
considers you a boy of talent and that she
would of course admire I think she is a woman
of strong prejudices but a good woman for all
that, and she is so intelligent that I really enjoy
her society, I hope your books will pay for well and
I think they will. I feel badly that I can't now

is really much kinder to you, but I hardly expect
believe that she will be able to repay you, as far as
money can do so, in a short time. God bless you
and reward you for your kindness to her, and may
she be the fruit of your meekness, and comfort
of your old age. She is very happy, and how could
she be otherwise. Her father said he is somewhat
better pleased to have her when she is than in A.C.
a place which he never will visit again. She
tells me how kind and attentive your father is to her
and this gratifies me much. I hope she will always
be to him a kind and loving daughter, and en-
deavour to show her gratitude to him by all the
means in her power. I know she is much attached
to him. Your mother too, how can I thank her for her
motherly care of my darling? I feel that I never can
but I trust that God will reward you all. I enclose
a letter I rec'd yesterday for Anna. I broke it open suppo-
sing it was from our little niece Mary Davis, but
found it was from a school-mate of Anna's. Did you
ever hear that Ed Mainwaird left N. H. from prudential
motives, and that J. W. had been obliged to pay a large
sum for the privilege of being Grandpa to a little piece
of humanity? There is such a story but I scarcely credit it.
However this is a fast age, and nothing ought to sur-
prise us. Tell your Caroline I will answer her letter
in a few days, that it gave me much pleasure
and was very well written. I am glad the money
I sent was of any use to her, though if put in was
done it all belongs to you. Never mind any of
settlement will come when you will get your debts.
Enc'd that paper with your advertisement in it and was much
amused. I should cut it out and put it in your book must
write to tell you. I kiss dear William. God bless you both.

I have written
 and her letter
 but I hope to
 so get this
 winter if I can possibly find
 time. The other are all sent.
 Love to you and Anna is a great
 help and comfort to me. I have
 written me a good deal of 15 or more
 I thought with me so me get
 along with my work quite well.
 Malcolme wishes me to say that
 he is so busy at this time he is
 not able to write and wants
 to know if Mr. Mellin if good
 cost could be brought to Spain
 River for less than 40 dollars
 per head. He is a little
 known, thus as a man of public
 he sends you a note in which
 my husband is. On our way
 here we met a traveller with
 a Mrs. Simpson from Hartford for
 nearly a week. Seymour and a
 cousin of ours. She introduced
 herself to me and in the evening
 if I had relatives in Hartford. Mr.
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 to Gov. Seymour and heard me
 call "Seymour" by name. She lived
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Dear Mother
 I am only a apology
 written to you
 since our arrival here
 want of time,
 have worked hard before
 as I have here
 every moment
 occupied
 at present, till Ellen
 this large house, Malcolme
 are out one of the boxes
 near the mile, known
 the "Rice house"
 we shall take as
 soon as we can get it we read
 the book and
 the house we will
 move to it I think

for any one who may come after
us. This is a beautiful place
and I think it will make
a delightful home, but I
have been so much among
pots and kettles etc since
we arrived that I have not
yet got up to the romantic
part of it. As I am the only
white woman on the place
I am tailor, dress-maker,
nurse, and every thing else.
Little Katharine is very much
troubled with a cough & makes
up out such as Ellen &
Dorcas had, and I have
taken him time to cure him.
I have taken Ellen back
again also, as her own home
was not a suitable place
for her. She is being happy

with me, and I am happy
to have her with me. I have
intended to write you a long
letter but have not
been able and this opportunity
to send to our Post Office
is very unexpected and gives
me very little time to write.
We shall spend the winter very
comfortably, I think and I
trust the spring will bring
with it work for my hands.
I send you that I shall be
able even at this late day
to secure something like a
competence for our old age.
The children are well and en-
joy themselves amazingly.
They are hoping to see Grand-
ma some time this spring. God
grant we may not be disap-

[June 2, 1856]

Chicago June 2nd 1856.

My own darling wife

I expect to return to my work tomorrow morning, my foot is somewhat better today so that I can walk with comparative comfort. My satchel is packed and all preparations are made for a start in the evening. When I went up before, I thought with some little satisfaction that you had travelled over the same road, the Chicago Milwaukee, and perhaps had occupied the same car, & possibly the same seat. I expect to return in three or four days. Hope to be back by Friday night at the farthest. — I called on Mr. Andrews this evening & had a pleasant chat with him for about an hour. — Took dinner today with Mr. Willcocks & wife. They inquire very particularly about you, had a pleasant chat for about 1/2 hour before dinner, but was obliged to leave immediately after dinner as I had an appointment to meet a man at that hour. Hard work agrees well with me. My health

is good, appetite & spirits ditto, & I sleep soundly on my apology for a bed. — When I return Mr. Williams has a small job for me & do.

After that I know of nothing certain, but trust the Lord will provide for us. I sh^d like to have constant employment till Mal^o returns so that I may have something to carry home to you. It will be necessary for me to purchase more clothing, for the woods has made some dents in my coat lining & it begins to show the effects of hard usage. Since I have made up my mind to make you a visit when Mal^o returns I feel more impatient than ever to see you. You do not think it unreasonable to wish to see wife & children after so long an absence.

It has been quite warm & dry, Summer has come upon us very abruptly. If it continues warm I expect a lively time with the mosquitoes. They have their growth now & are hungry enough to be quite savage. They invaded our territory when we were out before, but the sudden change in the weather

on Saturday a week ago, drove them back to their dens. Cool weather is to be preferred for my folks, & wans. But we must thank warm & cold weather and be thankful that we have health & strength to work.

I have been obliged to run about considerably & dry & am now somewhat lazy, must go to bed & try to add a few lines in the morning. — I do not know whether I mentioned in my letter yesterday, that there was a grand anti-slavery meeting held here on Saturday evening. It is generally supposed that from 8 to 10,000 people were present. About 15,000 dollars were subscribed to a fund for sending emissaries to Kansas.

Tuesday morning, am obliged to leave this morning before I can get your Sabbath letter. I have barely time to say I am well & in good spirits. Kiss all the darlings for me. This always includes Horace. It is very warm. — Your own loving husband.
H. V. Van Cleave.

I missed the boat and my baby last night.

See that you be bareheaded that good fact
that cannot be taken away. I am happy for you
to leave home and family, that God by his
blessed Spirit may make you a living sacrifice
to Him now in the days of your
youth, not delaying the shortest or long which
of life, upon God's altar, but the whole torch
glowing with freshly lighted fire.

Write soon, thinking to write to
next day. I am very busy to-day.
Affection from wife & children & love
to yourself. L.O.V. Lima May 11th 1856.

sufficient for study. As the Spring remained
in three weeks, it was longer than she expected
to wait here but the facts were blighted so
she could not go west - she was well and well.
Norman is lonely without her. I do not wonder
to you!

Are you still studying home and reciting
to your Father - our school days were pleasant
were they not? even if sickness did step in
occasionally. I suppose you hear from
your darling friend Lottie very frequently, I
trust your friendship will ever continue as strong
as it is now - and only grows brighter - and be
cemented more firmly by the silver cord of love,
and not cease here but expand in the world of
right. I received a letter from Lillie Jay -
more a few weeks since, "my pet" as you were

pleased to call her. She informed me that
most all the girls in school were going and
some were to join the Church. It had the power
with gladness and sincere regret that my example
and daily walk before them has not been at all
times as they should be - as becoming a professing Christian.
And to you my darling Anna - you who saw
my private character & daily and almost hourly
walk ~~as~~ more clearly (perhaps from the fact of
our constant association) than others, I sometimes
fear I was as it were a stumbling block - you
saw my strangely inconsistent conduct as a
Christian, & pondered perhaps what really there
was in religion - it is too true ^{that} I often resorted
to "watch and pray". But dear Anna may I
not hope you will, as well as my Heavenly Father
forgive my ungodliness, and I trust I shall



Mrs Charlotte B. W. Chea

Ann Arbor

Michigan

the rumbling of Carriages, Steam the
whistling of Steam engines, the tramp
of footmen, & the hammers of the ma-
son & Carpenter. All is life & bustle.
They ^{are} building fine stores & ~~private~~
residences & public houses; grading
& ^{having} the streets, laying sewers, & building
bridges. Chicago will be a great city.
must outstrip all other cities in the
West. — I started out this after-
noon for my long walk but was driv-
en back by the rain. Feel very well.
Hope the weather will ~~now be~~ ^{soon be} fine
Cooler. Will try to be more prudent
about drinking water; reduce
my allowance some grats.

The children must miss Horace.
He was in fine spirits this morning,
& looked very well. Ellen Clark was also
in good spirits. Sister Ellen some tired
& felt the loss of sleep. Mellen very lively;
all in good spirits. Sorry to see so little of
them. Wished that you had been along.

Good by. Your loving husband
H. W. Van Cleave

Chicago Monday morn^g. July 28th 56

My own dear wife

Malcolm & party arrived
this morning at 8 o'clock, all well;
took breakfast & left at 9¹/₄ for St Paul.
I gave Malcolm the books. & they brought
me the package you sent & Annas
likeness. — She looks very sweet & I
prize it highly. Dear girl, I wish I
could see her. Am thinking constantly
of St Paul; wish I could learn of a good
opening there for one of my profession.
I wrote to you yesterday a very gloomy
letter & had to close it very abruptly
by to send to the office. I feel better
in health today; in fact have not
been sick, but lazy & somewhat
worn out by working in the hot sun
and perhaps drank too much wa-
ter. I sent a letter to Malcolm Jr.
& begged them to urge him to write me

a good long letter. I saw them
so short a time that I did not
once think of asking Mr. M. about
the St. Clair land. Malcolms talks
of locating nearer St. Paul. I hope
he will. Some of our friends here
saw them. They did not know of
their coming, as I saw none of them
after the receipt of your letter & Mr.
dispatch. I hope to see more of Mr. M.
& Ellen on their return.

You must not let my letter of yester-
day distress you. I cannot feel per-
fectly happy as long as I am sepa-
rated from you & the children. Must be al-
lowed to feel a little blue, occasionally.
Am in better spirits, I hope, today, but do
want to see you. They all gave a good
account of you & the children. Of the
children most seemed to like them, par-
ticularly, but they thought it was hard

to decide among them. They say Paul
is a fine fellow. Now that your family
is reduced to a reasonable size, I hope
you will have some rest, & recruit your
strength & spirits. As soon as you get
settled, I may expect a good long ac-
count of Anna, as Ed has arrived; &
of yourself too. I will look for the letter
on Wednesday or Thursday. Your table
must look almost deserted, & the
house must be very quiet, & you
may feel somewhat lonesome; But
keep up good courage, take good
care of yourself; & be as happy as pos-
sible. I expect to walk out 4 miles
this afternoon to look at a lot I am to
lay out in small lots for Mr. Williams.
By this you may judge that I do not
consider myself seriously ill.

Chicago is as lively as ever. There
is a constant din in the streets, from

[Aug. 28, 1856.]



Noratio P. Van Cleve
Eagle Harbor
Lake Superior
Mich

Ann Arbor Aug 28th 1852

My dear friend,
I have only time to-day to
write you a few lines to tell you that we
received your letter from you on Saturday, mostly
about the 20th. We were very glad to
hear from you, and to say that we are all well
except the exception of Anne who is quite
ill. She has been to-day and has not been
able to do any work. I hope that with good care
and a little rest she will soon be quite well.
She is rather delicate now you know, but in
a few days she will be much stronger.
My first haste today is that
I have some business to do for the club.
Ed is running me for a
committee and I commenced for him last
night. He hardly allow me time to
write. I tried to make me promise to
write him and I am expecting
him to write me very soon and go to work
on the paper. I expect you will think
the separation from you very

easy when I told you I might the grounds were
then Antoinette. I am not quite as fat as
Mrs. Sanforth - but nearly - the reason is we
don't I have nursed the baby, and have
^{passed} several months without a nursing baby or
the other kind either - something must have
happened to me before for years - Poor Mrs.
Longlap looks very thin and carries a doleful
countenance - but I keep up my spirits, and
laugh and grow fat, which I take to be the
only true way of living - I know you are well
and am very happy at the thought of seeing
you again, but I don't want to grow more wor-
thy than necessary about it, on the contrary I
want to look right handsome when you come
here and see if you won't fall in love with
me again. Malster is getting strong again -
and is making a mighty racket learning
to play on the violin - I think he will make
it out this time - I heard Mr. Curtis yesterday
morning and Mr. Horen in the afternoon
one of them by his manner suggested to me
the idea of inventing an Automaton Preacher.
I would make it with a kind of hopper inside
into which I would throw Butler's Analysis, Updegraff's
Intellectual Philosophy, Wayland's Moral Science
and just enough of the Bible to furnish the
texts - then if a boy could be hired to turn the
crank I think we could have a pretty good set of
sermon without much expense - the boy would keep
easy and the machine would eat nothing - I read many

Swan River M. T.

Oct 30

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Nov. 9. 1850.

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New York

portable bed and very crowded. Father engaged two state rooms (all he could possible get) and then found that one was given to a lady and four children but she let Kate sleep there, and Lizzie and Seymour had the upper berth in another state room. The berths were very narrow and every thing was so dirty, well I was to sleep with Mother and Sammy in the upper berth and Mother, father, & Paul in the lower one, well, as my berth had but three slats and two very thin plank beds it was not very comfortable, as soon as father got into his bed it came down, and I was afraid that some would do the same so he got up and brought in a black man - one of the waiters, to fix them. Mother was sitting in one corner of the room with the baby and I was in bed with the two children well when he had fixed Mother's he

began with mine. He had two little sticks in ^{his} hand, but we did not know what he wanted to do with them. But he began to poke me up ~~with~~ with them, you can't think how funny it all seemed to me. But when he began to poke me up with those little sticks I was so full of laugh I could hardly keep in. He finally thought that he could do better if I got up so he went out and I threw something around me while he fixed the bed. we got along very well after that. The only trouble I have is that ~~for~~ every one thinks I am a married woman. But that does not trouble me any. Once when I was in the cars with two or three of the children near me a lady asked me if they were mine. Yesterday when we stopped to dine a man told me I looked as old as my mother and

Malcolm Clarke Esq
of Long Prairie,
Swan River

Minnesota

Terre Haute

Quincy Dec 31st 1886

I have to day sent
to Messrs Fisher & Peterson a draft on New York
for \$496²⁸ proceeds of \$500 - This will run
at least \$500. at St. Pauls & probably a
trifle more. This I have been compelled to
advance you as Mr. Mellor has not as yet sold
any of your portion of the property - and
has of course received no money for you. I
should have raised it sooner, but was in hopes
Mr. Mellor could make the sale. The gentle-
men who are in with him have made the
purchase of the other half of the property and
desire to purchase $\frac{1}{4}$ more of you as soon
as some arrangements can be made for you
on with the business. and so soon as he
can hear from you. He has been long expecting
an answer to his letter, which he left for
you at Long Prairie. As he says that he told
you he would not sell until he heard from
you. These two firms have ample means to put
into the business, if they can make satisfactory
arrangements and each own $\frac{1}{4}$ the property
leaving you a $\frac{1}{4}$ and Mr. Mellor $\frac{1}{4}$ and
this will advance Mr. Mellor further for

him. He will explain it to you. I think the arrangement a good one, as it will enable you to improve the property.

I send herewith an account between you and I made up with the interest on both sides to April 9th showing at that date \$1095.⁸⁶ due me for which I enclose a ~~the~~ note for you to sign & forward to me at as early a time as possible. This will settle matters between you and I leaving Mr. Wellens matter with you standing as when you were here. From my statements of July 25th which I have heretofore sent you you will see what he owes you. The balance at that time in my hands was \$2413.⁵⁶ and Mr Pullan, had money of yours from which I received Oct. 16th the sum of \$1023. leaving the amount due on a note of \$994.⁶⁴. I have paid since then \$50 to Charlotte, I am draft for \$4000. & have sent you \$500 more. ^{this} leaves due me on the 9th of April next when this note will fall due the above sum of \$1095.⁸⁶ I have made the account up to that time so that you will have ample time to arrange your matters for the payment of the same. They to the last which Mr Wellen expects to make or in some other way. And in the mean time you will be here and if necessary he can arrange it so as not to trouble you. I desire therefore that you will send me the note immediately.

[Dec. 31, 1856.]

I shall need it for use in bank to pay the money I have borrowed to pay you \$4000 draft & for this \$300 now sent - The \$1500 note which you left with me will be destroyed, & I shall use this as soon as I get it to raise money to pay what I have had to borrow as above. I had no other way of getting the money and I have raised it all some little inconvenience but with the note for \$1095.⁸⁶ I shall be able to stagger along with it.

I send herewith the statements of the accounts which I have heretofore sent. No. 1 shows how the \$2413.²⁵ due you on the 25th of July last is arrived at. No 2 shows the general state of your affairs. The first two items in this last statement, I have collected or sold. (I have not yet got the money from Mrs Keckum but have raised the money on her note) You have credit for them in the account now sent you & made up by Mr Mellen. Mr Mellen owes you the two notes named in statement No 2 less a small amount of interest he claims to have paid Mrs Clarke the mill settles that with you. By forwarding me the note for \$1095.⁸⁶ due 9th of April next that will square our accounts. It will be the only note which you will be liable on, & I shall need it as soon as I can get it to

we is can't, in order to meet my payments. I told you when you were here that I did not ask any and \$500 or more for me. I think I shall need the note. We are not sure of clearing it. I am indebted to you for it.