



Horatio P. Van Cleve and  
family papers.

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Anna Lutor Nov<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1835-

Dear Brother

Yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> ult. was duly received. I saw Mr Rogers a short time since and am sorry to say that he informs me that he will not be able to pay the amount due by him this fall, at present.

The wheat crop was very much injured this year by continued rains & in addition to that he has been very sick, tho' has quite recovered now. I had hoped that he would have been here ere this again or I might have written before.

He is endeavouring to borrow the money here & pay the whole Mortgage. He told me he had the promise of the whole amount from a man who is expecting it very soon but he may be disappointed.

I applied for him myself to a man here of large means who says he feels sure he can let him have the whole amount in about three months & take an assignment of the Mortgage from you & give him longer time to pay it in.

I am very sorry you should be disappointed in not receiving the amount due you.

If you should foreclose the Mortgage



4 PV  
It would be about a year or fifteen months  
before you could sell & realize the money.

Under our Law an order to sell will  
not be granted until a year from the time  
the bill is filed. You may rest assured the  
farm is ample security for twice the amount  
of your claim, still the misfortune is not  
to receive the money when you expect it.

I put every reasonable assurance that he  
will be able in the course of two or three months  
to borrow the money & pay you in full.

I regret to learn that the health of Mr.  
Libbs is not good, I sincerely hope his life may yet  
long be spared to his dear children & friends.

I am happy to hear your family are all  
well.

Please remember me to your wife &  
children.

Yours truly  
C. H. Vanecko

Ann Arbor 27. Aug. 1850.

My dear Mother.

We leave tomorrow for St. Paul  
via Mr. P. Miller and family on the big horse  
team and my self. Mr. Miller is retained in  
Cann and will be back at St. Paul at  
that point I shall resume the charge and  
patrolage of the party. Eliza and my self  
have had several long talks about your journey  
to Otter tail. I say in two years from now  
I hope to make you comfortable with  
Mr. Nathan American grand children in Eliza it  
being a long post office I leave the rest  
for her. To affectionate Son.  
Mabel Crook.

Dear Mother

We arrived here Thursday  
morning & found all well. Charlotte's  
last child is a splendid child and  
is great among of our old friends  
here. I have called all night long  
you & are very anxious you should  
come here you must when we  
come home & stay until cold  
weather. We leave here this evening & hope  
to be home in four weeks. I hope you are  
all well take good care of yourself & of my



\* dear babies give them a great many kisses  
for us & remember us to the servants  
Mrs. Thellen has seen the St Clair  
property & thinks it will bring 11 or 12  
dollars an acre & had better be sold  
I made all the enquiries I could about  
the money & do not think from what  
I have heard that Spencer had  
better give him any encouragement  
he has not even ~~on~~ his mother's  
I had a long talk with Mrs. Spence  
about him & she was going to write  
fully about what she has learned  
& thinks on the subject the opinion  
of her mother is that he is a man of  
undoubted learning & talents but  
that there is something wrong about  
him & that he is not the man  
for anyone to mess. be very careful  
how you treat him when he comes  
to teach Orchard. Mr. VanCleve is  
in Chicago & doing pretty well Sister  
does not think of moving until there  
is something to justify it. Word is doing  
splendidly in Kinnick has been in New  
Haven this summer visiting. Ed is  
here now brought a likeness of  
Minnie she has improved wonder-  
fully in every way is much ~~happier~~

Fanny Kingsley has a daughter  
six weeks old very small & seven  
months child. Mr. Lumsden is  
doing very well Sam Lincoln is  
going to New York to live his  
wife has a little daughter. I am  
to bring you each glowing account  
of Minnesota that you will want  
to start for immediately. Mary  
James Foster was married in Jan.  
none of the family went to the  
wedding but Will the Arch Bishop  
forbade it but Will declared he  
would go Mrs. S. has had 4  
children & ran away from her  
husband. he does not know where  
she is it is kept secret Mary  
told me of it & that she is in  
Europe it is looked upon by the  
Catholics as a most Christian  
act is tragedy of but I must say  
goodbye Sister to the ~~best of~~  
love kiss the dear children for us  
with much love  
Ellen



Monday Morning July 30

My dear Mother,

Malcolm and his suite left  
us last night for the far west and  
am very lonely. But I must begin again  
to live on hope which is my usual suste-  
nance. I must all hope when they  
have a prosperous and pleasant journey.  
I shall miss my little folks very much but  
hope their journey will be a benefit to them.  
At present I am so bewildered by their  
hurried visit, and departure that I cannot  
write. They wished me to ask you  
about the matter of the letters Malcolm  
or Ellen's was most satisfactory, and  
to decide that Malcolm said before Ellen re-  
turned home. They left in good spirits, and  
to be for them in four weeks, and when  
they have promised me a more satisfac-  
tory visit. I have had but little time to  
write to you. When they get back to Pease  
Brook they say upon Malcolm visit me.  
Must you will do so and we shall have  
many a good talk together. Our plans  
for the winter are undecided. I think appar-  
ent that we shall remain here a while  
longer. Have no time to write more now.  
Good bye. Dear Mother kiss the dear  
children. Thank little Alice for her sweet letter.

And a letter Doughty Nov

My dear Mother,

I had your

last since by the receipt of letters from  
you and the two Ellen's and should have  
responded to them. I have been so busy with the  
great prep. of my book. I have been so busy  
just then. I have had to sew my  
fingers to the bone to get the children  
ready for winter and have just been  
out in getting warm built heat for the  
all around. Now my other work which  
is scarcely touched upon and done  
one night and day. I expect however  
to get through it. I am confident to see  
my health and strength. It always has  
aided me and I have no fear that it  
will not be the same.

I need not tell you how disappointed  
that you could not spend the winter  
with me. I had begun to think it might  
be but still feared it was now happening  
then I thought it was. Your duty seems



to keep you when you are and I will not  
murmur - I have many blessings from  
them I deserve, and should not complain  
because I cannot have all I wish  
but I am sure all will be able to visit  
me in the spring, and go to Chicago  
to see the cousins there. You will be pleased  
to learn that my husband has been there  
about ten days, is delighted with the country  
and with his business prospects, thinks  
he cannot fail to make a comfortable  
living and perhaps something more, and  
is trying to get his affairs into such a  
shape that he can make our home there  
before a great while. He found nice home  
with open arms, and came home every  
thing to make it delightful for him.  
He returned from a Sunday school, and  
left for Chicago far from well but every  
thing is going on so well that we find  
are so kind that his health and spirits  
are better than they have been for a long  
time. He has dinner once with the Hughes  
family, and has a very pleasant time  
with them. They are very particular,

after all. He arrived there the day before  
Chambersburg and heard the sermon on  
that occasion from Mr. Richardson and  
then joined a meeting of the friends of  
justice, family, dinner party at home  
Charlotte's. Was it not pleasant? When  
told him directly home from the hotel and  
will not allow him to get a boarding  
place until he begins business which  
he thinks will be next week. He has visited  
all the different friends, and at Elizabeth's  
friends had attended former meetings  
with them and a picture in the Sabbath  
schools, but Sunday he went with John  
down on the canal as it is called  
where were gathered to get a large  
number of neglected miserable children  
for instruction. He said he was highly  
gratified to see these Charlotte Hughes  
teaching a class of poor children - it is  
among people whose tastes are very  
narrow to him and says it is delightful  
to be in such a circle of Christians who  
seem to feel anxious as if religious were  
a reality, and the main business of

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My dear Ellen - I am so glad to hear  
from you and Ellen that she must be  
this letter here, for I shall not be able  
to write again. I am so glad to hear  
from you with more comfort to me  
I shall be sick. I think in two or three  
weeks and it is so distressing to me  
to be over a table that I am not  
any letter writing to a close. My  
trial is over - some one will inform you  
the event I am soon out of hospital,  
I am almost at home. I am so glad  
to get along nicely. My friends are  
so kind. They were with me. Mrs.  
Chapman and Anne G. called this  
morning. Anne is in good health  
and you and Ellen are well. I  
remember them to you. Mrs. T. said  
her remembrance of you was very de-  
lightful. I am so glad to hear  
and they seemed to me to be  
so with them. The little Ellen  
is well. At home since Mary Chapman  
and Susan Winifred were to  
go. The next write to me often and



Miss Anna A. Van Cleave  
Care of T. D. Lincoln Esq.  
Cincinnati  
Ohio.

Anne Arber Feb 28. 1855.

My Darling Daughter

As you calculate to start for home soon, another letter from me may not reach you, and that may be the fate of this; but still it is no harm to venture for you may be detained longer than you expect, & I be glad to learn how we are getting along. We are all well and ~~get~~ have abundance to eat & to clothe ourselves. The children all go to school as usual, excepting Malcolm, who professes to be under my tuition. All are getting along charmingly.

Last night about 10 past 10, Mr Wests hat store took fire and was burned. The fire communicated to the roof of the adjoining one this side but was extinguished. It is thought by some that the fire originated in Scotts Sleighing room over the hat store. Scotts loss is about \$1500. not insured. West was insured. I believe most of his goods,



were saved. Much damage was sustained by the removal of goods from the store in the block. It was feared that the whole block would go.

I suppose you are waiting with some impatience for Mother's return, and will be ready to start for home immediately.

We shall give you a hearty welcome I expect, that is if you be home yourself. You have no doubt taken good care of Mother while with you. She is a pretty nice woman & will stand considerable petting.

I started for Ipsilanti this morning and while waiting at the Depot for the Cars, stepped on a pair of scales and weighed just 144 pounds. You need not tell Mother for that is just her weight. The Cars were behind them time & I did not go.

Tanny occupies much of my time. He is learning to talk; says a great deal, but is not always perfectly intelligible. We can readily make

you understood by words or signs all he wants.

It is time for the mail to close & if this letter goes with it, it must close also. This is the last day of winter, and a beautiful, bright day it is.

I hope soon to hear that you have heard from Mother & that she is getting on well, with her journey.

Give much love to her & to all. Malcolm sends his love.

Your devoted father

A. P. Van Cleave

If chance you opened & read my last letter to Mother. I expected & wished you to do so.

I do not calculate to write again

My darling Child  
Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

Your letter and  
Sophie's were recd this evening and  
I am right glad to hear you are  
both well, and getting along  
so finely. I expect to start to-  
morrow and before I am hardly  
missed I hope to be back again.  
The letters you write this week had  
better be directed to Uncle Sim's  
care. I am glad you are getting  
along so well in music but  
don't fall in love with the new  
sic teachers, or Mark would be  
sad not all around.  
Don't ever even in fun say any  
thing which might make dear  
Mort feel badly for you know  
his heart is so ~~more~~ with you  
that he cannot bear even to feel



about any one else, besides you  
know that no one on earth could  
ever be to you what Mort is.  
I am writing very much less I  
know but I ~~just~~ got thinking  
of what might be if you and  
Mort were quite different from  
what you are. Be very careful  
in your intercourse with Mr Teus  
that you never say any thing  
that you might not say to an out-  
stranger. Soph said she was a  
man of fine principles but becau-  
ful that he is not too kind to you  
He may think you are a silly little  
girl and may try to flatter you by  
his attentions. Always let Mort's dis-  
eyes stand between you and him  
and never listen to any thing you  
would not hear if Mort were  
your side. I can say you will  
think me foolish and I can say  
I am but you see I am like all

And thus, inclined to be careful  
Mr Teus is very kind to you and  
I am grateful to him for it, and  
trust his assistance may be of great  
use to you. I shall expect to hear  
you may very well when you  
come home. I have not had a  
letter from Mort this past week but  
hope to get one to-morrow and  
as his mother wrote to me I sup-  
pose he thought I would not feel  
uneasy about him. I know how  
he does love my child so dearly  
that he seems as near to me as  
if <sup>he was indeed</sup> my child. Write to him often  
and let him know how much he loves you here  
and would die without it. It will  
be a pleasure that we shall have to  
send for you to come home if we  
are all well, you need not think  
of returning until your Christmas  
holidays and then we will have  
a good visit and farewells.



Oct 15

back from the term I am de-  
lighted <sup>that</sup> you keep a good standing  
in your studies and hope your  
ambitions will not flag. I will get  
the thing you mention if I can.  
I think it would be a good plan  
to do so if possible. I hardly think  
I shall be able to stop on my way  
home it will be more expensive  
and I shall be anxious to see  
~~the~~ children but father will visit  
you and make all right. If you  
get time you might write to Lydia  
and Hannah while I am gone but  
don't neglect anything for the  
sake of them. I am very good and  
kind, and the children seem very  
fond of her. What a nice time  
we will have when for some time  
congratulate Sophie on her receiving  
the prize for housewifery. I think  
you must have had a pleasant  
time at the pier and the day.  
Good night darling. God bless you  
yours ever and truly M. C. C.



go home next week and  
say that she and Peter will  
make us a visit this winter.  
I hope they will do so. It will  
be very pleasant. Mr. Hart  
was here yesterday when they  
called and seemed much  
pleased with them. He is going  
to Lansing, and I sent father  
some nice warm socks by him.  
He does not think that father  
will get through his work  
for a month, but I imagine  
he will. Johnny told me last  
night that Abigail wants  
to be married very soon. She  
and her mother called yes-  
terday. Fanny will be married  
soon also, and they say that  
Jim and Emma are to step  
off this fall also. The mother

is getting cold, and her  
things are getting fashionable.  
Mr. Babbitt called and handed  
me your note. I was very glad  
to see him and to hear that  
you were well and getting  
over your nervousness.  
You will be quite happy when  
you get well acquainted  
and fairly interested in your  
studies. I think that for the  
present you have made answers  
for your music. If you are  
satisfied about it as I know  
you will be, I am perfectly  
satisfied. Write Mr. Babbitt and ask him  
to call. I hope he will do so.  
In the box I send you will find  
a three cent piece which Seymour  
sends you. I know you will  
value it as being like the  
midnight note, his all.



regretted to hear of your departure  
from the North and your going to  
Clinton College. The Episcopalian state continues  
to be like the Roman state in its  
theology and its church and culture.  
Their church is a church of the  
past and not of the present. Tell us if  
you can and do not expect to see you before  
a great while. I think we could be  
gathered in when the next comes. Has  
Ellen had any of the news of home?  
I have not heard of any. I think  
it is coming home. I am sure it is  
reproducible in the future. How  
is Ellen's health? Tell her to keep  
her head up. It will be ordered  
to be as good as the old one. I am sure  
not to see us in the latter part of August.  
Tell Ellen he is a handsome man and  
looks handsomer than ever he sent  
in his when he was. He intended to  
write to Ellen soon. How is my dear  
brother William? Ask him if he ever  
thinks of our pleasant trip on the  
boat. I really enjoyed it very much.  
I was describing it to the black and  
said she could gather her own  
thoughts from the description. I am sure  
the same is true of the other. I am  
sure you will enjoy it very much.

Dear Mother  
I have seen you and  
written a letter for some time, and have  
only delayed answering your letter for  
want of time. I was much grieved  
to learn from Ellen's letter that you  
were not well in Cincinnati, and  
I was distressed to hear from  
her since then that you had had a  
second attack of the mouth. I do  
hope you are quite well in this &  
that Ellen also is improving. How  
are the dear children? I shall be  
very anxious to get a letter  
from some of you. I wish I could  
be near to you. If it were not for  
my numerous family I should  
rush down among you and be  
with you. I would do for you. I am  
sure of your plans. I am  
not taking care of your children.

on the road. I must not name  
er and I feel as if I had no right  
to complain of the noise. Your friends  
have talk of you a great deal and  
hope you will come to meet us  
in visit soon, and I hope they may  
not be disappointed. I had a long  
talk with Mr. Abel the other night  
about Ellen, he seemed really grieved  
that she was not well, and said  
he thought she ought to come here  
again. Really I wish she may meet  
him among the members of his  
congregation. I had Mr. Bouglia too who  
had a great deal to say about Black  
Orchard, he wanted me to send  
it to Mr. P. Mellen, and  
Mr. Simon. He is building a new  
room addition to his house. The  
next time I visit Mr. Chase at New-  
ing Society and we talked of the  
Church and the budget, but I did not  
say more. He seemed a very friendly  
man and we talk for a while.



dear ones at home. He was  
pleased with his socks etc  
Tell the children he loves them  
very dearly, and when I talk-  
ed to him of these tears of  
pleasure and pride filled  
his handsome eyes. I hope  
you are all in better spirits  
than when I left. Cheer up  
and look at the bright spots.  
You will come down soon  
to Cincinnati, and then  
I hope to Michigan, it will  
be very pleasant, and we  
can be very happy for we  
know that although God has  
chastened us, he has done it  
in mercy, and every link ~~has~~  
keis in the chain that binds  
us to earth, makes it the easier  
for us to leave this place of our  
pit grimage - for that bitter  
land which our darling has

Cincinnati March 10<sup>th</sup> 1863

My dear Mother,

Mr. Mallen has  
told you how nicely and ably  
anthy he defended the river  
and how he arrived at the  
mouth just in time for me  
to step on the steamer before  
she backed out from the Wharf  
boat, but I do not believe he  
has told you how kind and  
attentive he was to me, and  
how like a dear brother he  
behaved. Never complaining  
because he had to help me  
up hill and down, on to  
boats, and off of boats, but  
rather acting as if he thought  
it was delightful to have the  
privilege of waiting upon me.



Really I think it a very pleasant thing to do, to come down on a coal boat, and do not think I should have enjoyed it so well any other way. Mr Mellen is just as good as mortal man can be and I think he deserves all the petting that he gets - I do believe I could not touch him better if he were my own brother and can only hope that he thinks I appreciate his offered kindness to me - My steam-boat trip was very pleasant too. The accommodations were excellent, the Captain very attentive, and one of the lady passengers (daughter of Judge Shaler of Pittsburgh) very agreeable - He arrived here just about daylight, and I

came to I 53 between 6 and 7. I found all well and, I think, glad to see me. The news had reached here that Mr Mellen had lost all his boats, and my contradiction of it stated that Lincoln much. Mary had written to Mrs Mellen about it - A letter arrived from New York for Mr Mellen which Mr Lincoln thinks was from Aunt. Mr L. forwarded it. I think it may contain a letter from for Ellen and perhaps myself. If there is one for me, Ellen may enclose it to me when she writes, if she will. Willie was very glad to see me, and asked me numerous questions about the

home, Dear sister Mary Anna  
was buried the day I reached  
Peach Orchard, and thus  
of God's children has been  
gathered in, and sheltered  
from the storms of life.  
May he prepare us to meet  
them all, in peace. By and  
bye so many of our dear ones  
will be in Heaven that we  
will long to lay aside our  
tired bodies, and be with them  
there. Let us wait patiently  
upon the Lord, for he will  
strengthen our hearts -  
Remember me to all Mrs  
Snow's family Mr Johnson  
and every body - My next  
letter will be to Ellen, I think,  
tell her to be brave, God will  
help her, and let her know to my dear brother,  
someday very clearly why  
she suffers now. It is a joy  
to know that he reigneth -  
Take care of your health my  
dear mother, I hope and  
think we may yet have  
many happy years together  
I long for you to make me a  
good visit. Do not overtask  
yourself or expose yourself -  
your life is very precious to  
us, for we all love you very  
dearly. Mary says she will  
write a line to you, she seems  
very well and in good spirits.  
Good night my dear mother  
kiss the dear children for me,  
and give little Belle an ex-  
tra share because she loves  
to be kissed. Love and a kiss  
to my dear brother. God bless  
you always - Your aff. daughter  
C. C.

[ Mar. 10, 1855 ]

Dear Mother, Sister has left me this  
page to add a few words in. She was  
so delighted with her visit and the kindness  
of all of you, she has told me enough  
about little Belle to make me very  
anxious to see her, and Sister thinks  
she will send her to the office  
a card, which they have used for their  
baby. We are all well and happy.  
I am so glad you have care of dear  
Belle, it is, though an immense charge,  
a great comfort to you. I dream  
all day of dear Belle and have  
seen several specimens of her. Last time  
I dream I saw her come down  
Landy and was in such good spirits, the day  
after we heard the rumour of the loss of the boat,  
but I did not think I would have dreamed of Belle  
as happy, if any disaster had happened  
to Mr. Mullen - love to all. Come as soon as you can  
I shall make you all welcome to the house of all  
years to see the dear children - your daughter Mary

our darling Belle has entered  
before us. I shall go to Mrs. Chap  
Cairis to-morrow to enquire  
about getting cream for the  
little "Rose-bud" when you come  
down. Mary thinks she can  
tell me something about it.  
I will write again in a day  
or two and let you know.  
I shall endeavour to write to  
Reuben Orchard every week,  
and I do want you to be  
cheerful and happy. It is  
late and I must close. Anne  
sends much love to all, she  
has borne her trial very well  
but is now very anxious  
to get home. Most has written  
almost every day. I will write  
the latest news of mine before  
I leave. They are all well at





Mrs. Charlotte D. [illegible]

Ann Arbor

Michigan

Chicago Sabbath Afternoon July 20<sup>th</sup> 58

My own dear wife

Your precious letter was rec<sup>d</sup> on  
Friday morning just as I was starting out on a  
swaying tramp, and it did me much good. It  
is indeed cheering to receive your sweet letters,  
and I often feel the need of such comforters.  
Although I live in the heart of a city, I oftentimes  
feel lonely & desolate. I am willing to labor & strive  
can do so cheerfully, but when my thoughts dwell  
on my far off wife & children my heart sinks  
within me, and I cry out, How long, Oh Lord!  
Must it ever be thus? But our Heavenly Father  
is merciful to me, very gracious & kind, & will he  
not support & comfort me I will sink under  
this load. I have said enough to lead you  
suppose that I am gloomy & discontented, but  
I am not so. This separation is the Crook in  
our lot, — we must submit to it, & that cheer-  
fully until our Father removes it. All will  
yet be well. It is necessary for us to be af-  
flicted, or God would not put this burden upon  
us. I pick up "the Crook in the lot" every oppor-

tunity I have, I read. It is a precious book,  
full of just such consolation as we need.  
I have been surveying for Woodbridge two  
days, & it will take two days more to  
finish. I walked home last evening after  
supper. I think it is at least 6 miles from  
the table where I ate my supper to the house  
on which I sleep in my office. I did not  
come in town on Friday night; stayed at  
the place J. Woodbridge wished me to  
purchase. It is a pretty country about  
there, but far from school & church, &  
society, - must come to town for all.

Ania did not acknowledge the rec<sup>d</sup> of  
the dropped letter, but of the one I sent to  
her containing money. It appears from  
Cliff's letter that the dropped letter has been  
rec<sup>d</sup>. - I wish I knew when to expect Mr.  
Cler, so that I might feel no uneasiness  
about leaving town. I expect to leave on  
gain in the morning and not return  
in the evening if I did not expect him.  
I must write to our boys this evening.

I have been thinking that a man sh<sup>d</sup>  
earn enough by the time he is forty five  
to enable him to spend the remainder  
of his life in comparative ease. I some-  
times find hard work rather laborious.  
Last night for instance, I was somewhat  
fatigued; there is no great sport in walking  
6 miles after working hard all day. All  
this I would mind if I had past and  
employment & felt that I was earning  
a comfortable support for my family.  
and saw a prospect nigh, of bringing  
my family here, that we might again  
be together. I have been thinking  
a good deal of St. Paul (not the apostle  
but the town) since I was here, &  
think I must visit it before I settle  
myself permanently. I trust my dear  
wife that our Heavenly Father will take  
care of us & direct us, & that all will  
end well. If he does not remove the cross  
in our lot, he will give us strength to  
bear it.



I think you acted wisely to return  
the ribbon if you were cheated, & also  
to purchase a parcel for your needed  
one. — I went over to the church this  
morning but found the doors closed.  
There was no one to supply the pulpit  
I suppose. It is not yet certain whe-  
ther Mr. Brown can come. He leaves it  
to his Presbytery. I returned to my office  
& read; felt too weary to write. This  
afternoon was interrupted & now  
must hasten this to a close, that  
I may drop it in the office on my  
way to supper.

Give much love to my dear  
children. Remember me in your  
prayers. I suppose Malcolm will  
be on his way here before you re-  
ceive this.

Your own loving husband  
H. P. Oliver

Feb. 16. 1886

My dear mother

Charlotte wrote immediately  
of your arrival here and your  
letter to her mother. She told you that  
she had very much enjoyed her  
journey with better & good roads.  
We made a very pleasant & agreeable  
trip of it. No evil befell us by the  
way and we do not regret starting at  
all.

The horse died in the way we did.

I wish to tell you that I went to  
Lancaster & saw Mrs. Lulling, Mrs. Ab-  
bott, Mrs. F. Goodell &c. They all en-  
joyed their lady about you. - The tax  
on your land has been paid, and  
there is in Mrs. Porter's hands enough  
money to pay the taxes of the present  
year & perhaps. It is well that I  
have not yet shown with him the  
money you have received. It would



have been unnecessary.

I have not gone into any business  
but I think there is a prospect of my  
doing well. Charlotte is very well  
pleased here and both Alice and Mary  
keep in excellent spirits. Mary's health  
I think improves and her disposition the  
most certainly. I trust you will find her  
much improved when you see her again.  
I do not know what Charlotte will do  
as to visit her. She is so much company  
her. We are at a hotel (some sort of a  
Phillips affair) at present but expect  
to board with a private family soon when  
we will be obliged to go with our own  
quarters. Charlotte has been very well  
travelling. Mary, I expect, is  
expected to be home housekeeping about  
the 1st of May. We are very anxious  
to hear from you & know how you are  
all, and we would like much to hear  
all. You must kiss the dear little

ones for me. You must take especial  
care of my darling. Let us know when you  
have found out how we want to know the  
news of our dear little ones. This place  
is said to be very healthy. This fine weather  
all enjoyed excellent health. I do not  
think it probable that John will come  
here in the spring, and that Alfred may  
be retained in the course of the year  
and it is not improbable that

I shall be resigned to my home.  
Then we will only want you here with us.  
I hope to make. — Charlotte  
The ladies here were sociable than the boys  
before. They appear to be very pleasant  
and must let us know when you expect to  
go to Cambridge. Charlotte & Mary  
send much love & many kisses to you all.  
They are all to write soon & often.

We intend to send Mary to school  
in about two weeks. There are two female



Schools, being both in the good.  
Farewell my dear mother. May  
God bless you and keep you from  
all sin. I am ever your affectionate son  
John C. Smith



[Mar. 27, 1856]

She is very much in hopes of seeing  
Ellen this summer and I sincerely  
hope they may meet. Mr. Simmons's  
family are all prospering and happy.  
Ed is to come over and much attached  
to them. He writes to me that she is  
a kind of angel in the house, and  
all seem pleased to have her there.  
Your friends here are in good health  
generally. Mrs. Warpath has "poorly  
turns" occasionally, but I hope she  
will recover entirely when she is a few  
years older. The Episcopal church was  
dedicated last week and Anna Van  
Cleave was baptized and confirmed.  
The church I believe is prospering quickly.  
Mr. Sumner and wife called the other  
day to see me and we had a very  
pleasant chat. I believe he looks upon  
me as a sort of strong thorp that perhaps  
might be enticed back into the fold.







Am. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 1866

My dear Brother,

I have put off answering your  
kindly welcome letter bearing date Feb. 25, until  
I could tell you that Mr. Van Klee had gone  
to Chicago. He was detained at home by  
a severe cold, and by various little ailments  
among the children; we are all now pretty  
well. He is better but not well yet he left  
us on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. and I assure you it  
is very lonely without him. His health  
has not been really good for the last  
year, and his spirits are much depre-  
ssed by the thought that he is now, at this  
time of the winter, up business when  
he felt as if he ought to have secured  
a more good competence. But I  
cheer him as well as I can, and tell  
him, what is really the truth, that we  
could not have been happier if we  
had not been told we were there.

have been during the past twenty years.  
He sometimes felt as if his life had been  
thrown away, but I know it is not so.  
Success in life does not simply mean  
success in accumulating the fortune  
his influence as a Christian over the  
young people placed under his charge  
and in fact over all with whom he  
has been intimately associated will  
be felt and acknowledged on the  
credit side of his account when the  
wealth of the Rothschilds shall have  
crumbled to dust. And the sweet tender  
recollections which his children will  
ever have of him will be of more  
value to them than all the gold of  
California. And that even to keep  
us in poverty, although we have labored  
long and hard to get a foothold and  
the world he doubtless had a good  
reason for this, and we shall know  
this reason in another world, I continue

one mile still strive, according to the  
best of our abilities and if God crown  
our efforts with success, we will be  
thankful if we are still to remain for  
one mile still trust him and bless  
his holiness. I am hoping to hear  
from him to-day or to-morrow, and  
trust he will have cheering news  
for me. I know it will do him good  
just to see the dear Chicago friends  
if nothing more and am quite en-  
ticed that he will soon find it worth  
his while to remain in this for I know  
it would be a pleasant home for us.  
Just like telling our little garden of peace and  
safety. I hope that the cause of the poor  
and the suffering will be his; you shall  
hear from me as soon as I have any-  
thing decided to communicate it  
about. A plan was made of enjoining  
to Rev. Richard, I cannot speak as yet  
with any certainty, at present it seems  
impossible but I have so many things



had imperfections smoothed away that  
I will not even speak of this as something  
that may not be - I shall certainly hope  
to see some or all of you before another  
winter and hope I shall not be disap-  
pointed. I should be delighted to have a  
visit from Queenie, precious child. I often  
call up to my mind her sweet face and  
imagine how the sweetest tones of her  
voice. She would have a good deal to say  
from all the cousins who dearly love  
little cousin Queen. Lizzie grows more and  
more like dear Fannie just as she used  
to look when she was nine or ten years  
old, and my baby boy has the same big  
honest eyes that Lizzie has been remarka-  
ble for. Keep the dear children for me. I  
do long to see them and hope some day  
to have that happy day. Tell Ellen that  
I am still waiting for her to write to me.  
Remember me to her, or I shall think she  
has forgotten her young friend. I am  
glad she had so pleasant a visit at  
Mamie's and trust the happiness of their  
intercourse is fully understood. I am enjoy-  
ing myself well in New York. I have called  
to see Lizzie Jackson (William's) who has  
a little daughter and she has come to  
see many of the "lions" of the city.