

we have had  
 a beautiful day  
 no frost yet to  
 hurt any thing. good  
 plenty of all kinds  
 of berries and plums  
 I wonder if you  
 know where the right  
 of beautiful plums  
 you have on your  
 place, the bluff  
 opposite the house  
 is full of trees  
 a great many people  
 from Detroit and  
 Platte are of the  
 them every year.  
 I suppose you &  
 I should like to  
 see them. I had to  
 say your girl  
 is going  
 to school. I fear  
 you will have seen some  
 best days with them.  
 they will be married  
 next we know  
 as much as  
 upon you  
 for it  
 13 of the

A thousand thanks  
 for your kind letter of Sept 1st. Never  
 were words more freely spoken and gratefully  
 received than your affectionate letter. It  
 came just the time when I was longing for  
 the sympathy of some kind friend. I  
 had no one else who could sympathize with me  
 better than yourself. And those precious kind  
 words to my husband, what good angel guided  
 your heart at that time. He was sorely  
 with care and trouble at that time and nothing  
 could have done him more good (that I know of)  
 you have lived here and know just how we  
 are situated and have once had the bitter  
 experience of Indian troubles. Altho this  
 was nothing compared to this still it was enough  
 to give you an idea of our situation and feelings  
 at this time. I was so near crazy that I don't  
 know as I shall ever wholly get over it

It is true that  
for your kind letter of the 1st inst. I  
was very glad and after my  
return to the office I was  
very glad to hear that I was  
not the only one who  
was disappointed  
with the result of the  
vote in my business. What you  
said at that time. We are  
very sorry for the trouble  
with our business at that time  
and we could have done  
nothing to help you. I  
am sure you have been  
just as well as the  
situation has been. I  
am sure of business  
troubles. I am  
sure nothing compares  
to this still it is  
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sure you will  
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very well.

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Muritta thinks she was quite insane. When she looks back and reflects upon some part of her conduct during those dreadful days she believes she was besides herself. I think she suffers more with fear than I do and perhaps it is because Jerry is away from her. I can't have my husband out of my sight very long without feeling bad and I deeply sympathize with all that cannot have their companions with them. When the news (that 500 Indians was coming down upon us) first came we were pretty much alone. Husband had gone with a load of soldiers to fort Snelling. Stannard and Hull was all the men left (except a boy living with us) in our neighborhood and so it was all through the state. and that was the reason why the Indians took that time. They had bragged that they could get the whole of Minnesota valley before they would meet with any opposition, they said nobody was left but old men and boys. It seems almost a mystery why they did not accomplish their object. probably owing to the brave men we had left in just saving this side of Newellton. we can never know how much we ~~are~~ are indebted to those precious men. It is said that Bro Cooper bought with the best of them. I have sent you papers every week which I hope you have received because they will tell you more than I can express.

And Oh! my dear friends! when I think of the dear friends of ours who have fell by these savages. My <sup>heart</sup> is wrung with anguish, and causes the tears to fall thick and fast. How could you confuse your mind to write with any sense at all? I do not think it strange that your heart keeps doubling quick times, & then stands still, while your friends and acquaintance are being murdered and burnt up by the savage foe. I never believed I should live in such troublous times. Oh! my friend the blood-shed, and a carnage that going on south. I sometimes ask myself is there a God, to suffer such things.

My rebellious heart condemns me. I know we are a sinful people. Oh! the selfishness, and the inhumanity to man. — I wonder we are not all consumed. God is good, — His providences are deep but just and holy. I feel thankful for the heart soothing privileges of casting all my cares on Him. He alone is my refuge during these dark days.

Little did Mrs Murphy think she and her little ones were to be burnt up by the Indians. It seems that they were trying to get to the fort when they saw the Indians near she ran into a house & fainted. Johnny ran to a spring for water. & in that way saved himself. He is in St Paul & it is said that he is almost if not quite broken hearted. Poor Ray, my heartaches for him. He is much improved since you saw him. <sup>his hair is to be somebody</sup> <sup>he is not killed by the Indians</sup>

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could look and reflect upon some part of her  
conduct during those dreadful days she believes  
she can besides herself. I think she suffers more  
with fear than she does perhaps it is because  
in every part of her I can't hear any  
of my light very long without feeling bad. And  
I deeply sympathize with all that cannot have  
their comparisons with others when she sees (the  
400 Indians are coming down upon us) first come  
we were pretty much alone. She had you  
with a band of soldiers to put something. Stamer  
and that one all the men left except a boy living  
with us) in our neighborhood. I think  
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And the very day I received your letter you  
were full of grief she has got by the day  
they are every day. I wish you could see  
to fall that and perhaps then could you see  
you were to see with my eyes. I think  
it is a pity that you should be so long  
gone home & then stand still. I think you  
and my situation are being made more and more  
by the same force. I never believe I should be  
in such terrible times. (Oh!) my friend the blue  
she is a very good girl and I think  
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I wonder we are not all gone for  
good. - Her prisoners are deep but just as well  
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How sad I feel, when I think of our good  
neighbor Mr. Allister he was one of the  
first that was killed with 24 other soldiers.  
Mr. Belle of Kasota was another of the number  
was killed. Their families are still at the fort.  
Himbaugh came from the fort last week. He  
up with a company to bury the dead. He sent his family  
to Penn, last summer. Himbaugh says Julia  
had made forty dollars since Henry's death. She  
made pies for the officers. He says Alice will go away  
alone and cry half an hour at a time for her father - Poor  
thing. She has some sense of her loss & I have no doubt  
that she misses him as much as if it was her mother.

I have seen Ann about your things. She says  
Elijah did leave them in her care and she has  
attended to them. My mother told me. She has a new fat boy & calls him  
James. Mrs. Rogers lives with Clark Morrill and her sister  
Mrs. Cole has taken Bill Davis to her house to live with  
her. Mrs. Butters is not expected to live.

Mrs. Clapp and Ella have gone to  
Manhata today. She is staying with me. Ella is going  
to Ohio to school soon as she can get ready. We do not  
feel perfectly safe yet. Every week we hear of new murders  
being committed. Rose is living in St. Peter at present.  
Cyrus is there & his company are all there at present. Bro.  
is there Capt. They talk as if Bro. Coffin would be their  
Chaplain. I expect to hear you are living in Springfield  
and wonder you have not been there before. Charlie & Mary  
wishes to be remembered to your children. I often think of  
you & yours & am glad you are not here at this time.

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Dear Mother  
I feel when I think of our  
night but I don't know what to do  
first that I shall write to you  
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the thought of the poor things that were  
of with a company to buy the dead. How sad his family  
to know that someone thinking of the  
had made forty dollars since they had the  
and five for the officers. The wife came into my  
door and cry half an hour at a time for her father. Poor  
thing. The kids are some of the best but have understood  
that she might have been a mother if it was for the  
I have seen them about your things like they  
and had had the things that were  
and a little of the things that were  
mother told me she had been thinking of  
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 excuse upon your  
 friend  
 But little  
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Original in possession of the author's grandsons,  
Arthur P. Fowler of Hartford, Conn.

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I suppose you &  
will find  
very hard to  
lose your jobs  
that are going away  
to school. I fear  
you both have had your  
last days with them.  
They will be married  
next - we have  
a mistake  
in your  
friend  
B. H. Miller

The day after they of some  
have no forward also  
letter then you go  
to my house  
to get it at that  
it was no longer  
could have been  
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