James C. Christie and Family Papers

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Friday, August 2d 1872.

I thought of adding this scrap this morning before posting. (Daniel still keeps in working health. The wheat nearly all cut. The wages generally 3 $ per day. our help, 2½ became settled before the market took shape. Arnold has Barney Simmons, a Swede, and Fred Stratton driving and ditch thrashing. Warner has a March Wormatine and Martin and he work together 3 men tending on her and one driving. all done by one team of horses. Bixby and Col. Smith at Red Wood. The Col. having been appointed Receiver in that New Land Office. Mrs Bixby read to me part of a letter she received last mail day. in which Bixby says you men are camped out around waiting to enter these Claims. The Land District Extends all along the Western boundary of the State. Our Alaska wheat will not be ready for 10 days yet. All else will be finished and some stacked before then

Little Boy is Good Health, and I entreat of you to send word on the day you receive this, to Madison and Get my letter and this picture. I addressed to you in Madison P O Box 1633. So I think you received. I have a letter written to Uncle William. but it needs revision and must wait until

next week. Leap some speculations it needs to be revised as first drafts are sometimes almost unintelligible. I would write to Helen. for I have quite a regard to her. and interest in her. But I am unable to write to many letters. to Tom. to Cosmelliti. to Josh. to Willie. to you. and once in a while to your Uncle, it is too much on an old man, who is all shattered physically and mentally. I had a dream also last night of Nine, repeated. it betokens something. But my Urim and Thummim. has not yet transmitted the interpretation, and I wait for deliverement. I think it will accomplish truly in Clymer. I saw Remy in it. tele me if your Uncle Williams looks much worn, and how the burden of life sits on him. if you see any indications of a change of his old mental state, if he gives signs of leaving the negative philosophy (which is the apotheosis of dirt) and if he receives any additions to possessions. in the transit of your Grandmother. by possessions I mean the true. the spiritual philosophy. those do not neglect to write. let me know if your Castor out heart you much. and where. descend to particulars. in Josh's style and make no use of Gopherwood. I enclose a letter from for you to translate for me. Give the sense. never mind the rhyme. that I think is not your forte

Remember me to Uncle Family all of them. I remain as ever. Johnston

University of Wisconsin,

Madison, Aug. 2nd, 1872

My dear Miss Christie

[Sarah] Your letter was duly received — I have delayed a reply a few days to see Mr. Dain & Sly Rem —

The Board of Regents have made no provision whatever for the care of sick among us nor for any addition to our Corps of Teachers, except in the Department of Vocal Music, & will do nothing farther until the Demand actually exists —

I am very sorry I can say nothing encouraging to you from

this quarter I should certainly be a great pleasure to me to be associated with you as you proposed & I would that it were in my power both on my own account & yours to make an opening for you here

I know very well what it is to live in an unsettled state & am well aware that it is not at all conducive to health or happiness

I received your brothers kind letter — he was very sorry that he is to leave Madison & I have heard many regrets expressed by others —

However I can not blame him for going to be with the dear Rebert friends for their friends, I think, can not be found in

Hoping & believing that a Kind Providence will yet open a way for you to work, with better remuneration I must take leave of you as we start for Minnesota in a few hours.

Robert Rudert requests to your brother & his wife & Accept the best wishes of

Your friend

D. E. Cassa.

If I can serve you in any way - shall be most happy to do so

D. E. C

Union Grove, Wis, Aug 2, 92.

Dear Father: [James Brewer]

I left the service at Madison and entered upon my present and prospective work for various reasons — 1. The work at M. is wholly secular; in Beloit it is, in essence, religious. To a Christian teacher this difference is an important one.

2. The processes of intellectual training pursued at M. are, both in their theory and practice far inferior to those found at Beloit. As a professional teacher, appreciating the dignity and worth of my office, and desiring to see the best results achieved from my service I choose to give that service to the more earnest, the more thorough, the in every way more efficient Institution of Education.

3. Socially and sympathetically: I am more attached to Beloit: I have a romantic fondness for my Alma Mater, a personal affection for her Professors, to some of whom I owe more than I can ever repay in this life, for influence that has been in itself an Education, and a friendship for Beloit people in the Church, and in the country near by, that has grown very strong in the five years of my residence among them.

4. Pecuniarily – I shall save more money in Beloit. Carmie can tell you how this is.

These reasons are sufficient to my own mind, and my dear wife sees the force of them: I trust they will prove equally good to you.

Work keeps me very busy – A letter from the President this morning & 50 more Catalogues; I ride every day in various directions from my Centre of operations. Shall be here till Monday – speaking in Ch. on Sunday night – Then to Racine.

Carmie's letter rec'd. Shall answer tonight if possible –

My love to him, and to all with you,

In great haste –

Yr. Affectionate Son.

Thos. D. Christie –

Please send this to

James Christie –

Castle Garden

Blue Earth Co.

Minn –

Tell Orville I shall be very glad to help him with his Latin next year in Beloit: he is ready for the Middle Preparatory Class & to take up Greek –

Amboy Aug. 4th 1872.

Dear Father. [James Christie]

Inclosed you will find one of dear Tom's characteristic letters.

You see we are not together this summer. He is in most active service while I must remain quietly at home trying to bless with Milton,

"They also serve who only stand and wait."

My family are very glad to have me at home for a time. They are none of them well and for this reason I regret that I am so nearly worn out that I can be of but little service to them.

I am longing to be quietly settled in a home with my husband, once more. I think you are doing a great and good work and I fully sympathize with him in it, cheerfully giving him up to any work the Lord calls him to do. I hope your health is good this summer.

Won't you please write to me sometime? I have no recent news from Esther Alex or Sarah. Lovingly your daughter Carmelite.

Ripidan, August 4th 1872

Dear Daughter Sarah [Christie]

Yours of the 25th ult. received, and first I am amazed at the way in which you consume the School World in your particular interests, who will bid highest for me? Going, Going, Gone, to the highest bidder, This purely is the Spirit of the World with a vengeance, and anything else looks like folly, yet it is Anti Christ. My Dear Sarah this is Not the way to Conquer Success in the Higher Regions of Being. And I doubt if it is the Way to ensure it in any form. It is not really what you receive, so much as how you retain and devote to the proper Objects. See the Moon beach never satisfied, never full, Because of the outflowing of the incoming stream. take the first situation that offers which does not require of you more labour than you are able to give for what you receive, and husband your resources. learn to do with little and find Comfort in reducing your earthly desires to the minimum. do not overreach yourself and over tax soul and body in obtaining the recompence

I know it is useless however to talk to you for the Spirit is always in the World, and it is the prime object of Christianity to destroy it.

I am very much gratified with what you tele me of Tom's success in stirring up the people to lay hold on such culture of the higher life as Bethel College affords. You see with what abandon he throws himself into his work, and you also see how the Lord provides for him. He throws himself into coincidence with the instrumentalities around him, commits himself to the stream, and sweeps forward on the flowing tide of the Divine. The secret of his success lies in his impetuous constitution working in the right line. Believing it is the work of the Lord, he leaves all ordinary care behind, trusting, hoping, and to triumphing his greatest gift is faith. Seeing those things which are not seen, he presses forward into his work in a sublime earnestness, saving the time from perdition, rescuing the minutes from the spirit of evil, he fills them with the work of God and carries them forward glorified into the Eternal. I am full of thankfulness to God that the spirit of life has been given to this boy, that he may do good in the world.

He moves in a small and a humble sphere. But he moves mightily, and flings his little light around him, and undoubtedly many see the clearer for it. Shall we say that Alex is unfortunate? I think not. We have many apparent hindrances to overcome here. I think they are under the direction of God for our counsel, to bring Sandy into his best possible. He has no little capacity. Great possibilities. But a dreadful antagonism of mind and heart, an almost irreconcilable condition of the natural and spiritual man. He carries a great and heavy cross, in a strong passional nature. All he needs is faith to enable him to move upon the enemy's work with success.

I am satisfied however that he is growing strong and will crest himself some day soon under the instructions of adversity purposely sent.

But in relation to yourself my dear Sarah. How much headway do you make in the lessening of your debts? You must deny yourself. You must retain all that is not strictly needed to live to be spent in the payment of your creditors. How much talk there is about the Master and his work! about Paul and Peter! Et hoc genus omne. But just think of them being in debt!! Peter would have forsaken night and day and made his wife go to the bait

and at the little one's time on Broken Bits heads
rather than been under such slavery. Paul would
have served at his tents on short allowance of
Graham bread to pull up the way. Gone without
a Jerkin or sandals. and pawned his cloak,
the thought his preparations. Owe no man anything
have a good conscience and sleep easily.

O, it is ridiculous to talk Christianity and have any
rest in your skin unless others. I expect all this fishing
for schools some of this. take my advice. that is the cross
you have to carry. first to give the world its own,
if you should plant yourself in those things, you think you
most need, and do not turn aside to give in charity
that which really belongs to your creditors. God will
certainly be well pleased to see you do so, and will
bless you with peace, and make you to feel his approba
tation of your conduct. take care that you do not
burden Tom, Remember his responsibilities to others
now My Dear Sarah let it be your daily prayer to God
night and morning that he would teach you and lead
you in the simple and straight way, the unostentatious
method of working earnestly in secret to be just to all

If I dell not love you My Dear Sarah I would not
speak of these things. But would have all pleasant talk
between us. We can only be comfortable in the future
if we do right now. I look always to your Eternal welfare
as ever be your Father. James Chowitz

Rapidan, August 6th /72

Dear Sandy,

Yours to Daniel reached us last Mail, and the Maple leaf brought us very vividly before me the little Brooks and Corners of that old Place which now knows us no more, every acre of which has its own Memories, to many Souls on so small a spot of Ground cannot be found here. This Country has but one Aspect,

Daniel is getting near the End of the Harvest Eight acres of Oat and 3½ Acres of Wheat, left now it has been accomplished so far without much trouble, and with but little noise. He has stood it very well. I trust you all get along pleasantly at Uncle Williams. I would like amazingly to see Uncle William and have a whole week with him, to have a morning talk daily with him for about 3 hours. While the accumulated homesickness would last. And yet I do not know that I ever planted one idea in William. He resists with such force, so positive against all arguments that does not flow directly from

Let me know what and where your Uncle (Daniel's) other good Farm

Causality. as if that were the only science through which we may arrive at the Truth. There is nothing to him of any value unless it is built upon a Chain of Antecedents and Consequents. He sees all things as a huge machine tooth works into tooth from the first motions to the last. Therefore he can take nothing for granted, and necessarily can believe but little. There is much that is hid in this Universe, from beginning even and we often have nothing more but a Glimpse of a part, from which to conceive of the Whole. Yet with that we may ascertain the Law of the Whole by the Analogy of the Whole. The response is in Everything. Shereon a Scotch Gunner discover a Hole by firing a pistol, just so. May we discover Truth by Obeying the Law of Correspondence, true on the 2 of the Fiddlers. by speaking 4 syllable we could hear them repeated by a Hill 5 or 6 miles off. if we had not known of that Hill we might have inferred its Existence to a Certainty by the return of our own Voice to us. There is then a Method of Interrogating Nature which may lead into the Truth entirely different from Crucibles, But it is not indeed so Certain in its Applications unless often repeated from different sides. The rider who mounts an Analogy to hunt up truth must look out that the Man does not bite the Mule of his horse, and so throw him backwards. Man, in Judgement State lies in the way as the Adder, for this very purpose. But see here, if after diligently by this Method, we may then test by the other Method after we get unhorsed. Here then I have got it said I believe.

To day the Thermometer stays 90 and no wind stirring, it has been thundering over about the Nutowaen and the Blue Earth since last night at 9 o'clock, and now it is 11 in the morning, and yet we may escape as it seems to travel east by the way of the Big Woods North. We have had no severe storms in this immediate Locality. But there has been some both North and South West of us, Hogs this year are Excessive, Scott has now Got some hand a 38, which he saw 4 of them 12 8 per day. South West of us over the River some of them are paying 4 and 4½ and putting on two span of horses on the Reaper to ride the binder. We have heard of 3 different men who have killed horses at this work. But as yet no mortality. We have had Great Quietness and peace this year, no fuss, nor hurry, which is the true May. Stevens is not yet begun to hoe Wheat it is all Oats, and is now making Hay after Getting in 25 of Oats and 25 of Barley.

I am sorry to have seen Joe that Williams Brother. It is a truth that, for Faith is really a Gift, but, unless the disputants are truly humble, it can have no Charity in it.

tele me if your Uncle William is still as stuck
if he has a Key Rake or not, and who drives his
Harvester. Dorsil tried binding on a Mesh
Harvester at Josephine yesterday in person and
has lost all Good Opinion of anything that
speaks of Giving Willie the Slip. and Getting
a Harvester next Year. I should be mighty
Pleased with this. it would be assist William
and indeed would be a Good move for David also.

I received a note from Dorsil last week. She is
still waiting for big pay. She tells me of 2 nice evenings the people
up in Reference to Belief College, and doing much Good. I begin
to think Tom is homesick. beginning to believe his home
I fear however he will take care and not exert
himself this wet weather. tele me how you stand
the new restings. and where you will heat & stay this winter
you did not inform me of that, and it makes me wonder
is your Uncle still as funny as ever? full of dry
Scotch humor? or has his 58 years and the inevitable
Cares of life sobered it all up? He is naturally full
of Care. and has greater tendencies to Melancholy than to
hope. If not so philosophic as he is, life would easily
be burdensome to him. Having been so many anticipated
happinesses Melt away before him. And I know he has seen
many. You need not Expect David to write you. he has
all he can do. But by and bye he will. Move do not be
filling yourself with wind. no hot puffs up. about the
Great and honorable and well paid Situation you are
going to get. You are really independent if there things
go do not fret if they all melt away. You can come
home and farm it, and take care of me. Who am always
caring for you. I Christie

Mrs Mackinnon with the Photographs

Have you received that letter from

to the Upshot Tomorrow. You must return your thanks to Emma for this picture. and so carry away my Clandestine act, in sending it without leave

David is nearly through with cutting of the Wasset has not been quite free from asthma. yet has brought hard all the time, but the Binders and this week will finish it, only the stacking. Sandy is working at Uncle William's you will of course show this picture to Cosmellite, I would have sent it to her. in preference to any but yourself. If I did not know that all flesh is as grass and that the flower of the field may fade so early. I would have told how broad shouldered, full chested, stout former a Boy this is, and how he looks as if it would be his delight to put down all opposition, he has a head like a prizefight and a fist like a coal heaver. Now all these qualities are needed if they receive the right direction, there is much tough work needed in this World. the sword as much as the spelling Book May the Angels of God be assigned to our Boy to Guide him in whatever is Given him to do. Have I given you any conception of him? And God Bless him in your prayers, and although not seen by you can in this way bring him up in your thoughts. you are the significance? —

My dear daughter do think of what I have said to you. if you will. there is Good in it. forgive my severity for Love's sake Yours always J Christie

August 6th
[1872]

My Dear Lorch. I believe I spoke so much from Truth in the other sheet, that this morning on looking over it, I felt as if I had said some disagreeable words. I cannot take them back, and now would like to make some amends for them in sending Jeff Jamie's picture. They only had two of them at first. I sent one to Stanley, and without asking leave I enclose this the best, it is a poor picture. Yet you will see some of his character in it. He is bold and unembarrassed. Quick to see. Knowing. Good humoured. ready to laugh, in good health, and as they estimate humanity in this country by what it will bring in the scales. This Boy has been "weighed in the Balance and not found wanting". 5 months, 17½ lbs You know unregenerated nature is a poor affair at its best, even in maturity, in childhood very depraved. Yet somehow rather agreeable than otherwise, and I think Jamie is a very pleasing specimen of adolescent depravity. I write him a mile at any time to please him, and do indeed take care of him about one third the time

I have taken a new interest in humanity and life ever since he visited us. He has brought back my hearts to the old simple Loves, and there are burning mothers

Platteville, Wisconsin,

Aug 8, 1872 —

My Dear Miss Charlie, [BELOIT, WIS.]

There are many reasons why I have not written to you — Firstly, I has — been extremely unsettled & very busy since I came home & then I did not know but you had your Journey there long before this — I supposed you were in Minnesota.

I have recovered of Biloit — I came home & looked the matter squarely in the face & found I could not afford it for another year — my salary would not support me —

I may possibly go to school next year but have decided

good offer to teach - I shall do what seems best - married I am not to be - I wish you would write me how every one is.

If you see Inez Cogswell give her my love & tell her what I've done - She's a good girl I wish I could be with her next year - I don't think I was liked very well in Beloit people I guess were happy when they heard I was not going to return - How does the choir get along? Is Carrie Simmons at home? I would rather like to continue in music but — I am now thinking of a place where I will clear for ten months $40.00 per month free from all expense. I go at all events to school next year - I am in the country at my mother's

having a quiet time -

Feeding Chickens getting eats sewing visiting & sewing - Shelatter makes my back ache Tell me how you heard the rumor of my resigning - My mother's health is not at all good & she would not hear of my going back again - She may at any time have a relapse & I should never forgive myself if I went contrary to her wishes -

It is harvest time & I have very irregular mails cannot depend upon the boy you send at all -

I have made one dress & done many other things too numerous to mention since I came home - This is just the kind of a letter you don't like & I am

tempted not to send it – It's
paraphrasing & shallow. But
you know my narrow gate
more contained so much
good sense – How some of
the teachers will rejoice because
I'm out of the way – Well
you go with them I'm as glad
as they can possibly be –
Burn my letters or at
least do not leave them
around for meddlesome
people to read –

Yours
Kate H. Walker

Chief office seed
for letters –
Write immediately
tell the news –
tell me if one
more critism
have reason

[James Chyostie]

My Dear Father. I write just a little note again.- There are several places I can have at - $40.00 per month and one place at - $45.00 but - I want to find a place where Alex. and I can work together - We are on the track of one or two - but - nothing decided as yet - I have accepted one place near Beloit - a village north-west - of Janesville - Edgerton (The "G" is soft -) at - $40.00 per month and board is cheap there - will go there unless we succeed in finding a place together - and if we do - I will resign at - Edgerton - and send a substitute - which there are plenty to be found in Beloit - Alexander came down to

Dear - 91 years ago today since another died in it - 22 years! & believe there is the day - little me by it is nine - so! ~

about - day before -
see, Chilton school, yesterday - and I
went - out - there Clin miles east - of Beloit
and met - him - but - that - chance has
fallen through for us. - I haven't - time
to - enter into particulars - He stayed all
night - had plenty of time to talk - sat up
half the night - and yesterday I came
back to Beloit - and he went - back to
Uncle Will's harvest - field - he showed me
the sweetest - darlingest picture I ever saw
our handsome little baby Jimmie - bless
his precious little soul - what - a handsome
chubby boy he is; he let - me take the pic-
ture - but - I am to send it - back to him - you
must - send me one. if there is one to spare.
I would give anything to have one of them
to - keep. - Why don't - you write to me? but -
I know you are busy. - Am glad to hear
through Alexander of your all being well,
and of the good crops - We will all be to-
gether this time next - year. I hope - that - is
the plan now - if God spares our lives until
that - time - but - somehow I am afraid all
the time of something going to happen - You
know Longfellow says;

"I have marked it - well - it must - be true -
Death never takes one alone, but - two!
Whenever he enters in at - a door,
Under roof of gold or roof of thatch,
He always leaves it - upon the latch,
and comes again ere the year is o'er. -
Never one of a household only". -

Poor Grandmother

Pendleton, Oregon Sept 10 1912

My Dear Constitute

Yours of

July I received as ineltrew. I am not surprised nor grieved at your Becues (unless for your own sake) I am indeed happy that it has been Our Good Providence which has directed it, that so prudent a Companion has been found to supply the place of Mother

Get thy Dear Ofelet be you also of Good Courage Do not let such things Eat away your peace. Let your Temperament if need Carry you accurate the Land of the Disinherited, and let the storms blow as they depend upon Constitution of Body and preponderance of feeling to the opposite pole of Melancholy and Hope. I trust that you in Jesus Christ are of the true blue one New Man in perfect Character. I believe that there are a Brade in Israel. Therefore let no imperfection form of Constitution diseases or circumstance enter as a Malignant Adversary (the anti-natural of his device) the Amiet are into a Region of Loving Brothers beyond the reach of the peace Breaker. When the insidious and poisoned shaft will fall blunted, inocuous from the Shield of Faithful Love. So let us forget that a these forecounsel provide that the shall be perfected by Mutual Attraction. When a Child by the Stroke of Any Natural Law I have

been lying imbedded together in the Sloping Beach the variously veined Agate and the Blue and rounded Whitestone. Their warfare ov'r. Quietly resting together as part of the substratum of a new Order. a more perfected Society. Both Beautiful, smoothed into such Completness of harmony as each was capable of. All accomplished by (if they Could they have been sensible of it) a very rough sort of treatment

Let us have full Confidence. There is no danger to those who Abandon themselves in simplicity of Heart. It is those who Commit themselves most fully to the rushing Waters that are most perfectly polished. The Angular Asperities of our Characters are rubbed off by the prevailing Company with ~~the which~~ which we will down the Stream of Life. the Mutual Attrition produces the Mutual polish the Earthy Crust is rubbed off and the Gem is revealed. There is much that we know not now, that we shall know hereafter. Always let us believe, undoubting forever, that our present difficulties are permitted to try us, to bring us to perfection. The Essence of Christianity is the Spirit of Gift and it is a very serious thing to be imbued with it if untempered by the Spirit of Worldly Wisdom, it is difficult to draw the line of Compromise at the proper place.

Yet it does seem that in this World Compromise is necessary. It does not seem that we Can Cast all our Care upon the Lord although He cares for us. We have not the Abandon of the Lilies of the field. They do nothing but stand in the sun. We know how they are arrayed. They are indeed very Careless things. Yet they are very Beautiful. I believe that Beauty is the One thing that God is intending to Clothe us with also. But that is not accomplished in a day. in all processes of nature and providence there is to be rain. the Blade, the Ear. the Corn in the Ear. and we must be willing to wait on the development. If the Spirit of Beauty has fallen upon us. it will finish the work. and we must wait and labour, wait for ourselves, for those we love, for all. and not look for the Ear in the time of the Blade. our work is the labour is to adjust ourselves to the reflections of the Light. If it is dark around us. it must be because we have come under a cloud in these unmistakable times. for they come to all. let us imitate the Cereus which from the desired Light of the day Blossoms in the night. throwing out its flowers and its fragrance in the darkness.

My Dear Cormellite to each one is Given hereditarily a Certain Natural Character. for which we are not responsible. All are warped in one way or another out of the straight line. and the peculiar Cross of each is simply the divergence of this Natural Character from the Image of God. Seeing then that it is not our Blame how willing should we be to pity, to assist one another in the Carrying of one another's Crosses. indignation should never enter our hearts. But in Gentle Charity should we assist one another. Yet we should try to discover Earnestly what is our peculiar Cross

and to bear the peculiar Cross of all those whom
we have to deal. to carry these Crosses in Love is
the only way in which to abolish the Evil.
It is Love alone which can destroy Evil.
all else is Quackery. there is no panacea for
the ills of Life but Love. But that is the panacea

I fear I have been talking in a
very General way to you, and perhaps not much to your
Benefit. I am neither Wise nor Good, although wishing
to be both. and I cannot do much Good to any one. But if
I could do impossible things I would make you all happy
in one day. and perhaps in doing it do a very foolish
thing.

I have delayed writing until
this morning. and now it is too late to fill my sheet
I must hurry in this Good bye.

and subscribe myself as one
Your Truly J Chartres

Saturday Morning Six Oclock Lowell Ills August 11th 71

Dear Cousin [Sarah Christie]

I have just got our breakfast & Jim has gone off to work - has not finished harvesting yet - he wrote a couple of letters last night - but did not have time to carry them to the Office, and consequently I am going right over with them - have got my Ironing to do today besides all my other work so cant write you any letter - but just write you this note urging you to come & make a good long visit - come next week Sarah if you can and stay a couple of weeks with me.

I want to see you, I have some news for you - concerning myself not bad however. and now good bye

Isaac Lowth

love to Tom

P. S. I have just discovered that this paper is dirty on the other side but cant stop to write on any other paper

Isaac

Hon. E. Rand Ellis
Fort Kent Me.

Chester Rice
Aug 12/72

Alex. Lehiste.

Dear Sir,

I discovered after you left, the boat which the other members of the Board were in.

They had told me to hire a teacher while they had given encouragement and were bound to support young Chandler of our place, and he and his father were holding them to it without my knowledge, when I encouraged you to come down. I fear and they also feared that Chandler was not the man but they had not the

Moral courage to say "yes" to you and "no" to him while they were under obligations to the father of C— in their business relations

Therefore, I only assented to their arrangement with C— on condition that your expenses be paid and he teach for less than you offered — which was unanimously consented to,

I, therefore, remit — ($7) Seven dollars for your expenses —

If that does not cover your expenses, you will oblige me by sending the figures

We may do better for you sometime in the future

Yours Truly

Geo. Lovett, M.D.

Have heard no school but your school here. Mr. Lincoln, York wishes to stay at Clarke's, as a place could get a good place. Apropos, I think for more time of Mr. Rice's work & almost sure mother died Aug 30th '70.

Sandy.

[Christie]

Aug 12 '72.

My dear Christie

I have accepted the offer of the trustees of 8th & 9th mos. & have agreed to take the Lowell school, and do cannot think of another.

Do the best you can for yourself and let me go for this year when I am; we will get together next year.

If I take the school for 9 mos. the salary is $50.; if for less time, (which is not probable) something more.

I cannot do better. There was a danger of my failing to get anything a common district school. Here there are two depts, and not extremely poor pay. During the year we will look out some-

thing better for us both.

Tomorrow I will visit school, get contract, see about board, etc. It might be policy to board with another, but I will not go by Jessie.

Dr. Benson and Uncle Jim helped me to the school. The Board had already decided to retain one of the summer teachers for town school.

Don't lose your hold on Edgerton.

Tom is here. Came Saturday afternoon. Goes away tomorrow (Tuesday). Looks well. Talks in the right way about everything. Off today at Oak Grove, Lowell, etc.

No news from Charlie about the loan of $25.

I am now owing Uncle $13. Will work it down to $10. at threshing, and may clear it all by going round with the machine. Expect to get $1.50 per day.

I ought to send $9. to Madison for books ordered, and need under-clothing. If Chas. don't respond, will go on threshing till I have enough. School ~~don't~~ does not begin till latter part Sept.

If I get the $25. on 6 mos. time, will send you $5.

Folks here in usual health. No late news from Rapidan.

Will go to Beaverdam ere long, and assume that note. Uncle Dave will

not refuse me till spring on it. I may raise a little this winter teaching evening schools in various parts, and may start a singing school or two.

All this work will advance my own knowledge and address.

I am glad Tom is as he is, — let us be thankful and go forward.

Heavy crop in Minn. They will require us help from me to clear the debts of the place.

Get fixed in some desk and prepare for next year's work. Let me hear what is done for Annie M.

Your Brother Sandy

Raisinan, August 15th 1872

Rev. S. Chester

My Dear Son.

I received your letter from you last week. the first week of omission since you left us. and imaginations tries every one of it conjurations to persuade me that something altogether worthy for evil. Life and Welfare are so uncertain that all my little judgement is taked to keep me from feeling sorrowful It is indeed almost reasonable that man should look for evil tidings Because God reigns. There is and has been so much violations of Holy and Good Law in this World. that we may look at any time to see the inevitable penalty fall on any body. No man suffers only for his own sins. But participate continually in the corrections of the General sin of our race. Now I write to you in hope nevertheless, knowing that you are seeking to do right. and would do it more and more if you could find the way. So I trust that on Saturday I will receive a letter from you assuring me that all is well with you. Because I most certainly and fully believe that nothing can happen to us outside of that providence which looks to the results being allway for Good.

I shall therefore proceed upon the assumption that you are well. and suppose the cause of the missing letter is nothing extraordinary

David is now stacking. as also all this county with few exceptions. since I wrote you last week we had one of the big rain storms which laid down that 8 acre of oats so that no reaping machinery can take it up. David took off all the tackle and has mowed 2/3's of it and has now been stacking the wheat there last two days intending to let those oats lie untill he secures the main crop. He has I judge some 250 bushels of oats secured in good order in the stack besides those 8 acres.

I would willingly believe that all goes well with your nurses in Clyman and that you are all as well as we are here.

I had a letter from Carmellite last mail Countaciney since from to her father. which he also ordered sent to me. Jesus is doing quite a good work for Beloit and the Good Cause, in inciting the people of Brethren this course is to take hold of the advantages of their little College. He is having quite a degree of success, and I can see he is in good train and good heart. in short in his Glory,

I am pleased at all this, and very glad that one of us has been privileged to do any thing in this line.
I could wish that you also would consider that you can do much good. not so much in teaching the young idea how to grow as in teaching the just and pure feeling, the charitable emotions to gather strength and begin to glow in the hearts of your pupils. I know that this has been one of your aims. and I desire you to make this a main effort in all your schools. it is infinitely a more worthy object than 3 times 3. or proviso, composition and rhetoric in any mere intellectual training.

I received no letter from Sarah either last Saturday. in her case it is likely that the business of answering so many letters from school superintendent and other interested, and perhaps going to their places for examinations &c &c, has occupied all her time. But I expect one from her this Saturday. I think wish that Sarah might see more clearly than she does that it lies fully as much in conserving her means than in increasing their amount in receipts, besides the advantage it would be to her to deny herself and so learn to limit her desires to the minimum. they are most free who need least. One of the greatest evils of our civilization lies in this, that instead of liberating from the tyranny of material interests it increases their seduction and power, so much so that the civilized man is a mere bundle of material necessities, whose whole time is spent in labour to supply his enormous wants. this is all wrong. The true civilization is spiritual, not material strength of mind and mind, produced by adherence to the natural simplicities. I myself find that from the habit of a life restrained in simplicity of wants I am a more slave, who is miserable if certain articles are wanting. The great trading class forter every thing that shall reduce the people into luxury. this renders the multitude to labour for them. Let the earth around us have greening with the weight of bread. Men living like hogs and working like horses or as if they were machines, their spiritual aspirations all heavy worn. their reason undeveloped. their passions coarse. While they might have abundance of leisure in which to acquire all that they need for their superior nature, their best labor lies in ministering to wants that have been created by this false system. Of their shirt and leather strap. bread and water. "Pig from the roots, he drinks the crystal well" is the other extreme. and it is really more noble. But there is a just medium between them which should be continually investigated

August 16th.

Arising an hour before the sun as usual and my thoughts again turn towards you. I try to see why you did not write, and I await tomorrows mail with some anxiety, it suggests itself to me that in consequence of your various applications for schools, you may be away somewhere in connection with them, I feel unwell somewhat and my ideas are few and feeble. We are unable to look forward with the hope of penetrating the future. But we can always look upward in the hope that this future will be to us all according to a perfect wisdom. What more do we need? We need a perfect resignation to that wisdom and confidence in the merciful disposition of God towards us.

To the merely intellectual man, this cosmos is a tremendous engine, which overpowers with its very vastness. He shrink from the contemplation of its infinity in space, in time, and in power. He ask in sad earnestness "What relation does it bear to me?" and it seems to reply. "Fall into coincidence with my motion, with my intent is and I am in your favor. oppose me, and perish." This is startling to our weakness, and seems to demand more from us than we can give. Yet we try to adjust ourselves to its demands. this is true homage and obedience. and because of inability in us, should, and undoubtedly will, be accepted. The barley and all allied to it must perish because of unincumbered obedience. But the willing mind serves because of the recreations of thought and feeling. resulting in coincidence of will.

Pardon my dense and unsatisfying philosophy. It is so natural for the weak and the vain to try these things that are beyond their reach. it is really an attempt to grow. The reason still seeks for a solution, because it is related to the absolute truth. and will never be fully satisfied until it lies in the mean time (which is indeed mean enough. if we consider of the way in which we fill it up.) let us try to obey the triple injunction "to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God." and justice will be done to us mercifully, not in the pride of power. but in a condescension which will bend to do us good, as you see the bible heavens come down all loaded to touch the earth. to embrace it. Firmness and God will is written out in very readable characters. Everything declares. Even the grey moss carries in its arms the wildness lectures

and the Loving and not unpraiseful souls throws back the Light in the face of the Unseen and Unseeing Moon. Endeavouring to obey in the time of her need the Labels Gifts of her sweet and Silvery influence. Everything teaches Love. and Nature is Revealed to us in Scripture, Scripture being simply the Voice Interpretation of the Universe. Faith is unnecessary to those who See, and will Eventually be destroyed by Knowledge. as is very clearly taught in the Book.

My Dear Son It is yet however necessary for us to believe, because we do not see, (at least clearly) "now we see through a Glass darkly. But then face to face" then we shall see things and persons as they are. because we shall be like them, filled with the truth - and the Evil cast away. It might then be our prayer, our Endeavour to Come to a Knowledge of that Truth which is in Jesus, that is, the Truth which Saves.

Since Writing the above I went out with the teams to see the days work begun, and the very first Load. Mel Bond and Charlie run away and scattered a portion around the prairie. But Daniel jumped off to stack and arrest them. No damage done. Only Joe got pitched off, not hurt. It made me earnestly desire the time when Man will be independent of all Animal Assistance in his Labours. When the turning of a crank or a screw will accomplish all he needs. The unorganized forces of Nature working through adapted forms, is much safer than in complex Organisms which needs not understand. The time comes rapidly when flesh and Blood and Animal Brains shall Controlle less and less the Events of the Hour. And the human Mind will regulate the Elem forces to accomplish its Will. When the Mammon teams of the spheres will sing and low and reap. and Grow, Obedient, through our Obedience to its Will. All the potencies of Time and Space continually look to Home as if the Would listen to their voice and Obey their Teaching

I believe I hear you with my Prayers, I long to hear from you, to know that you are all right, because I have little doubt of how much those horses hurt you. We are all as usual. little Jennie like the rest of us a Continual Care and a Continual Comfort.

tell me in your next all about yourself and Sarah and Jane and all our Friends. Now I must cross the prairie and post this. 9 o clock, a fresh Breeze from the South. Thermometer at 76 and every one Building their pyramids of Wood. for the preservation of the Body like the Egyptians, also. I trust the Will Extract the Essence from all these Mutable things.

J Christie

I got photo!

Chapman. Aug 16 "76.

My dear Pattison, [James Christie] I have
not time to do
justice. After I get settled I
will write by the Grand
Uncle H. has threshed
wheat 1107. Oats 170
wheat 62 bushels oats 5.
He will take a trip west,
to get ready, but don't
let him know that I have
told you.
I am threshing 10 shillings
per day. I still owe him
$5.75. Will clear that
and make a little ahead.

Have taken the Lowell school 9 mos #50. 6 pupils Oct. 1. Dr. Benson wrote me out a second grade without exam — Will board with Josie.

Now for your own sake. I am in Clymer, have been in Madison, am better acquainted with things relating to Tom, Carmelite, and Sarah, than you are or was. And I say, that S. does not deserve so much blame as we thought. that she should not be excluded from our love and sympathy, and that love and sympathy wholly transferred to anyone else of whom we know little.

I have made mistakes in this line; and you have made a most grievous one in writing of Sarah's affairs and character to others as you have done.

Keep sorrows of this kind for the ears of those whose years have

Caught upon to trust,
and don't get Tom into
trouble.
Everyone is good in his
way: Tom is a good fel-
low, better than a year
or two ago; Carmelite
is a good girl, but
Sarah, our Sarah is not
a whit behind any in
those qualities of heart
which make up the self-
denying disciple of a
self-denying Master.
Don't write of S. & C. Women
are only Women; and Justice
is Justice, and you are in the
dark. Wait.

Your affn Sandy.

Clyman. Aug 16" 72.

My Dear Sarah, [Christie]

A line only. Never mind, we have all done you injustice in thought, word, and deed. You will come out right yet. Be patient.

I have given Father a hint. And a hint from me goes far with him. He will keep alive at least.

Charlie has not answered my letter asking loan of $25.

Give Ro without it.

Count out undrawn letter & return 75 cents, excess over Hotel and R R. for

myself. Uncle is
threshed - I still owe
him $5.75. Will
soon work out of
that at $1.25 per
day threshing, and
get a little ahead.
I owe 9 dollars at
Madisonburg Books.
I wrote you I am
hired at Lowell Jno.
$50. Oct. 1. Board
with Jessie, about
$3. Other teachers
hired. Got business
note from B. R. Falls.
Too late. Wrote
to that effect.
You must wait a
year for anything
so glorious.
Take Edgerton this
year: next year
something better.
Don't go crazy
over anything
I will see Uncle
Dave.
Yours off
Sandy.

Do you remember Lennie Fiske?
He is now visiting Elder Bridges family at Grafton Area. We
spent a pleasant
evening together with her
last Tuesday. He expect
a visit from her and
Elder Bridges family on
Tuesday next week.

Rural, Waupaca Co. Wisconsin
August 17, 1872.

My Dear Friend Christie; [Sarah]

You must think me a perfect heathen, by this time, as I have just received the third letter from you, and have not yet answered the first. Let me explain. When the first was received I thought I would wait till the one was forwarded from Lancaster. That came last night. I also wished to wait till my husband had decided an important matter that we had been talking of since we first came home.

This matter was nothing less than the resignation of his position at Lancaster. My husband had scarlet fever last fall, and his health has not been good since, notwithstanding he was one of the most hearty and healthy before that. He has been doctoring most of the

time since. Although he was far from being well when he resigned the school he hoped the summer vacation would do much for him.

After being at home five weeks, he felt that he was little if any better than when we came.

He at last decided to take the advice of mother and myself, together with that of his father & brothers, and many friends, and leave teaching for one year at least, and try farming.

He accordingly returned to L. last Wednesday and presented his resignation, which was reluctantly accepted. I received a letter from him this evening. He is busy packing our worldly goods and will return with them next week.

Isn't it strange, my dear Christie that after such a long silence between us, we came so near being brought together, and are yet to be separated

I am so very very sorry. How much comfort we should have taken there together, living over old times, and forming a new acquaintance, for of course both have changed. O, I have so much to tell you I don't know how I can write it all. It is very plain from your letters that you have not heard of my dear father's death.

He was taken from us the 29th of last Dec. without a moment's warning. He left home Thursday morning apparently as well as usual. Went to Berlin a distance of thirty miles, stayed over night and attended to his business on Friday, and retired about 10 o'clock in the evening. He was found about 8 o'clock the next morning dead in bed. From all appearances he died without a struggle. His eyes were closed, his hands folded upon his breast, and the bed clothes were up close about his neck, and he lay as if quietly sleeping. A messenger was at once sent to mother. Who can imagine her feelings! Brother George and our neighbor Mr. Ackmen went to Berlin the same night, and returned about seven the next (Sabbath) evening, with the dear remains. Word was sent to us from Berlin, but did not reach us till Tuesday P.M. He started at six in the evening and reached home at noon on Thursday. My dear dear friend

you can not imagine the sad coming home it was to us. On Friday nearly a week from the time he died we laid the dear body in its last resting place within sight of home.

Mother's health is very good. George is a man in size if not in years. He was seventeen last Feb. He and mother have carried on the farm this summer, but it is too much for them, and I am very glad on their account as well as on our own that my husband has consented to take charge of it during the next year. It will relieve mother of so much care, and give George an opportunity of going to school which he needs very much. We have not yet decided where he will go. He was at Lancaster with us two years ago. Now I must tell you something of myself. I did, as you supposed, teach with Mr. McGregor at Plover. We taught there two years, and I may safely say that there our acquaintance began. Although I had met him

several years previous, and he was our Co. Supt. for three years, and I had also boarded in the same family with him eight months, yet I felt that he was almost a stranger when we went to Plover. So you see ours was no "love at first sight." How we first discovered that we were meant for each other I can not say. But it seemed to be slowly and firmly impressed on our minds that to live apart would be misery to both. Now please don't laugh and declare that Dan has become very sentimental, for I am just as matter of fact as ever. We were married three years ago the 29th of last Dec. just three years before Fathers death. Started for Lancaster the same day, and that delightful little place has been our home ever since. Now I have another delightful communication to make, of which I see by your letters you are quite ignorant. I have a precious babe, who will be fifteen months old the 23rd of this month. How I wish I could show him to you. Mother says, "send

my love to Miss Christie and tell her she ought to see our baby." He is a great comfort and joy to mother. Last winter in the time of our great sorrow he was a perfect little sun beam, and I think he was really a great help to mother at that time. Father never saw him. We call him George Malcolm, after both grandfathers. Do you wonder that I am happy, knowing that I have one of the noblest, kindest and in every way best of husbands that ever woman was blessed with, also a darling babe who is blessed with good health a perfect form, and so far as we can judge a sound mind? Riches we have not. Neither are we poor, but very very comfortable, and if my husbands health is restored we hope some day to have a goodly share of this worlds goods. But we never expect to get them by teaching. I never get knew a person to become rich in that occupation, although it is a good field for usefulness. Husband has talked for some time of giving up teaching. The coming year is an experiment. Whether he will again enter the school room I do not know but think it doubtful.

You wonder if I have changed. I think I have. Certainly I have in size. Several have remarked since I came home, "you are not more than half as large as you used to be". But my health is very good and I am quite as strong as during school days at Fox Lake.

I am still a Baptist, though I think not quite so bigoted as formerly. I united with the church at Lancaster. But it is a very feeble body and they have been able to sustain a minister there but a small portion of the time. I have attended the Congregational church most of the time and feel quite at home there. My husband is not a church member, but being a scotch man is of course a Presbyterian at heart. We have rented the same seat in the Con. church since we first went there, and Mr. McG. has been connected with the S. S. in that church all of the time, and I was for two years. I can not help feeling sad when I think of leaving the

many warm friends I had there. You can't help liking the place and people. It is a very small quiet little town, but beautifully laid out and ornamented with trees. And then the people are so good, so very social and friendly. I would like to write a full letter describing them especially my particular friends, but I have not time and perhaps it is better you should form your own opinions without being biased by mine. I hardly think you could find a better set of scholars than you will in that school. They are not difficult of management. There is no examination of teachers except that of the Co. Sup't. and I think that does not take place till some two or three weeks after school opens. I do not know that any arrangement has heretofore been made for paying teachers monthly, but I know that they have drawn at any time during the term that they wished. No doubt you could get it monthly if you wished.

Board for $3.50 per week includes lights and

P.S. I had to see you. I want to introduce you to my husband and sister Mrs. Dr. Martin Frohlich. Mother Frohlich enjoy a visit from you very much. Ellen Cox Felt Rob was married and lives at Fremont about forty miles from here. If you would take a trip at Fremont and could visit here a good visit we have. Dr. Strong's have gone home for a few days. Jennie. Love.

Dear Mr. Sleger

Just, but not wasting. We have boarded two or more of the teachers most of the time since we have been there, and they have always done their own wasting. I do not think it possible that you could live on less than $3,50 per week.

I am glad you have met Mrs. Eaton. You will like her very much, and after knowing her I think you will agree with me in saying that she fulfills the duties of a minister's wife more perfectly than any one you ever saw. Mrs. Murphy is another good sister in the Con. church, whom you will like more and more as you become acquainted with her. She was a near neighbor and very kind. You will find her always cheerful and ready for fun notwithstanding her frequent attacks of headache. Mrs. Meyer & Mrs. Cox were also neighbors, and I can't tell you how good they were to me. At either of those places you can feel perfectly at home to run in at any time and always be welcome. Then at

the other end of town from us live Mrs. Ryland, Mrs. Chandler Holloway, Mas Judge McGonigal and many others just as good that I can not stop to mention now. You see I could not resist the temptation to say a few words for my friends. There are very few young gentlemen there, but some very estimable young ladies.

I am so sorry we can't be together, but I do hope now that our correspondence has been renewed we will try to continue it. I shall be most happy to hear from you at any time, and although I may not be as prompt as of old, rest assured that I shall answer as soon as possible. Of course I shall not always have material for such a lengthy epistle as this. Now I have a proposition to make. Come and see us during the christmas vacation. Start just as soon as school closes, and spend all of the time with us. The cars run to Stanbaca now. He will meet you there. I think you can come and return for less that $25. Don't say you cant afford it. I know you will need the change and rest, and I shall be

Milwaukee Wis
Thurs. Eve. Aug 22nd/873

Miss Christie, [Sarah]

your letter is just received, & I hasten to reply tonight that you may get this tomorrow morning in time to write to Edgerton the same day.

I thank you again, for your kindness in mentioning this school to me, & writing so fully about it.

My sister forwarded your letter, & I rec'd it yesterday afternoon.

I write to night to say I will accept the position at Edgerton, & would like you to send them my name, if you please.—

I do not see how you could have misunderstood my other letter, for in it, I said, & underscored it, that "if you did not like to ask the Board there, to wait for any decision, I would take the situation now"

I have made my plans here on the strength of that promise to you. — that is I told the Board here, I had written engaging to take another school, & suppose my name is taken off their list, before this time.

I shall not attend the remainder of the examination as mail to hear my report, for I considered your engagement binding, unless you wrote me, they were willing to wait, this week.

I shall be glad to fill the vacancy there (Edgerton) and certainly thank you for mentioning it; & wish you much success, & happiness at Lancaster, the coming year.

I shall doubtless be in Beloit Saturday afternoon when I shall be glad to see you. —

Please excuse haste, as I must put this into the mail immediately to have it leave here in the early train.

Very truly,

Fannie H. Benson.

Sparingly to her Home, because of her Expense
I am opposed to her going into this Nursing affair
She has not enough Physical Stamina for it
Also I think the Sympathetic in Constitutions
in Temperament and tissue, Not prefered Nurses, I have
seen more Women of an Apathetic Mind, or feelings,
Who could laugh and sing in the intervals of their
Labours. Carrying no tenderness for their patients but
there of immediate duty. This Alone it allways seemed
to me enabled them to live amidst the scenes of suffering
by which they were surrounded. Susceptibility of mind
in a Nurse is useful for their Charges. Yet it is death to
themselves. Whoever susceptible, seeing, feels and suffers. I am ready
to be very strong or very indurated that to feel and carry a portion of
that Burden which has been attached to this Since the Sentence
ation of the World. It has allways impressed me in thinking
of the Saviour. That with His fine Temperament, deep seeing and
Exquisite Spiritual Feeling that He must have continually carried
a Great load of Agony. So much so that if the Lawyers and Theologians
had not put him to death He must have died of a Broken heart.
"How long" He says "Shall I suffer you?" When I contemplate the sinful
State of the World, (Pardoned as I have been by sin myself) and see the
suffering it originates, it crushes me with a part of its Agony, and I
should need at these times a deeper Knowledge than I have to keep me
from a Vortex of despairing unbelief, which afflicts me terribly, until
I barely cry out in spirit, Lord How is it so? This is worse to bear
than all the rest, sometimes it is like to kill me. I feel there are
very dangerous thoughts for me, and have a continual tendency to drive
me into a very despondent and bleak atheism. Who can give me
a Cure for this? it takes away my life from me at times. I am
Compelled to cease thinking and appeal to God in prayer to ease
me of this Great Burden; It must be a punishment for my lack
of Faith. it is a result of seeking to know more than we are
Prepared to carry. My Dear Son I think God has you
here been given power to do Good. I think Him that you find
Happiness in doing it. it is my consolation that you have
devoted your life to win the World from Sin. and that as years
and Experience shall teach you more and more its Terrible Nature.
You will more and more Grow in power through Gods Grace to Govern it.
Write me again soon, tell me of your success. I Christie

in trying our What I have written. Never let this take altogether
I want to be able to Write again to you soon. Without
Taking into Such a General Strain of Depression in every topic.

(To Thomas.)

Rapidan, August 24 1872

Your Letter received

I am much Gratified You have found the place You wished for, and that You are Employed Now, also in Work which You like, and in which I hear from, I wish You are doing much Good in I feel thankfull — The tone of Your letter is Buoyant full of hope and full of Gratitude as it should be. and You refer with a little Exultation to what has been done for You and You seems to begin another Year in an Abandon of Faith and hope, I attribute some of this to Your Sanguine Temperament, the strength and flow of Your Blood is so Generous that the difficulties of Your position are seen through a Haze tinged with the brightest Rays. You ought therefore to make some Allowance for those of a more Melancholic Temperament. if You think of their travelling at Your side in peace, You must at least endeavour to Cultivate pecuniary prudence. It also is indispensible for You My Dear Son that I should not require the Lord to look into our Account Book and Match the Balance. Although I believe He will do that even if We see that We cannot do it for ourselves, My Advice to You is to be prudent Without doubt You think You are a model in that way, When You Compare what little it does for You, With the Thousand temptations which Your Natural imprudence about put You into, When You making Your programme under the influence of Your own hopeful feelings, distrust it Correctness, and at least deduct Forty per Cent from the last Careful figures, Never forget that Financial success is accomplished not Alone by Getting but Also in retaining, Conserving, I do not Wish to Crush in You any feeling of Loving and helpful Generosity, Only do turn it homewards Mainly But behold this ink is shed in vain more, this feeling I am trying

Greet in Youth is not your strong point, and in you can only come by age and wrinkles, when the countenance becomes the hope of a purse all drawn together at the mouth, and only distinguishing its corrugations when it sees something coming into it — after all my talk I do not wish to see the worldly pucker stamp itself on your at any age — go free. Yet I suggest a little prudence, you know that the Rose of the Earth have all the thorns as yet, the more need for the inhabitants of the paradise, to shield them. Nests in the topmost branches, the children of the spirit must live by the spirit, and I seek not to turn you back.

Yes, you ought to rejoice in the Lord, for all he has done for you. You ought also to be full of courage, to be full of hope of faith of love and thankfulness and humility, as you have a right to share all these possessions with you. But does she is she not more melancholic in temperament? if you cannot share this with her also do you not see that in these things she becomes your crosses. Do you then of her circumspection, of her trouble when she through the darkness of her bilious temperament only sees the difficulties of the road? and you are not yet thirty, true indeed "at thirty man suspects himself a fool, knows it at forty and reforms his plan", here you a plan, I do not believe it. My advice to you is to take time by the forelock and reform in some thing, before reaching that period, I have said too much in this strain, you must forgive me. "But there is a pure water where the stirrie drooms" more let me advise you again in relation to Sarah, I believe that you are doing to her as you ought to, that's helping her to find by which she may help herself. There is a some thing of the house lack about her character, which I cannot see into. Always getting, and always in need, it is a most decided defect and must be abated, it is intolerable. She must be made to suffer for it in some way or it will state grown to curse and disgrace her and all connected with her. She must be taught to suffer untill she fulfills the righteousness which she has violated, this is God's method of inducing a true repentance, salvation is always come preceded by pain, and a true repentance must be fed on bocuets especially, on that which observes all earthly growth and proceeds by retrospection, looking at the past is where is derived the new impetus to go forward in the new path. Flying a short distance it alights always looking backwards, views its past course for an instant and so taking another new impression, it suddenly flies off hastening away from the way it has passed. A true & sustained repentance is also fed on the secret hopes, promises, and faith, it finds in the new path. any course which does not include this treatment for those who need repentance is damnatory of final peace.

I speak from experience. I have suffered because I had sinned, and the light shed from the blessed book has shown me that it was right I should suffer.

I should have been much pleased to have had Sarah's company for a time this summer. Yet I never could pay

Saturday Evening.

Clymer Aug. 24th 72.

My dear Father: [James Christie]

I got back from "Rolling Prairie", where I have been Thrashing at 10 shillings per day; This afternoon, and found your long and welcome letter of The 15th & 16th awaiting me at Uncle's. I am sorry that I omitted writing for so long an interval: but I was so situated that writing might be called an impossibility. My last, which I hope you got, short and worthless as it was, was but a hasty line or two; and I can promise very little more tonight. I started out last Monday morning to look for work. Of my failure That day I need not now speak. I kept on through the Grove, Rolling Prairie Station, to Summit Corners, where I dropped into John Kirkes Smithy and talked awhile of David and the rest of his folks in Maine. He was glad to see me, and hitched up a team, took me to two different

Pencil: Carefully preserve this letter & return to Uncle Chas.

places in the neighborhood where he thought there was a chance for me. Did not succeed. You see, I did not intend to hire by the month, but by the day, either to help run a thresher, or to use a fork at threshing. One of the places we visited was the Sturdevant farm N.E. of the Corners, where a man ~~and~~ is running a farm on ~~drained~~ principles, sinking a great deal of money which he derives from an Eating house in Toledo, Ohio. Artificial ponds, swans, best of buildings, imported stock, French draft-horses, Durhams etc etc. — Stopped Monday night half way west toward Beaver Dam on Oak Grove Road. In the morning, kept on toward Fort Lake, and found a job at threshing at $1.00 per day with one Bonner a short distance toward Waupun from the "Buck-Horn Corners", 4¼ miles N.E. of Beaver Dam. Didn't get started till 9 o'cl. His job lasted only ¾ of a day. Thursday morning started in for a German named Fiegel, this side of the Corners, at 10 shillings. Worked Thurs. Friday, and half of this Sat. forenoon, when rain stopped us. After dinner threw my valise on my shoulder and "lit out" for Uncle William's, where I arrived at 5 o'clock. Go back Sunday evening, as I promised to be on hand Monday morning. Had to come down for letters. Yours is worth twice the distance. Glorious. Fiegel has about 3½ days more, and there are other jobs in the neighborhood. I will earn all I can at those wages, or even $1.00. Another day will clear what I owe Uncle W. on my clothes, etc and then I will need a little beside me and to pay for books ordered at Madison. Pretty country around the Corners. Bonner is from Donegal 35 years agone, brother of Robert Bonner of the N.Y. Ledger; and his father-in-law is a Ross born near Strabane. Had quite a chat. Bonner is quite uninformed. One of the Ross family, not now at home, was 2d Lieut. in the Battery, and I was acquainted with him by sight at Goldsborough, Richmond, and Washington.

Dodge County is a country of "insignificant distances". After my experiences in the further West, I think nothing of what seemed 10 years ago long roads.

I am in the best of health; if it would not elicit the Scotch ministers running commentary on Peter's words ("Ayr bragging"), I would fain tell you that I can do more work with greater ease than any other man on Rolling Prairie. I am already recognized in that character. Only yesterday I silenced a crowd of ~~bragadocios~~ braggadocios, throwing a sack full of wheat on my shoulder with one hand, a thing none of them could do. I don't tell all how I make things go and stand about for me; all I wish you to understand is that I am able for my work, and feel like singing all the day long while I am at it. I hope Dave is able for his; for I see by your letter that the storm has given

him more to do. I am afraid something very serious will happen with those horses now that they have got off once and I would advise Dave to feed light and work them hard till they get tame. Don't let him go threshing.

As to my next year, I will be at home at #50 per mo. for 9 mos. beginning Oct. 1. Sarah will probably be at Lancaster at #45. She is still writing on the subject.

We will all be usefully employed; and while we are of service to the world around us, we will be advancing the interests of our own family. If we all have health, a few years will tell in our favor, I trust.

You cannot do your part better than by giving us the results of your cogitations such as I got this afternoon — better than all the books on the shelves. I cannot but be a believer in a grand future for those who use the Present aright. What it shall be we know not definitely; but something noble, glorious and I trust useful. Could we ask for anything better than the privilege of still bearing a hand in advancing the good cause?

I trust, and think, I am growing upward, away from the gross earth into the pure air of the heavens. It is a slow growth, but a growth it is. As to the Creed, I cannot say.

When I get more time, I will write at length. In the mean time, do not fear for me. I have more work to do, and will, as a matter of course, live to do it. My best love to our household, Dave, Emma, Jimmy, Mother and yourself, not forgetting Joe, who I am glad

Sarah

come home

[Aug 26, 1872]

I scribble off copy for now of the most important document since Emancipation Proclamation.

Mr. G. W. Ryland,
Lancaster Wis.

Dear Sir;

My sister, now at Beloit, informs me that she has accepted a position as teacher in your school, and that the place of Principal is still vacant.

I am hired as principal of a village school in this County, but could find a substitute if I desired; and in view of this latter fact, I now make application for the vacancy in Lancaster, submitting the following statements as regards myself.

I am in my 27th year, have taught four years within the last five, only three mos of

which as principal of a school of two depts. and am, consequently, practically unacquainted with the graded school system. Though I have read such descriptive and explanatory works as fall within the reach of every enterprising teacher.

But so far as skillful teaching of the usually requisite branches, and the principles and practice of school government are concerned, I can, I think, give good satisfaction.

Although I take great interest in the higher mathematics, and would be pleased to instruct classes or private pupils in the whole course, including the Infinitesimal Analysis with its various useful and beautiful applications in Trigonometry, Astronomy, Natural Philosophy, etc, yet I am so fully aware that, in mathematics, a thorough understanding of Arithmetic is that to which the pupil should, but seldom does attain, that I deem it more to the purpose to say, that I will take no ninth place as a teacher of that (to the majority of scholars) extremely abstruse subject.

To the subject-matter of all the branches usually taught in our common and graded schools, and methods of instruction in the same, I have not failed to give the attention which their importance demands.

I know a little Latin and less Greek; and if you wished pupils taken through a Latin Reader, I could do it; though aware of my inability to do either them or the Latins full justice.

In conclusion; -

My portmanteau

is not crammed with "Testimonials", "Recommendations" etc. While in Minnesota, I carried one of the few First Grade Certificates, and was considered to be a Ne plus ultra by many not qualified to judge; but I never asked and never received one of those fulsome encomiums so much sought after by teachers and in so great demand by School Boards.

If you consider it advisable to enter into negotiations, you will find me reasonable as to terms and at this place.

Yours Very Respectfully
Alex. D. Chute,

Ogemaw Sta Aug. 26th 72.

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My Dear Sandy

to make one disregard what is due to others besides Christ, let us even do justice first that precedes Christian Christ. I have heard of not one act of that kind as yet about Sarah. let me hear of them if you can, and I will be satisfied and also will have some hope, the proof, the proof.

Your letter of the 16th received and I must speak at once of the surprise that your statement that I have been writing to some one of Sarah's Character and affairs". I have written to no one of Sarah, certainly to no one but Tom. And that was in a letter some ten days ago in which I commended him for exerting himself to get Sarah a situation, telling him at the same time that this was the best method in which to help her and not to give her any money. In the same envelope in which was the letter to Tom, there was also a note to Carmelita.

I wrote both these letters in reply as it were to a note which Carmelita sent to me enclosed in a letter of Tom, which he had left her to post and finish as it were. In Tom's letter he was making out by enumeration of how many things he had been successful in how much he should be thankful to God for., and also telling me what he intended to do in the future, amongst which was that he meant to help Sarah. These things his wife had read in his letter and, knowing Tom hopeful and generously sanguine always saw nothing in them but proof for heresy, and so wrote that note in deprecation of these things to me, she wrote in a very depressed like strain, in full view of all Tom's indebtedness, and here where she had made calculations for the future, and when provisions should cease, she state began to see some trouble ahead from Tom's heedless ways. &c Amongst her lachrymal causes she specially mentioned that Tom in this letter spoke of helping Sarah. I said she was not opposed to Tom giving Sarah money enough to come to Minnesota with, but did not think he could go any further if he looked to his own affairs. Now I think this was right enough, and indeed very natural that she should have said all this. But the requisition was to interfere in some way. Now this was a thing I could not set out in any thing but in general terms. And so I wrote a small sheet to Tom warning him to abate a little in his sanguine way of viewing things, to be more prudent and to deduct 40 per cent from all his calculations about the future showing him that his wife had a very different temperament

I thought to do this to you if you wished this night. the personal is a mistake. Love unchanged this 28th reserve of writing

and who for the reason that it is his own Vine and his own Fig tree must drink some Very poor Wine and Eat some Very poor Figs. You must become as it were a mere Spectator, and while You may offer it needing better, must seem to be content to let Others take their own poor Stuff. One may Slyly Graft a new Bud and they want know it. That is better than with all the Zeal of Wesley and leave to Commence on the big Old Limb. but Alone they will die out where the new Buds Enlarge and draw to them the Sap of the Root from the Good Seed. doubt not, some of it will take root. But be sure that the Seed is Good. You will probably see Benson Otis there is not much heart to him, nor much head. Yet a Man Gr. he is Capable of doing some Good. I do not think that he is a Latent Unbeliever, he has too much Good Teaching for that, and too much of the Worldly Philosophy. Benson in short is Respectable —

David has Got all into the Stack only three drown Oats. and now rainy Weather prevents anything being done with them. 15 stacks of Wheat, one of Barley 3 of oats and will probably thresh Early next week. have put up 21 feet of new Granary and 54 feet of Sheds, running East on the north side of the Yard. Barney and David away to the Woods this Morning to get poles to roof. intending also to crown with them at threshing.

Yes I anticipate now You will write to me regularly again. after You start school. Charhart Gives signs of again joining the Lutherans. has told Clow to scratch his name off the Church Book. Was holding one Revival lately and Clow preaching to 7 people. this made some fuss. and they or he talked of Expulsion. I hear of more things. All this pertains to Churchianity. to other things Anicle —

The Spirit of Christ is the Gift of God. and is super-natural. this Alone Constitutes a Man a Member of the true Church. it is more rare in the World than is imagined, is Genuine. is a fact. which the World seems to ignore. I mean they ignore the Supernatural in it. that has really been the Source of all that is Good in our present Civilization Above that of the Ancient.

The ascension of the Man Jesus into the Ministrial Spheres Inaugurated a New Order of Government in the Heavens in Reference to Mankind upon Earth which will Eventually Establish Righteousness upon Earth. after the destruction of the Selfish Policy in the Church and the World. All this seems a long way off yet But is true. the Leaven work although unseen. and the Lump is big.

In Conclusion let me say. that You must be careful not to be deceived by these Jesuits You talk / know them he, she, and it and I suppose that you expect to meet, that. I also as I also the Father of you all, I hinted

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from him. I wrote in my last Style to him in the Philosophical and pleasant Strain, in to which I sometimes fall. not Monitorial at all. All conceive as if I had been merely surveying his General Character and natural tendencies Leaving him the Great difference between himself and Wife Temperamentally and Educationally. and concluded by writing a Note to her also, Praying her that Long State Was the result of a Sanguine Temperament inoculated by Christianity. which is hopefull. Careless of the things of this World. which is indeed in Essence the Spirit of Gift. and have that Nature untempered by the Spirit of Worldly Wisdom is a dangerous thing for Women Comfort and ease in Worldly matters. Have that although its Founder had no dwelling place Earthly, and lived by a System of Casual donations. supplied by the Women folk who followed him Mainly. Yet that married Men who have taken up house must not trust to this system. but must make calculation to provide by their own Labour &c

I believe I said this in my Note to Jane. in Carmellite I said that she must take into consideration the Great difference of Temperament, and not let that enter as a dividing Wedge between them. have that We are providentially placed in that way to act beneficially upon one another, to polish and bring to light the peculiar perfections of each. &c All in my best manner. but since alluding to Sarah or her Concerns, besides Enclosing. these Note in One Envelope to Jane's Address, Beloit College. so that if My Writing shall not satisfy him he might suppose both after reading them

I think Sarah must have been tampering with the secrecy of the post office. and has been writing to You from that Knowledge. You perceive that instead of letting anything. it was me that was Getting News. I only ask You imagine that I wants speak of Sarah's Concerns to Carmellite? No. "It is a dirty Bird that fouls its own nest"

I am Guiltless in this Affair. It is consciousness of Wrong that makes Sarah write to you. it is all the Surmises of an active busybodyness Stimulated by Morning which has produced this Accusations.

(2) and is a bare Report that the first talk with Carmellite was the best it ever had in the Office. the Presence of the Master Beaten upon us and our Spirit joins it to Call others

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But I wrote a letter to Sarah about the same time, in which I ventured to advise her that all this anxiety to get high paying situations was not the true method for her, but rather to reduce her Expenditures to the Minimum, and go soberly and earnestly to work to make all things straight without and within, I said some things which might have seemed to her severe, but it was, and is necessary, you cannot take away a Gangrened ulcer, without hurting some. I then wrote another letter to her in my tenderness feeling, all of them both true, coming from the heart, for I love Sarah, and only wish she would amend in this affair of imitating the horse Leech, Jesus Christ has nothing in common with Jeremy Fiddler, Sarah has many crooked ways and needs to be watched, Oh this in your Ear. Upon consideration and after I am Gone from this World, she will yet Endorse all ever I have said, I have never but defended Sarah against all who have attacked her. When things have spoke Darkness and threatened ill it move, My Love is stimulated by knowledge the inherit the Errors of our parents it is Embedded in our Physiology, and of course in our Psychology. — for the Spirit always works through the Avenue of Greatest facility. While an sufficient directing force has taken possession to turn the life force into the smaller and of course weaker Channels, have on this Topic I have said Enough, although not by any means all that I would wish to say,

I am Glad you have accepted that School, it is a certainty, "better a Bird in the hand than two in the Bush." There is no situations in this life without trouble, it is probable there will be plenty in Lowell School, "But you must pour a stout heart to a stey brae" and go straight, whoever must be straightened, yet do all things with caution, taking into consideration the weakness of all parties, avoid disputes with the Governors, endeavour to please all in your attemp, to to please the principles of righteousness, and yield a little to the weakness and blindness of humanity, avoid setting up as the representative of the Gold in Jewel, while at the same time you seek to cause this Law to be respected, in this Country where Every man sits under his own vine and his own fig tree —

I have trusted to you this letter to be in possession of Sarah only, I think it is a duty to the cause of truth for the purpose of showing the Influence of these one the Spirit Influence of Sarah Defenseless.

I must say a few words of little Jimmy. He is pretty nearly three months Getting Teeth. Yet cannot be called sick in any way. His Head grows in the morning uneasy and he looks pale. He gives me much trouble and much pleasure, and loses one second to more, I presume because I move to gratify all his wishes better than others,, Yet he is a very perfect little Savage, as the greater number of little ones are a bundle of untamed desires. Selfish Everyone of them. it is truly the Business of Life and of our probation is here. to conquer these same powers, The Responsibility of Parentage is Enormous, and if our current views of the Hereafter are correct how greatly are these responsibilities increased. "Masters are therefore what be saved?" "Strive to enter in Ye" Now Martha was the direct answer of Christ, and he asks Why? Well then we must thrive for others and not for ourselves. that is the way to force entrance, to be unconscious of self in seeking the welfare of all. Excuse my continual prosing, Good morning.

Have not heard from Willie since Nervous

Regan, I have had quite a severe

attack of my same nervous, semi bilious

disturbance which I vanquished by a

dose of Jaynes Sanatives, while in that

they I had some very strange dreams

in reference to my Mother. Who I saw in great

distress because of Aunt Jessie Nurse

keeps set on Fire, and many other incidents

One does not know what to make of these

things. Yet I anticipate hearing some

startling news from Clyman Boys & by,

There is no true source of

permanent happiness but in the

peace of God. in the consciousness

of a Heart void of offence toward God

and Man. Not only so. But instead

of offence a spirit of Love. that would

suffer evil rather than do Evil to any

one. One may confidently despise all

the power of Evil if the shall continue

in well doing.

Patteville Aug 28, 1872

My dear little Christie: [Sarah]

It is a miserable rainy day – Cold disagreeable & altogether unpleasant – I am going to Barcobel at 3 o'clock from school. It is about 18 miles from Lancaster – they school beyond the 2nd week in Sept & I pass through Lancaster on my way to Barcobel. Sallie and Kate or possibly the 5th if you are there to come & come to the Hyde (Bower) I mean Jehiel Hyde's to see me. I shall there I believe for dinner. By the way will you do me a favor – I left my school bills in

Beloit & I wish to keep it on account of the dance - It is either in the school room or at Burrimms. I don't wish lessons & to have the benefit of my learnings - If you will get it for me & hand it to me at Lancaster I shall be much obliged. Your route is from Beloit to Madison thence to Boscobel thence to Lancaster by stage - L. is a small place of 1800 or 2000. The nearest railroad station is Boscobel - People mostly southern & of much the same character as those at Beloit - They are nearly all Eastern & the society there is accounted about the best in the County.

After I come more settled I shall write you longer better letters but situated as I am now you must excuse the character of my epistles -

I was sorry to hear of Ella Scins' poor health - I don't believe she can live possibly. Don't fail to come see at Lancaster if you come after the 9 of next month call see at Boscobel & I'll see you when you pass through there - Off

Rate -

Sat Eve, Aug 31 "72

Uncle Doris.

If you are frozen, tell them you will pay in the month of October

Cheer up the child!

My dear Sarah; [Christie]

Arriving this evening from the Prairie, I found your two letters in relation to important matters — 3 sheets of Aug 28th and 6 sheets of 22d. The only thing that frightens me is the necessity for immediate action. Otherwise it don't make me even wink. That's all right, and right it shall be; so don't feel down about it.

Father has passed upon me the deed of 100 acres. after. In my absence

he threatens to make out the instrument and hear of no negative.

I will now accept, and mortgage for all I can get on the longest time I can get. My word goes like a Prophets with Father and Dave, and they will do as I say. I will write for the Deed, and borrow of Uncle Dave, or with his assistance: and after I have done the best here, will send it back, and Dave will do what he can in the same line for me in Minn.

As regards immediate funds, I am in a quandary. I will leave Uncle Hiram at early and see Uncle D, before Church. I will get all the ready money he can command, or trust me no more. Will send it by Exp Monday.

Whatever is raised, and it is not probable we will be able to get our hands on so much as you say on short notice, pay each a part, as an earnest of intention to pay the rest.

I write this like lightning in the gloaming, and will leave it with Aunt J. to post Monday. I will do the best I can

Courage

Sandy.

On no account be discouraged.

If necessary don't go to Lancaster or anywhere else mind now

Sandy.