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My Dear,

Father I received your kind letter was very glad to hear from you it seems a longtime to wait for letters. Oh I was so glad to hear that you are well for I Began to think you was sick. I have had a visit from Aurelia she came here New Years day. Oh how glad I was to see her she staid a week then she went to Cleveland we had a very pleasant visit they were all glad to see us. Oh, Father if you could see Russel and Naomi you would think they had grown old and they have past through enough to make them grow old. They took the children's deaths very hard. Oh it seemed so hard to think when Emily was put in her coffin she had to be taken out of the window and carried off and put under ground without any funeral they will have a sermon preached when they all get able to go out again they are all very well but Sophia I think she will have consumption she has a bad cough and seems very feeble the swelling on her neck has all gone and I think it has gone to her lungs they fell very anxious about her.

Rosana is getting along well they are very pretty girls the children all seem very pleasant and kind to each other I think there has been a great change in Naomi they were very anxious to have us stay longer they are so lonely but we could not keep Aurelia any longer we wrote to have them meet us in Madison station and he did and took us back. I told Naomi I thought you would visit them next summer and I should come with you I expect to see Ellington next summer if I live I had a letter from Aurelia since she went to Cleveland she thinks Mary will be Married in the spring then I expect we shall all have a visit from her.

I suppose Aurelia has told you all about Newton so I will not say anything about him we are all well but Sister Burgess she has been miserable all winter my health is very good I never could endure more in my life and I do feel thankful for it you may say the Church is very ??? Ellington it cannot be any more so than it is her it seems as though they were all dead and twice dead hear they are having a revival in Springfield I have been down there once they had a very good meeting quite a number of Conversions do not know how many.

Mr. Burgess had had a donation got over one hundred dollars we think pretty good for these times over sixty cash the rest as good to him they thought they shave have a hard time to get along this year but I think they are doing better than last year we have a plenty of everything to eat and a new Milks Cow so we shall make our own butter I think they have no reason to complain I will not say anything mire about this for I do not expect it very interesting to you. Oh Father I want to see you very much and all the good folks in Ellington and hope I shall.

My lover to Mother and all the family tell Martha I wish she would write to me. My best love to Mrs. Bro?? and all that enquire after me.

Do write often.

Sarah