

poor poor Leo made com begin to
tell how he suffered. For the last
two days we kept him under the
influence of morphine and chloroform
most of the time he told me to say
good bye to his father and dear
for him and tell them he had
gone happy

Mrs Pitcher preached his funeral
sermon that was his request she stayed
with us the last four days of his
life she took the 12th chapt of
Isaiah for the text - the people here
were very kind to us and Mrs Shapley
and Minnah done all they could for
us the boys are hopeful they think
they can take care of me and the little
ones they dont like to hear me say I must try to
find some to help get along but I feel as if I
ought to do something so soon as I am
able I guess I will not write any more this
time if it is ever so you can I hope
you will come and see us please write
address

P J Johnson

Colby

Clarke W. S.



Colby

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Dear sister

I thought - I would
try and write you a few lines this
morning although I hardly know what
to write - I suppose you have looked for
an answer to your letter before this
but it seemed as if I could not
collect any thoughts enough to
write - I feel so lost and lonely
I have had to spells of being
sick - down sick this spring there
is a complaint going around here
some call a cold but it does not act
like a common cold most every body
has a trial of it - some say it acts
like the Epizotic

are moved two weeks ago yesterday
I had been most sick for 4 or 5 days
then but we had rented this house
so I thought I would move before
better moved as I could not get him
to take a single penny for his trouble
he told Nell he would have felt guilty
to have taken pay for favoring the
family of an old friend and comrade
we live in the west part of the town
now we are in Clarke Co now we have
lived in Marathon Co ever since we
came here we have rented a good little
house but it is small there quite a
good little garden spot all plowed
we were very lucky in getting it for
there was several others waiting for
the man to come home that has
charge of it they were not expecting

him until Friday but Thursday evening
Clay happened to see a light in his
store he went right over there and found
he had come and engaged the house
Clay expects to work in the mill here
this summer George talks of going to
Chippaway Falls but doesn't know
for certain he is working in the same
mill where he has been all winter yet
I am sorry to have ^{him} go off so far but
he thinks he can make better wages
the other children go to school Nell is
here yet I have not heard him say
where he is going to work this summer
Nell was awful good to see all through
his sickness he says he never will
take care of another brother for he
would rather pay any price for some
one else to take care of them ~~for~~
rather than see them suffer so

From Jane telling
about Leo



Miss Agnes L Fowler

Boothstown

Calumet Co

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