

Oshkosh Apr 15th

Mrs A L Dick

for the first time
I attempt to scribble a few lines to let you
know how I arrived safe and sound in
Oshkosh although I had pretty serious time
getting here I stayed to Adelaide Davids until
the next morning and they had a dance
the drunkenest dance I ever attended in
my life without any exceptions and I
know that I am a good good Templar for
I was well tested that night very often
some of them would say Miss will you
have a drink of beer it certainly made
sick to see them drink that beer and
act so silly it doesn't ^{mean} that I ever acted so
silly as that I was there and had to stay
I never had money enough to pay my bill
to the Hotel so you see I was in a bad fix
it is getting late and I must bid you good
night

I wish you would keep that package until
you see mother and please tell her to
make Mary give up every thing that
she got from Cora and oblige me much
your ever true friend Dorcas Winkley
Mrs A G Dick

much love to Ellen and the rest
of my friends in the Circle if they
is any and except a good share to your
self and family

please take care of my old shoes for
me and I will come up and wash for you
some day