

Planet and a pair of shoes +
a net. But what the Santa Claus
give me was a Candy Heart and a sti
of Candy and an. New years he Give me a
Cluster of Candy Cherries Well I shall have
to close for this time and write some other
time please give my love to my mother
when you see her and tell her that we are
all well and trust that these few words
to her will find her well so no more for
this time Remember Orvill's Family for me
also your Family that you have the care of.
I dont see why your Father should act so
for I should think that he would Thankfull
tho you stay and keep house for him when he
is on a train. I dont know how I should
feel if that a father act so to me. Well
I am getting cold and it is most ten O'clock
and I shall have to come to a close Do you
know what News Address is will you let me
if you know how does all of the folks feel
now does any man want any one I'll
close with my Love and well wishes to
you as long as I live remains in mine
my respects to your Father's Family and to
Mary Fowlers Family so good night and
when I come I'll fetch you some quakers and
this is true I am sure yours
and yours

MEDITATING

I AM here alone in the door to night,
And I watch the shadows fall,
And I think of the shades that will one day come
And gather over us all;
That will gather over us all, Kind hearts,
In a day that will surely be,
As the gloom comes down on the world to ^{night},
With all ABBA: I am thinking of thee.

Prospect Hill JAN the 8th / 865.

Absent Friend.

Abba. I now take my pen
in hand, to answer your Kind. And Welcom
Letter which came to hand a long time ago
And you may be ^{assured} that it was perused with much
care and pleasure. I was happy to hear of your
good health. your Letter found me in middling good
health, at that time. but today I do not feel very
well. But I trust that when these few Miserable
composed, lines reaches you that they will find

U. in good health. And all the rest around there
the health of the people around here are
Very good except me. Mr Church has bin
quite sick but is getting better now so that he can
sit up some. Well, Abba I am getting so that
I am just a commenced out here as any where I am
feeling ~~regained~~ more and more so that it does
not seem so awfully somersom. I suppose that you
have heard that Alice had gone to Chicago to
Livewick Me. She went down there
about a week before Christmas I have not
heard from her since she went away I am
going to write to her this week. I saw Omer the
day before Christmas he was pleased enough
to see me, he said right by me and the time
well I shall have to close to night and
finish tomorrow night for the Mail does not
go out until then so good Night.

Monday Jan, 9th 1865

Good Evening ABBA

I thought that I would
try and finish my letter to night al-
though I feel rather bad to night too

I have bin washing and had to melt my
snow out of door and then took it in and
heat it and that was a job, you know for
me. but today was a real nice and
warm^{day} that was Good. We have ~~had~~
had some dreadful, Cold Weather out here
this winter. ILL tell you how I spent
my Christmas and, New years Well
on Christmas I washed all day and on
New years I cooked all day. I went to
a meeting on Sunday. I have not hear-
d of any Dance, since I come out
here. Well I shall have to close to night &
finish tomorrow night. Oh I got a
letter from Steve Nick today he is
all right yet he said. he sends
his love to you all, so Good night to
you again

Well I'll finish this letter
now although I have not got any news
to tell onley I got a letter from
Birtha today. Oh I'll tell you what
I got for Christmas I got me some