

Blackburn Mo. 2. 6. '84

My Dear Dad;-

lest you should think we have completely forgotten you I have seated myself to prove it false.

All are well as usual - Beck improving rapidly under Dr. Curtis' care. Charlie's sprained with much better and Sam in perfect health and fine spirits.

We all got to church Sunday (except Pa and Beck) notwithstanding the mud - the roads were dreadful but Mr. W. had a good congregation.

Mr and Mrs Orrel, Miss Hill, Bess, and Lydia Wallace dined with us.

All inquired very kindly after you  
also Mr. Woodriff who stayed  
with us Mon. night.

The latter said it seemed quite  
an age since he saw you and  
wished to be remembered to you.

We have not been to B - this we  
but suppose we <sup>will</sup> find news from  
you and Brownsville when we  
do go. How is Mrs. Keale? Mr. G.  
told us she "Intel" - mentioned that  
she was quite sick - I hope it was  
nothing serious and that she is  
again well.

Ma had a letter from Aunt A -  
last week and she mentioned  
having seen Mrs. Howard, Mrs. J's  
aunt - Ma says you must not  
forget to ask Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. H's  
maiden name.

We had quite a long letter from  
Lottie last week and she men-  
tioned that Charlie boy had  
two teeth and was admired by

every one.

Aunt Maria left last Sat for Europe - she takes Gaidie and Wamie Tennant, to polish them off - Wish I might creep in her pockets and go along to see the sights.

D. W. has assumed his duties in the "Blackburn Bank and goes to work as though he were to the "manor born."

Sam Green came near meeting with a serious accident not long since - he was playing with his pen knife open, throwing it up and catching it, when he missed it and it stuck in his leg just above the knee. He was confined to the bed for several days but is about again.

Mrs Ebert died Mon. night - We have not heard any of the particulars as yet.

Our Christian brethren have a  
new minister - Mr. Gray - the preach-  
-ed Sun, for the first time.

Parson Hancock is talking up  
the "High School" business in B.  
The members of the Greek church  
have donated that building to  
the purpose and they will build  
upon that making a two story  
building - Study work now so  
you can take a professorship  
near home.

Mrs. Blackburn has returned  
from New York and moved back  
on the farm in March - says  
she is thoroughly tired of travelling  
and moving about from one place  
to another.

Mazie Wallace and Mr. W<sup>m</sup> B. B. B. B.  
are to be married very soon so  
every one says, but I won't believe  
it until I hear the knot is tied  
Joe is in Higginsville now and while  
she was on the ground Mr. Bue

from Kansas City came down  
to call on her. He went to the  
livery stable and called for a  
spirited team - all were engaged  
except one team that ran off  
but he said those would do and  
going around to Henry Scarci's  
called for Joe - he knew nothing  
about driving and had not more  
than helped Joe in and taken  
his seat when they <sup>horses</sup> started - of  
course they spilled him out right  
off and then went full speed down  
town and to the railroad - Joe  
managed to turn them up against  
a fence and they kicked her out  
and broke the sleigh all to pieces  
besides frightening two old ladies  
nearly to death - One jumped over a  
fence and landed on her head  
the other cried, murder, shoot the  
horses! Altogether was an exciting  
time Moral - drive an old horse man

you take your sweet heart sleighing  
The scholars had the first number  
of their paper last Friday and it  
was first rate = some of the conun-  
-drums were quite good = one on Rache  
"Why does Miss Rachel like to ride  
so fast?" "Because she wants to be  
a "Lover" and another on Lee S -  
"Why is Lee's sweet heart like a  
cool digger?" Because she is a  
"Mina". I thought very good.

Miss Ida Pinkerton contributed an  
alphabetical jingle bringing in  
something about each one of the  
scholars. Was very good indeed

Mr Barnett has been very much  
complaining lately. Clara was down  
one day last week.

We have a fine joke on Ma =

Mr. Dollards baby was sick last week  
and he came over for Ma to  
prescribe for it. Afterwards he told  
Dr Harrison that Ma told him to  
kill a chicken and find the raw

gizzard to the baby's stomach and  
have Mrs D - eat the rest of the chick  
ew - Charlie comes in nearly every  
day with something added to it  
and making out that he has  
heard the story from some one  
going along the road - of course you  
know how insulted Ma is over it  
and she says she don't mean to  
speak to him or have anything more  
to do with him.

Last Mon. was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of Mr. & Mrs Drane's wedding day - their  
golden wedding - but they did not  
celebrate it on account of Lucie's and  
Mrs Bishop's deaths

Cousin Jimmie invited Ma and Pa  
and Mr Woodruff to meet them at  
her house Mon - but was so disa-  
-greeable they could not get down.

Cousin Mary Jim's boys have measles  
They could not take the milk down  
to B - when Lottie went as they went  
in the sleigh but I will send them

the first chance I have and hope  
they will reach you safely.

I hope you passed as good an  
examination in your other studies  
as you did in your english composi-  
tion.

Wrap up well these damp cold days  
they might bring on your rheuma-  
-tism again.

Nettie and I are learning lots of  
beautiful songs and you must  
"study bass" so you can help us next  
summer. We sing nearly every  
night until 9 or after.

All join me in warmest love to  
you and kindest regards to the ladies  
and gentlemen at the boarding house.  
Don't be too hard on Ernest. It might  
make him feel hard towards you  
Goodnight and be a good boy

Lovingly  
Laura.



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Lexington.  
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