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My Darling Joe!— Lucy has gone to church and the children are all in dream-land so I will occupy a while with you. I went to the U. P. Church S. S. this morning, to the M. E. for church, and to the Pres. C. E. so I thought I would let Lucy go tonight. I tried a new plan, this morning and with the Bible study and showed it up in the S. S. I do not know how it will work but I thought I would try it here.

I went to the M. E. Church
to hear Dr. Lowry, a returned
missionary of the M. E. Church.
He has spent about thirty
years in China, and he
gave a fine address on
their work in that country.
I rec'd. your letter last
evening. I had begun to
think I was not going
to hear from you this week
but the letter came at last
and just when I most
wanted it. Lucy was sick
for two or three days last
week and it was so rainy
that I did not get to do
any thing with the studies.
I expect to go to Mt. Lile

Tues. and the last of the week
will go to Galien and finish
up my work there.

While I had some time
I have been doing some
reading. I completed "Ben Hur"
which I began last summer.
I think it is one of the
finest works I ever read.
I could hardly lay it down
till I finished it. I am
now reading "The New Acts
of the Apostles" and it is
even better than "Ben Hur".
I have been enjoying such
a fine visit with Lucy.
Last Fri. we had planned
to go over near Blooming Grove
visiting and pick berries

while there but Lucy was not
able to go and Tit was too
sore for the rest of us
so I did not get to stain
my fingers. I must tell
you how I have been flying
around; Last evening I
had a buggy-ride (with a
little boy and his sister)
and last Tues. evening a
prospective Pres. minister took
me to supper, while at
our lawn-fete.

But you need have no fears
there are none of them as
nice as my Joseph.

Croquet seems to be the
rage here at present and I
am invited to play almost

every evening, but I do not accept every invitation.

I too will be glad when school opens again, but vacation is going so fast I fear I can not accomplish all I have planned.

I wish we might enjoy another visit similar to that of one year ago here, but I could not ask it. We can soon be together again and will forget that we have been separated so long. It will surely be a relief to Alice to be separated from her suffering. How thankful we should be for life and health.

I too feel so well satisfied
over our decision concerning
our life work. My mind
is so much freer in that
respect than it was last
summer.

I will close and write to-
morrow. I pray that we may
be using every opportunity
to prepare ourselves for useful-
ness and that we may
be true to Christ wherever
we go.

Your own true one,
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