

P.S. Please send your
lots of love. I say tell
your folks and thank
for those young "Pentecost
preachers."

I received a letter
from Mary Catley
last week & she
said the Bro. of War
would be her birth-
-day. I am going
to send her a card
in this. Please
give it to her
when you
see her. S. W.

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Dear Ann,

I suppose you
are at home or will be by the time
this gets there, so I will write to you
this week. I received a letter from
you two or three weeks ago. I thought
when I got it I would ans. very soon
but tonight finds me just commencing.
Please excuse me, & I will try to write
you oftener, when you are from home
again. I expect you will feel rather
lonesome for a few days after you get
home. I used to be lonesome ^{for a few days} when
my school was out, & I got settled at
home, although I was glad to be at
home, & to be ^a "free darkey" once more.
It seems to me now though, that I could
be contented a long time at home, were

I ever so happy as to get there again.
That Mother was your birthday. Really
you are getting quite "ancient" - most
are old for the "baby" I think. Does it
seem possible, that any of us can be so
old as we are? It seems but a few years
since (I am) we were all your age, doing
about, children in very deep sleep.

think something that our lives & health
had been preserved? Think of all families
we have the greatest reason to love &
love him, who has so highly favored us.

to-day there went over to the Lutheran
meeting, I did not feel very well so
staid at home. I had to stay entirely
alone, for I went down to Dr. before 11.
went to church. However I have got used
to being alone, for I am alone quite 2/3
of my time, with the exception of

nights. sometimes there is a week or more
that I see no one to speak to but I. & H.
I am alone. The boys have gone
down with all the furniture & advantages down to Dr. to run the household

I like living here quite well, so far.
Of my own family, two have near me
I believe I should enjoy life in the
real spirit - I am old & the ear must
like a little with. She is a real pretty
child, I think. She has light skin, dark
bright eyes, a round face & red cheeks.
I can imagine how she looks, from
my description. I am feeling something
like this evening, Come & get your share.

Don ask if I can't send you some more
mexico? I think you had better send
me a boxful of such good things as
beans, peaches, melons, cream, etc.

I haven't seen one of
them since I have been in Iowa, so
say nothing about eating them. I will
quit writing for tonight. Pleasant dreams
to you my mother, brother, father & mother
I am alone. The boys have gone

down with all the furniture & advantages down to Dr. to run the household

through the burning mill. if you
like buckwheat-cakes & honey, just come
& spend the winter with us. We have a
little honey & plenty of buckwheat.
Well, I am much obliged to her
for that leave she sent me last week. I
think I can put one together now without
any trouble. I want to know whether there
is a cord put in the seam or bunnings
just over it, or is it simply sewed like that
I have sent me. I want to know how that
scalloped edge is put on & what it ought to be
I am sure with. I am sorry to hear that
you so much, that I very much want to know
if I don't know who else to ask, so hear with
me. I will do as much as more for you.
when I have an opportunity. Write from Stan-
ford is & the general health of that vicinity.
You must not let all take especial care
of your health. Give my love & respects to
such as you think are deserving. Write to
me often, think of me often & God bless
you.