

is all they can
afford this week.
I have not written
you a long letter
because it is
difficult to get one as
long again
as this air
answers.
I send my
love & respects
for you to
Sister Dear,
I hope
among my
friends &
acquaintance
I see as you
say they
think they
deserve it.
"Your true
lover"
Sally
Just here
I write what
I hope I

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It is almost 2 o'clock
P.M. I will commence writing to you. H.
is going to town this afternoon & I am going
to finish this if I can, so that he can mail
it, so that it may go tomorrow morning.

It is cold & chilly today but we have had
some fine days this spring. I wish you was here
with me. I think you would like this coun-
try in Summer. There is such a variety
of flowers on the prairie, & so many kinds
of birds singing around, that any admirer of
nature unadorned by art, cannot help think-
ing this country pleasant in Summer. As to
the society here, why it is not such as I
and you (I think) would prefer, although they
are sociable & friendly in their ways.
By the way you ought to have been here

yesterday & seen all the right smask of heavy
there was here. There was Samuel & Chr. Henry
Thomas & two his brothers who have lately
come here. They are from Penn.

They looked at all my daguerrestypes, &
they say they think the Gankel girls must
be very handsome; if those pictures are good
likeneesses. Chr. James Thomas picked out
yours & Hannah's Jeff's as his choice.

I believe he liked yours rather best. Said he
thought he must have his taken & send it
to you? ^{to find out how you thought you would like him.} The Mr. Thomases are called very
likely steady young men. I like them as
far as I am acquainted with them. I don't
fancy their name much though. J. L. Susan, C. &
Lucinda, Rhoda & Nellie were up here yesterday
too. Lucinda has bought Nellie a straw hat
with white feathers & blue ribbons on it, &
she looks right funny with it on. Ah, ever,
Guess I'll scribble a little more. Hardly
know what to write as news is a scarce

article in these "diggings". You have commenced
your labors in the school room for the
Summer I suppose. I don't know how you
will like there, but I used to enjoy myself
there the very best kind. I shall always think
of the summer spent in that district as one
of the pleasantest I ever spent. Hope you
will get as good boarding place as I had.

Be sure & give my best respects those there
that I used to know. Tell those who used to
be my scholars, (who may be yours now or that
you may see elsewhere) that I have not forgot-
ten any of them, but that they still have
my best wishes for ^{their} success & happiness.

If you go in the pine grove near Eld. Lockie
pick a few leaves from my little pine tree
(if it is living) & send them to me. I guess
Waltz will remember which it is. How many
miles are you going to track there this term?
How much do you get paid month? Write me
all about the folks around there, about your

school &c, &c. Tell John he must write all
about his school, how he likes there, &c, &c, &c.
Tell Chae that as she isn't a changing character
like the rest of us, I shall depend on her
for the most part of the home news, Tell
her to be sure & remember it all. And as for
father I depend on him for a general
summary of ^{the news} in doors and out, social, political,
& religious. Tell mother ^{to} write me all that the
rest don't know or forget. Now I have told
you all what I expect of you this summer so
that you fail not in performing. It is about
10 o'clock S. & H. have gone to bed & I am rather
sleepy so guess I will stop for tonight. I wrote in
the beginning of this that I was going to send this to
town this P.M. but as I hadn't time to finish
it, thought I would keep it untill tomorrow
when H. will go down again to get our mail
matters. The mail comes up tomorrow. It goes
down & comes up in a day now, but only every
other day. S. & H. send their respects to all & say that