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Racine Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Dear Friend.

You must of course expect this to be rather short and brief, for it is but a few days since I put a letter into the office for you directed to West Amesbury Mass. Since then, I have received a letter from my brother at Forge Village which said, that on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> you passed through that place ~~for~~ on your way home and that it was not certain whether you returned to Amesbury again or not. I have therefore taken this way to inform you that I have written and that I should have done so before, had I not been so busily engaged evenings as well as day times.

It is my intention always to fulfill all promises and I hope that I shall receive a letter from you soon, on the reception of mine.

Yours Friend.

J. B. Osgood.



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Miss Elizabeth H. Fletcher.  
Littleton.  
Mass.

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Genoa Wisconsin 28<sup>th</sup> 1848

W. Perkins

I have concluded to send my daughter to school at the Female Seminary Albany & would like to enquire of you what would be my best course to pursue as it is a great distance from home to send a child. I feel some what anxious that she will be well provided for and at as cheap a rate as circumstances will permit. I would like to get her boarded in some family where proper instructions might be given - as I have not had the pleasure of an acquaintance with you since you left Cooperstown perhaps it is presumptuous in me to trouble you with a matter of this kind as you cannot have any interest in my affairs but as you are the only one with which I have had much acquaintance <sup>in Albany</sup> I thought I would make my wants known & perhaps you might aid me in my undertaking I design being in Albany in April & will bring my daughter along with me I have been in the Mercantile business in this place 12 years & made some money I thought if you kept house you might take my daughter in your charge if not convenient might provide a place in some respectable <sup>family</sup> that can be relied on for which I will amply remunerate you if you will answer this letter giving me price of board & what it will be necessary for me to do you will greatly oblige your friend A. Ferguson

A. C. Ferguson  
free

Feb 29 1848

Wm. H. Pauls  
Professor Normal School  
Albany  
N.Y.

From A. Ferguson  
Recd. Mar. 13th, 1848.  
Thy, from day.

Muckwonago Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 1848

My Dear Friend Harriett

It is Sunday morning and I cannot go to church I can do nothing better than fulfill my promise to you which has been delayed so long, not from forgetfulness though, there is not many days but what I think of you and particularly when I take a long walk I wish that you were with me. It is very pleasant here now any more, a few flowers but it is most to early yet. I do not get home sick much except on Sunday it does not seem right or natural to stay at home but we are three miles from meeting, to far to walk, Uncle here has horses but is not a meeting man. There was a man and his wife buried at Muckwonago last Sunday both died in one day they left 4 children the eldest 15 the Lady was the third Sister that has been buried this winter they all left families their father lives in the

williage there has <sup>-been</sup> a good many deaths there, they have  
a sort of an epidemic or or black tummy that  
the Dr<sup>s</sup> know nothing about.

I must now tell you  
how I employ my time, not very profitable  
I can assure you, we arrived here the 20 of  
November had a very pleasant passage up  
the Lake, I have been boarding at Uncle W<sup>m</sup>'s  
ever since. I have had a little millinery and  
some Dressmaking but not enough to make me  
rich yet, I have a good chance to prove bedent  
for I want quilts to cover me if I am an  
Old Maid for I begin to despair although it  
is half year and we have the privilege of  
asking who we like (but can not find any one to  
like). I received a letter from Miss Reed  
last week she had lately received one from  
Harriett Waterman and said she seemed very  
happy to be at home, and should think she  
would be but if Harriett does not get married  
I presume Miss Cooper will want her back.  
I have not had but one letter from Rochester  
yet no one cares anything about me either  
friends or relatives at least I think so most  
of the time. I they would write I think if  
they new how much I thought of a letter.  
I hope you will take pity on my loneliness

Give my love to Fanny and Ester if you see them to Ester I have not  
had an answer to my last letter. You must direct to Mukwonago -  
Haukusha County Wisc of

a good name to pronounce when you are not familiar  
with it -  
and answer this -

if it is worth it, but Miss Hart you are my  
friend and a friend I think I can place con-  
fidence in therefore you will forgive my ignorance  
I think with pleasure of the week we spent at  
Spottsville together it was the last time I went  
there, and now here I am a thousand from there  
in the country it almost makes the tears come  
to look back, but yet I am not home sick  
and would not come back to live but would  
like to have my ~~acquaintance~~ acquaintance out here  
for it is much better than I expected looks  
like an old settled country and the inhabitants  
are very intelligent people a <sup>great</sup> part of them  
from York State. I have attended 3 parties and  
one wedding in our neighbourhood real good  
they were too nearly 40 at two.

Sarah boards at Wm  
Georges and Father to about half a mile from here  
he has bought a farm between the two with some  
improvements he is building a small house  
we intend to move in this week if nothing  
prevents we have new neighbors that I am glad  
of for we have got to live alone this summer Father  
home only from Saturday til Monday. I have not seen  
my Brother but once since we come - <sup>and when</sup> only a few hours he  
likes Milwaukee very much. Give my love to your family  
and to Mrs Wilson in particular. let me hear from you <sup>soon</sup> and I am your  
true friend  
M E Whitney

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Mr. K. W. W. W.  
18th April

1873

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Miss H. W. W. W.  
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