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North Port Feb. 4th 1848.

My Dear Mother

Rejoice with me for I have much to make me happy and to whom shall I go in times of pleasure or sorrow if not to my own dear Mother - Since I last wrote to you great changes have happened among us - God in mercy has poured out his spirit among us - awaking his children from their long slumbers and urging them on to works meet for reparation. The enquiry seems to be becoming general what shall I do - Oh that you could have seen my little school-room during the last few evenings. It has become a Bethel indeed one and another of my dear pupils are rejoicing in hope - Dusty hot they have been washed in that precious blood that cleanseth from all sin - Others are turning their faces Sionward and enquiring what shall we do to be saved - Each night brings some new one to our enquiry meetings till now the most of my elder pupils are among the number - Though others besides scholars are there - though all young all I believe members of our last years Sabbath School - except two who have belonged to lot Schools in other places - Never have I witnessed such a scene as last nights meeting in my little school room - Services were being held in the church at the same time so that no one was present, Mr Platt Mr Bush myself and a band of weeping youth who had come there for prayer and counsel. Never have I seen such an interest - It was a place of feeling of tears I trust of reparation - Oh it was a solemn thing to meet friends - pupils under such circumstances when the spirit of God was in our midst - One to make man feel his weakness & dependence - and yet one to make the Christian heart rejoice & take courage - to be humble truly believe &

But the warnings that have been given us have not been few God
desiring all to consider - True of the wealthiest most influential
men in our midst have within as many months been called and
only from time to eternity - During the last week the fiddler of one
of our Run holes has gone to his last home - He is said to have
been of a respectable family - well educated - But becoming dis-
sipated he sank down down to a harpoon fiddler - Poor young man
he mourn'd bitterly during his brief illness at his lost life - May
those that are left profit by his untimely end

But to Father I must particularize a little Dr. Brown's niece was
the first that indulged a hope in Christ Then came a son & daugh-
ter of Mrs. Smith who came up to Mr. Flatts to tea on Sabbath you spent
with us Then two sons of my lamented Friend Mr. Castle - Not ten
days ago I was obliged to dismiss the eldest of these two boys from
School for misconduct and saw him not again (indeed supposed I could
never from his well known temper and stubborness ever be able to see or be friend-
ly with him again) till I met him him at our first evening meeting
all in tears - Oh what a happy meeting was that to me - In our own
Dear home little Jane and my room mate a pleasant boy of 16 son
of a neighboring Minister are both I trust seeking the great truth
Oh that they may seek aright that God may bless & make them his Oh
pray for us that this good work may go on till not my whole school
only but this whole neighborhood may be brought into the fold of
Christ - That God may guide direct and strengthen me and enable
me to love and serve him better than I have ever done before - To
dedicate myself entirely to him & his service - Give me all that humility
meekness faith that I need - The last has perhaps been the happiest
week of my life - Oh I feel that I have much very much too

of my life & I wish you may go on prosperously in your work & I hope you will be
thankfull for -

Tuesday morn - The good work still goes on we have meet-
ings every evening this week - Still more of my scholars are happy &
others are giving - While the interest in the neighborhood seems in-
creasing - It's a solemn & important time in this community
so that God may incline all his people here to do their duty
by to have faith in him - But I must close - I have so
much to occupy me - My health since I last wrote has
been extremely good - Have perhaps suffered less with colds
(had none worth mentioning) than any person in the neigh-
borhood which I attribute to my morning bath.

Remember me to all the family when
you write to them -

Prairieville Monday March 19. 1840

William

My Dear Husband. Your letter of the 1st was handed to me yesterday by the youngest Miss Comingsay
of course I could not answer it before you receive it at Prairieville. The day after Mr. Woodworth returned home
which was the Sabbath I received two letters by Mail besides what he brought. These and the ones
which I answered on the 15th of Feb are all the letters which I have received from you. The next day after
I wrote to you last I received a Draft from Mr. Peirce for \$143. 34. He said for the Mandeville notes & that he
not all collected. He said they had made arrangements for the Consett note and would send it in a
few days. I gave Mr. Woodworth and told him the draft he has written to Mr. L. Elliott of New Orleans
and you will probably have drawn on him for the same amount. This morning
I saw Mr. Woodworth again and told him what you said respecting the Draft from Philadelphia, he
said he thought he should set out for California one week from next Monday perhaps sooner, and
if neither of your Drafts came to hand in time, he thought he ought get the money of some one and
you could pay it as soon as you got the money. Mr. Peirce may send it at any time but it is very uncertain.
And know nothing about business if I have anything more to do in this matter hope you will give me
very particular directions. It takes such a long time for letters by Mail, last news gets pretty old before
we can get it. My health is improving. I walk with two crutches and am pretty lame yet. I have made
no visit and have not been out of the house since I came here. Until last week I have had no meals
in my room but I now go to the table in the dining room, and only twice have breakfast with the
family. There is less pain when I move in my limb and I now rest quite well at night. But this has
not long been the case. I am now using Sal. & Tonic now dissolved in Alcohol, just as Dr. Day
prepared it for me and I find I have felt more relief from it than from anything I have had.
Before I commenced using it I seldom slept over three or four hours in the night, now I seldom
wake till towards morning. I am well pleased here they are all very kind to me and I do not believe there
is another family in Prairieville where I should have been as well off as I am here. My sons are as
well as they have been in a long time. All I do not think they are very strong. I mean to be careful of them. I
think I have suffered more with them since you went to W. than before you went away and you know
they were very bad indeed then. I have written to all the children except Penny and he will hear from you
by you. I have received no letters but this one from William which I thought I would send you as it will
be so long before you can come for me and I was sure you would like to read it. None has been offered our
things at Milwaukee but Mr. Comingsay thinks there is no danger of their being sold at auctions. Do not be

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