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Dr Brother and sister

as James has gone to meeting and I am all alone  
except Wal and John and Nett and Lib and and Hal  
and Collins and Jureel Brien and the two babies Mark  
and Hank I will just write a few lines to you  
and if Selkirk's solitude was like mine it is no  
wonder he exclaimed where are thy Charrmes? but  
I presume it was different Orson and Car are on  
a trip somewhere about the Country but will be  
home soon, John and Nett will go to Keeping  
tonal tomorrow, but Adla it seems is doomed  
to disappointment and sorrow she came here  
and her man was up Wolf River running a mill  
He come here soon after he heard of her arrival  
and the time was set for the wedding He left here  
on Friday and was taken sick Saturday and sent  
for Adl two weeks from the day He left Here and died  
the next morning which was two weeks from the day  
He was taken ~~ad~~ was with him about twelve hours  
but He could not talk much He was to far gone when  
she got there He was a good hearted young man  
as you will find one in a hundred and was doing  
well He came to Green Bay when a Boy and  
was probably different in regard to customs  
and habits than He would have been under other  
circumstances His immoral habits were more  
attributable to early training than than any

Natural propensity ad had her wedding dress made and  
was preparing for house keeping she is truly to be  
pitied but I hope it is all for the best as for me  
and mine we are all well the hay grows the  
justest of any thing except a cucumber that  
I can think of I am running a thrashing  
Machine and shall do pretty well I think if I have  
common luck I averaged nine Dollars a day  
last week until Saturday think I can go eight  
for two months. Corn looks first rate and wheat is  
good but not a great growth of straw I intend to  
do fifteen acres this week my corn is hard and  
fit to cut up. in fact it is about half cut up now  
and now for Politics how do they go with you and  
Gibs. as for the Buffaloo convention their  
resolutions are good and my mind exactly but lumber  
in my opinion is not to be trusted I go old  
Zachariah but I am tired writing and I cannot  
thus agreed to ~~write some~~ in this letter so I will  
stop for fear you will have help to read I expect  
to see you out here this fall, good By Hefins  
I will do better next time  
B C & K B Purcell

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Henry has gone this morning and left this letter for me to finish. It is Monday noon and I will write but a few lines. We have a large family, and a good deal to do. Mr & Mrs Clinton are gone ~~to~~ sets by the table writing and Nettie is fixing to leave us this morning. Little Martha & Henry are well, they grow like fiture. Carry took Dixie with her, H & C. have gone to school & I think will stay with us this winter any-way, and longer if she chooses, I pity her but she shall have a home with us if she will except of one. Her anticipations were cut short in a moment it seems. It was but a short time ago when she was here, and now she has gone forever. I can't make it seem possible but it must be so. It is a warning to us all, that our time is short. We know <sup>not</sup> who of us will be called next, there is no sickness in this place, as I have heard, but we know not how soon there may be. You must excuse me for not writing before we have a great deal to do and she being latter all the leisure moments I have to spare, and some times I should rather do a day's work than read this letter. I wrote with the pen backwards and sideways and every other way I am in such a hurry I guess you will think so without me telling of it. You must write and not wait for us. We are glad to hear from you at any time. If you can read this you will do well. My Love to all

Your Sister Jane & Hannah