

Worm August 28 1864 Sabbath

My Dear Earl

What in the world

is the reason you do not write I have been almost distracted about you for the last ten days I should thought you would know we would ^{be} anxious about you after such a terrible freshet as you had there in that Prairie and then our papers have not even mentioned it but Phil McLean & Henry Northrup wrote about it and I read a letter from John Lashway saying there was great destruction of property & a good many lives lost, and we heard at the Porks that there were a large number drowned from the 26. but have had no particulars from any source, Had a letter from Henry Friday he did not mention it, said he had a letter from you a few days before & you was shaking again, do wish you and he could get a furlough and come ^{to} pray of your Mother G. D. Price & Miss from State

From Earl went often and write to Henry good by again & God bless you so the country

home next month, so to be here when that
Election comes off, I mean Belle's affair.
She feels as though she could never leave
home without seeing her brothers again,
as though you must both be here at that
time and O how I wish you could come
It seems very hard to give her up, now at
this time, when you are both away, and
where I am, in a constant woe about
you, but I cannot keep her always and
they certainly are both old enough & I
shall have to make the best of it. I would
be glad if we could do more for her she
needs 30 dollars now to fit her out, to
go. and times are so hard we can do
but little. Newt is doing well there, he
bought a house and lot and will go
right to housekeeping. We expect Frank
Throop next week, to stay until Newt &
Belle goes back. Sabbath Evening Sept
4th Well Earl My letter that I began
just a week ago today is still unfinished
since I commenced this I have been to

Wilmington blackberrying and can
drying some to send to you and Henry
this fall or winter but I will try
and finish this we have felt very
anxious about until last we have
not heard from you only by way of
Henry since the 11 of August and we
heard of the fresher in St. Perine &
did not know but you was drowned
you must remember that we are in a
constant worry about you and Henry
and want to hear as often as once a
week, & Henry complains that you do
not write often he is lowspirited when
he is sick, and you know just how and
good a letter does one when they are
sick in a Hospital among strangers
and you must write often to him if
you write, but little. He has been a
blessed good brother to you and you must
not neglect him There is a terrible swit-
-ching and squirming here in town on
account of the Draft yesterday they

looked but mine to fill their quota
the Town give \$500 bounty for Wolferden
and a great many are getting substitu-
-ted beforehand and others have enlisted
among the number that you are agree-
-inted with is Martin & George Houghton
Williamson Bull Seth Johnson Joe
Wood and I believe two of Riley Towns
boys Mr Jesse Foley and wife was just
about distracted about Frank. She
cried day and night, and they rode
all the time until a sub was procured
and he told Will Franksworth that
he should would sacrifice every cent
he had in the world, before he would let
Frank go, and this is the kind of ^{Pious} ~~Pious~~
you will find among all the hot headed
Abolitionists and I am perfectly sick
of it and Milton Hinkock was so afraid
he could not get some one to go for him
that cried both at day and in Plattsburgh
even in the Provost Marshals Office - Now
if I was a man I would be a man and
not a baby or a calf. I should rather
be shot. Be careful of yourself and do
your duty in the fear of God fornt you
trust in him ask him for help and strength
and he will help you in every time of need
good by God bless you your
Wm R P