

Home April 9 1876 Sunday P.M.

Dear Nancy

Cumle Frank Milla & larty have  
just gone and there is a little more daylight  
I will improve it in answering your letter  
with such good news I am so glad you have  
obtained so good a situation & feel sure you  
will fulfil your duties with credit to yourself  
and your friends & in making them happy  
will bring happiness to yourself & I am truly  
thankful that your Papa has his old place  
again Antie Belle wrote all about her visit  
says it was the best visit she ever had and  
she told me all about the children how each  
one looked and praised them all you among  
the rest said she was proud of you & that words  
my heart glad for you are all very dear to me  
& it is very hard for me to <sup>give up</sup> come to see you  
this summer but shall have to as it will not  
be possible as I can see unless some good fairy  
should send me the money & that I do not expect

but if I live perhaps another year I may come  
My health has been very bad this winter & tho'  
I am better still my cough is very bad & I have  
a good deal of pain in & through my lungs  
and in my side Grand Pa has been quite  
down, has had a cough something <sup>like</sup> ~~uncommon~~  
for him but he is well now it has been very  
sickly here this winter twice there has been  
four funerals in one day & one family lost  
six children 3 of them buried at one time  
Yesterday there was four funerals all  
Catholics & today another has died on  
Palmer hill a man who died with consump-  
tion & Mr Rogers <sup>is</sup> almost gone cannot live  
long his disease of the Kidneys & pronounced  
inevitable I am going with a letter or find  
one I began when Lanty was sick from Lanty  
to Daisy & send a ring in it for her from  
him & he is going to send one to Mabel & I  
shall have write to her for him & I have a  
piece of Poetry which is so good and appropriate  
that I am going to send it to you & I want  
you should learn it so you will never forget  
it Give my love to all & tell Mama I think she  
is too bad that she dont write Tell Papa I will see  
him in a few day Grandma