

Deerfield Station 4 miles  
from C. Kimball, May 17, 1838  
Monday, noon, 10 o'clock

My dear wife,

I bade good bye  
to Charles & his good folks about  
one hour since, & am now wait-  
ing for the cars to go to Columbus.  
I reached Charles' after dark  
Sat. evening. They had expected  
me one week ago. I began to fear  
that I might not come. I shall  
never forget the reception on the  
visit. It seemed strange, but  
it was explained by their saying  
that I was the first & only relative  
of C's that had called upon him  
since their marriage. He has a  
girl of a wife. She still teaches  
with him in his school - he at  
\$1000 per year & she at \$400,00

She has the charge of 130 pupils  
than any girl teacher in all.  
They moved upon their farm  
about two weeks since, a fine  
farm of 30 acres worth about  
\$75. to \$100. per acre. Both have  
no fancy for "show" but both  
are as fine as the pure gold.  
They were so glad to see you & the  
children. They wanted to kiss the  
sleeping babies. They want to  
see you. I promise to visit you soon.  
Charles thinks his mother will live  
several years longer for my visit  
to her. if I go I see her.

I will say more on this when I see  
you. His mother is a sweet garden  
I don't know.  
I reached Cincinnati Sat  
P.M. & stopped there about two  
hours. The city is so changed  
that I could find but few build-  
ings that I knew. I was delayed  
several hours by a flood from

the hardest & most extensive  
shower I ever knew of almost  
we heard of. The paper through-  
out the midst of a strip or belt  
of hail about 16 miles wide that  
covered the ground like snow in  
winter. Some 40 miles farther  
east it was still snow soon  
I washed away our track. The storm  
began <sup>when we were</sup> about 40 or 50 miles  
east of Alton I reached Cincinnati  
at this point. I all other points  
I have passed & spoken of  
as one of the most severe & heavy  
rains we remember. When I left  
the boat at Alton about mid-  
night on Thursday night it was  
lightening north east & south  
of us. in the far distance I saw him  
that there were severe showers near  
Chicago & through northern Ill &  
Iuda. I about Cincinnati.  
There is a fresh stage of water here

My little planting has been  
done.

I have passed over some beautiful  
country & by forest of beech &  
maple that delighted me greatly.  
This plan had the most evergreen  
trees & shrubs in any plan that I  
have ever seen, the most beautiful  
pines, & cedars & spruces, & balsams  
& juniper, a species of the larch  
that I ever set eyes upon, I was  
introduced to a rich banker  
& day, who told me that he set out  
in his yard 300 different var-  
ieties of trees & shrubs & about 1000  
in all.

The cars will be along soon.  
I must wind up this ball of yarn.  
Love to all yours as ever  
Grove