

Penninark Nov. 10.-5 am,

Dear Daughter

Well I have called up  
the folks & sat down to chat with you for a while.  
We here have had a great rain - probably you  
have had the same. The wind is changing & blow-  
ing cooler. Cold weather must be near at hand.  
Last evening we had a wonderful meeting  
& talk on the versi "Beary" one and those bur-  
dens &c. A good many remarks were made on  
the disposition of some to add to the burdens  
of some, then in the nature of the case, they had  
enough already. <sup>Mr. Egdon said</sup> Some keep a light artillery which  
they use on all occasions, which may be a puni-  
ishment to them but hurts those it hits. The min-  
ister he said, the Dr. or Teacher have their influ-  
ence as well as their pews destroyed largely by  
such fusillades. I remarked that I had felt  
such shafts a good many times & there seemed  
to be periods or special occasions when some folks  
seemed disposed to hurl them. I thought there were  
two passages of scripture which it would do us all  
good to meditate & act upon. Keep thy heart with  
all diligence & thy tongue as with a bridle  
while the wicked are before thee - gear ourselves  
at all times in our feelings & remarks towards others,  
at our tables, at our firesides, every where. - Mr. Swift  
said, coming home, he thought the talk would  
do good. I had a long talk yesterday with Geo. R.

about his father. He is sinking rapidly, - all  
he himself I am told have given it up that he  
must soon die. They took specimens of his urine  
to Keokuk for analysis, which showed almost abso-  
lutely what my analysis some time ago did.  
And they stated in regard to the nature of his  
disease, exactly what I have often & for a long  
time done. Nothing in his disease at present  
that would tend to take him off, if he had a  
constitution on his side - but neither of those  
has he got. It is very gratifying to me that  
my ideas & statements are so fully confirmed,  
& I intend to proclaim the facts.

Mrs. Spaulding told me last evening that she  
had rec'd. a letter from Mr. Broops, & that he had  
spoken in a pleasing manner of you, of your success  
in school & your influence in his family. Mrs. S. &  
we all, are greatly pleased. It is well that you should  
know that your efforts are not in vain.  
Noon, since writing the above I have called at Mr.  
Epp's. They were much pleased to see me when  
I bid Mr. E. good bye. He & all, myself included were  
much affected. Mr. E. presents some very bad  
symptoms - can't stand it long.

Your long letter rec'd. Thank you. I know the kind  
sympathy of my family. Perhaps I make too much  
of these light afflictions; perhaps I need them &  
deserve them, perhaps Providence has a design  
in them all, for I believe in an overruling & super-  
intending Providence. His letter came on Wed.  
he says "you don't know how glad he is to have the  
beginning made." The S.S. & congregation increase every  
Sabbath. The lady teacher in the public school is  
a teacher in his S.S. & a member of their church.  
Mat. is writing. As ever with love, Father