

Denmark, Dec. 19. 1871.

Dear Daughter

This is my last till we shall see you at home as we all expect. I don't know as I have much to write this morning. I have been very busy for a few days. Went to Madison on Friday & got a new robe made of 5 mink skins, the largest & warmest robe I ever had. wrote a long article of 8 pages. This paper for the Hawke Eye on Sat. on the former history & condition of the Penitentiary, to meet some vile slanders by a correspondent & help the present Warden to a reelection; took it to Burlington yesterday in person, & got the promise of having it published tomorrow. I'd day I am full of letters to you to H. & to the Kuskum paper, asking it to publish my article.

I am making preparations to go for you on Friday eve at Danville, you & Hannah. If a snow should fall so as to make good sleighing, Charley will go over with a sled & that, but otherwise I expect to go in person - If the roads remain as good as at present, I can bring you & your trunk with my horse, & save much trouble.

Mr Darwin & Miss Smith from Danville came over just at night yesterday. She to begin on several hard studies for graduating next Commencement. She is going home Friday for Christmas. I think the Com. must have a word to say about such qualifications & fares, for such is a fare

May expect a letter to day or tomorrow from you
with particulars.

Got a long letter from W. (Friday) saying the
church in his absence had appointed him collector
& treasurer with something of the idea he fears
that ^{they} expect him to go round & collect & per-
haps make up any deficiency in the salary.
I write him to do no such thing, - ^{in fact as the fact thing} collect & take
charge of it if they wish, but not till each & every one
puts down a definite sum which he or she will pay
be responsible for. I tell him to take charge of
the S. S. if they wish, play & sing. & so on the S. S.
I do his full share duty in the matter of the sal-
ary & nothing more. He had no part in the original
responsibility of organizing & calling a minister. He
owes some duty to himself for the present & the fu-
ture & owes many duties to his creditors.

But enough. All well. The folks are eroning
I am busy. All send love. Mat can't write.

Father