

To tea & for the evening. I put on my
best behavior, but not one of them
said to me come & see us, & so I will
wait a while before I go. Perhaps
it was because they expected Mrs. E. & did
not want me to call on her. If so, all
right. I called just in for tea. I say he
learns that Mr. E. is to be in Burlington
next Sat. & here next week. Unless he is
prepared to sign or has signed the paper
sent him out after next will be the
time probably for church action, on
his case. That is the time too for the
C. S. A. cows at Montrose & the old
Lithis cows at Mt. Madison.
We will know what will come when it
is come. Mr. Brackett sends love & a
kiss to the boy. So does aunt Jane.
I want you & Kate should write
what things you want brought to
A. this fall. I shall not mind them
here, unless I should be better than
usual next spring. S. A. M.

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Dear Children

I intended to write
you yesterday, but we all went over
to aunt L's for dinner & I was too busy
or too lazy to write after we got home.
To day aunt P. & Ella have the
horse & buggy & go to Madison. I
feel rather too lazy to do much. The
changes in the weather disturb my
breathing & causes me to feel weak or
better perhaps lazy. I went to the acad-
emy this am, & examined the enlarge-
ment of the music rooms & had quite
a talk with the Epps on matters pertain-
ing to the academy. It cost \$500.00
last year to take care of the academy
& its grounds & the Epps house & rent
the wood. This year they get it all done
for \$175. Some think it wrong that Mr.
E. was turned off.

It is very dry in this region now,
no amount of rain for a long time.
Many a time rain has been threat-
ened but the clouds would all pass over
and ^{be} dissipated in air & the wind turn into
the N. W. or N. & the air become quite
cool. All such changes affect my breath-
ing. I have just been over to see
Mr. Swift but found all gone. On com-
ing back found Mrs. Brackett present.
News. Mrs. Edson arrived in town last
evening & went to Mrs. James. Quite a stir
was observed about that house towards
evening but the cause was not known.
M^cCllland went to B. I brought her
out in Ed. James' carriage. It is a ques-
tion on many tongues will Mr. & come?
Carrie Edson is here staying at Mr.
Shultz or Lopez. The Fyler Bros
two of some others, as appears, have
planned to give Mr. Edson & wife a re-
ception in Madison. Well, go it.

I have just been to the office & found
a letter addressed in your handwriting
to Henry Shedd Denmark. What could
it mean I opened it & found it indeed to
Henry, by way of C. The presump-
tion is that you wrote to Denmark
instead of Clinton so I will write a
letter enclosing yours & send both along.
I have read the letter & find Johnie
has two teeth out all about. It is a
very sweet child. Glad to learn it all.
The ladies here think Johnie
must be a fine boy from his picture.
I tell them all my grand children
are grand boys. I don't like to shake
them all, but the least one, he is too
small.

Mrs. Epps the old, is quite poorly
& Mrs. Cooper is partially paralyzed &
will ^{not} probably ever be much better.
Wed. pray aunt J. had M^cCllland
& Hattie Day. Ed. James wife & M. J.