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Saturday Evening

Our Folk

I am alone this evening, May
Chum has gone out into the country a few miles
to stay with some acquaintance of his over the
Sabbath. I would like it pretty well if I could just
run home for an hour or two. I think of you all
very often, and especially do I miss the cupboard.
I have been boarding myself since I have been here,
have lived pretty slim. Cold Graham bread with a little
butter and short allowance at that. I can get boarded
in a family for about \$1.50 per week. I shall try it
next week, for I am growing poor to fast on my present
diet. It will cost some more than it would if I boarded
myself, but I can't stand this cold weather without any
thing warm. I want you to put away at least 10^{lb} of
lard and one of the "Old Sory" hams till I come home
which will be about the last days of June if nothing
prevents. If William Nelson comes here we can go into a
room that has got a cookstove in it and board ourselves
for about \$1.00 per week, tolerably well. I wish he would come
for I don't like my room-mate any too well. He is a cross
looking fellow, (looks as near like William Davis of Whittand
as anything can) I won't say anything more about him for I may
be mistaken, but I would not stay with him if I had any
furniture or bedding. I pay him \$1.00 for the use of his bed and

Table Chairs &c &c. I dont have much to say to him. I dont think I ever talked as little in four weeks before, since I can remember.

I heard one say, "that if it was not for Dells (my Chum) Religion he would be an awful mean man". I can get along with him but he is not much company to suit me. I have got acquainted with some that I like first rate, two of the students were Baptized last Sabbath. I like the school well. I dont study any kind of Mathematics. I wanted to have studied Algebra but they thought that I had better let that alone now, for I could learn that at some other time. I am pitching into grammar and Geography with all my might, the clap that I am in started one Quarter, before I did, but I have caught up with them, and expect to understand it pretty well by next vacation. I guess I will try and get a school next winter, if I can get about thirty dollars a month. You must have plenty of work for me to do when I come home so that I can make up for what I am now spending. I suppose Avolie has got to be a good boy, now there is no one to plague him. Julia will forget all about me. "I reckon". Mother must be careful and not get sick for I could not bear to stay away if I thought any of you was dangerous. Last Friday night the Lunatic Assylum was burned it was the largest building in Michigan, cost about \$200,000. The upright part, only, was burned, the wing which reaches off about ten rods was seperated and saved. ~~It~~ it was set on fire by some one (unknown as yet).

I got your letter ^{of the 9th inst} last Saturday but as I had

just written I did not answer them, I was glad to hear from home and shall always be. I want you to write as often as you can, write all about everything, Is Roger Blevin at work for you yet. How much did the Old Sow weigh and anything else that you can think of will be interesting.

My room rent and tuition will amount to \$12.00 my board will depend upon circumstances, if you are getting along and have any money to spare I shall not starve myself, if you are not I shall be as sparing as possible. I can get a chance to see wood now and then. but while I live on Indian bread or such food I dont feel much like work. I think I would like some maple molasses about as well as anything I can think of. I think of it every time I eat. I shall have to buy me a few clothes before long. You need not send me any more money very soon unless you can spare it as well as not.

I dont think of any thing more to write now. I thought when I commenced that I could fill this sheet. but I have written it so close that it lacks some of it.

I dont make it look very well. My pen is now the best. Have you sold the cats yet or made any kind of trade, write all about what you are doing &c. — Good bye

for this time, Nathaniel Church