

Bouham Mar 31, 1874.

Dear Brother and Sister:

Though I'm suffering of
cald this morning, I feel it my duty to
try and write a few lines, for my time
for answering your last is short - Don't know
what you answered the last. Well -
Sane Charlotte - She is about as usual - has
been down for two weeks - but is able to sit up
now. I made application to the County for
aid in her case the last of Jan. The allowed was
eight dollars per month, for taking care of an in-
valid - was very little but still is much better
than nothing - we have kept her twelve months
or more for nothing, but she was not so well.
The two months of period of her day - when the
County Court met again - I went over and
stated the case just as it was - they were more
liberal than before - made an allowance of 15 dollars
per month. Sister has a hard time waiting on her
has to help her up - pull of and put on her clothes, at

Mrs. I collected yesterday the 14 dollars for the
past two months - took it to Sister - told her it was
hers - that if she had ever earned any thing - she had
earned that. She has made an arrangement with the
woman, that she had when Ernest was sick, to come and
live in the Smokehouse - and keep Charlotte for the rent
of the room, which would be quite a good arrangement
if she did not have so many children. Friends
generally well now. Uncle L. is up and going round.

Old Sister Gale is still down - but is said to be on
the mend. Old Brother Spotts and Mrs. Cook,
were both buried last Sunday. Binkley was down
and preached the funeral - did not hear them - went in
the morning to hear Mrs. S.'s preached, but could not get in
the house. Masons buried him with all the formalities
known to their order - enough at least to disgust me -
the Oddfellows - were allowed to march in the pro-
cession, and to deposit their piece of Coffer in the
grave. The Methodists that were not either Mr.
or Mrs. were not permitted to take any part in the
matter save to look on at their Mockery.

Many of our brethren were engaged in this too
Oh! well but they could see their folly, and say
this ought - the love ^{that covetousness breedeth} Man-made Schemes - and the glory

coming out of them being connected with these, ^{giving}
Gall instead of Man - their talent, time, and means
Spent to keep up these Societies. Oh! why will they
descend into the low grounds occupied by these, when they
occupy a plain so far above. The highest position
that can be attained in life is that of the Child of
God. To be his, is far more desirable than to have
all the honor ^{wealth} and praise, that this world can give.

What do these Societies promise beyond the grave -
alas! that is the end of their work - beyond is an ach-
ing - void - here their union is severed, but - Ah! his ^{travels}
craft beyond - ya it is with the Faithful in the
great hour of death - and beyond - his promises are sure
a crown of eternal life is given. But - away.

Its raining, a gloomy day. Trains are dull - don't
sell much. Gardens set back by the frosts. We have to
plant anew all save potatoes. The bed of cabbage
plants, that I have sown here are fine. The others
were killed will set - some out in a few days,
if nothing prevents. I have written of late to all our
brothers but John - last written to him a few weeks since
My efforts in letters will be to reunite the scattered flock.
But not here below, no for that is impossible. Perhaps this
can be accomplished in the Over Gender. God grant

any of your friends or your own
that I do not get any more
I have not seen the name of your father
and I am in a hurry to send you
of your - I do not know when
that it - May I write to you
upon this. If I can only get one of the
return; or encourage one to faithfully
to his Master in future, I will be
what with I do. I promised to send
letter this time, but owing to my
late I have not been able to answer
wait - till next time. I have had
last. Still they Marry. Better
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Dr. Buchanan and Miss Letitia
were married this or four
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Your Brother
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I will start on our
bro. Ruthly gets his
We will be
from you? Will our route
to Jackborough -

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