

of my mind is not for
today I am going to order
to get up a letter for you
or Jan., through a friend I will
not be able to do it.

Thorp's Spring,
Oct. 22, 1893

Dear Brother:

If your letter had
not reached us Friday evening
you would have received a
telegram from us. We expected
the letter Thursday and as it
did not come we were uneasy
lest something was the
matter. I went down to see
if Blanche had heard, but she
had not - and we said if we
did not hear the next day we
would take the train for
Michigan.

I am very proud of my
talented brother, - I always

thought you had a talent
for something, and eagerly
wished for the time to come
when it should be revealed.

An artist you surely are.

When looking at the "oil
paintings" I could almost
fancy I was standing by your
side, and opened my mouth to
speak to you when I realized
it was only your photograph
I was beholding and not
really you. And I was
very much impressed with
the appearance of your room-
mate, though I had not a
fair chance to judge of him,
as only a portion of his
features were visible, - but
judging from the side of the
face visible and the length of
his nose I am favourably

impressed. Is he old enough
for me? I'm glad he has
not a mustache, at least he
hasn't one in the picture.

Yes, keep an eye on the
Miss Clark, if she is good-
looking she must be Knifolks.

Trace up a Kniship anyway,
and you will feel more at
home with a cousin to
occasionally chat with.

My Elocution class numbers
nine now - making my
monthly income near seventy
dollars, - very good for a
child of my ability in a
place like this, - don't you
think?

Uncle Tommie has quit his
work and gone to Bastrop to
try to get a position in the
school. Times are so hard
he could do nothing at his
recitals. Dr. Hedley says
uncle Tommie can't make
a success of that calling
now, - starting out at his
age with but a reputation, -
and I suppose there is
truth in it. He has let
the golden opportunity slip,
and now it is too late.

If possible I want to
^{acquire}
~~make~~ a reputation some day.
If it is within my ability to
succeed I shall.

At next session after next I
want to spend a year some where
under some good teacher.

Friday and Saturday I

stood the examination, came out very well, I think, except in U. S. History and Civil Government, - don't know whether I made 50 on each of those or not.

The examination was very easy, I made 100 on some, ^{the} algebra for one - and I think Geometry, Geography and Physiology.

Friday the examination was very light, only five subjects, the ones that are not included in Second Grade.

Yesterday it was six o'clock before I finished, and some were there until nine.

If I get a four years
certificate I won't have to
stand another examination, -
for you know when we
have taught five years we
~~obtain a life certificate.~~
I hardly think I shall
teach in the Public
school four years longer,
though I may have to. I
shall hold on to the position
here until I'm sure of
another, even though it is
a most trying place. I am
doing very well considering
I have the management of
seventy pupils. I tell you
none of these other teachers
know what work is, - I
wish they had to teach for
me a while. I'm keeping
very well and still feel

equal to most anything.

Lowell's hair has nearly all
come out, and the poor girl
is most distressed to death,
for you know it, of course,
detracts from her beauty, -
she will have to have it cut
over, what there is left of
it. Bro. Claude L. Jones
is coming out in December, -
won't some people open
their eyes when they see
him with me - of course
he will go with me, though
he has said nothing about it -
for it is not known that
we correspond.

I have heard that a

former friend of mine is
to be here Commencement,
though for what he is
coming I'm sure can't
be imagined, - as he has
treated the last one as he
did me. Only the last case
was a much shorter one
than the other. I wish I
could import some kind friend
of the masculine gender out here
about that time so that I
would have some one to go
with. Now if bro. Frank and
I were on friendly terms I
would be all right. It might
be advisable for me to
endeavor to get him out here
about that time.

This is a hurried scribble,
but I've written as much
the last two days I'm a little
weary. Much love. Write me

you - & -
can. He said last
of him as you
the last one
letters like
and interesting