

At Home June 22. 1848.

My Dear Sister:

I have been trying to reach this time for several days, but so far something has always hindered. We are all well. Sam brother he has been a little puny all this week but is some better than he was - keeps at work we are to have meeting this evening at 9 o'clock. Examinations & exhibitions yet have been in the way for three days and nights - but not with-standing this we have had a good meeting interest good additions every night since up to this time to God be all the praise. We will endeavor to continue through the next week for the interest will increase and if brother only had two weeks longer ^{more} meeting could be done. No letters of late saw one from little Martin - he is chinking in a store now - said he would not come out here now. I'm not going to persuade him but only offer him as I've already done - "a home". As you know brother gave me a home - and how could I do other wise than make the same offer to him. My motive in courting to him is to instruct him - help him along ^{of} through this un-friendly world - May he heed the admonitions.

Brother received a card from you day before yesterday - written on Monday - trust the babe is improving. May God bless and keep you all from harm is the prayer of a brother. I am going the rounds with Addison - to be dinner and supper some place every day and if he stays through next week we will get round. Took dinner out at Cousin Bob's - their babe Susan has had a little break, but is better - she said she thought that she would come to meeting some time as she was improving so fast. Friends all well must stop - time for meeting
Love of all
all

Your brother
J. J. McQuigg