

tell Adelaide I do not forget her
but I know she will have her share
in yours

Addison, March. 23rd 1868

Dear Child

It is Monday morning & as
I often do you know leave all & sit down to
write. I have this morn, we are all well at pres-
ent & hope these few lines may once find you all
so, Little Mary has been pretty sick but is
getting better so she sits up a little, she had the
Lung fever, they have had hard colds & Kellany
both of us sit up with M. I guess every night since
she was sick, well we have had our spring thaw in
March this year, last week was warm & pleasant
till Saturday it snowed, & the hardest wind we have
had this winter, it blew a pine tree at the other end
of the Creek Bridge across the road, Ezra went up
to meeting horse back so he got over it after a fashion,
I have not been for 3 weeks it has been so
bad, the crop roads were drifted full they could
not go clear through till last week, it is pleasant
but rather cool this morning Ezra is going to try &
go to Vergennes today Albert W came back last Thurs-
day came a foot to Luman Clark's Albert H. had

started after him so they turned round & came back
they are going after his trunk, is the reason of my
sitting down to write, now, I suppose there was no letter from
home to you last week I have not written lately
for I have been alone some of the time, Jenny went
home & staid week before last, her Brother Henry
was going back west again, Martha went to Carlisle
wednesday & came back last tuesday, wednesday
Frank Johnsons wife & Ella Saine were coming
across the lake their father & Charles were drowned
them in a cutter Mr R & C broke through the ice
but finally succeeded in getting out after a while but
could not help themselves much, the cutter turned over
somehow & the women fell in & was both drowned they
took grappling Irons & ropes & got them both out that
day they floated along about 15 rods Ethel it was
there when they got them out, the next day Jenny went
over the lake & is going to stay all this week & I don't
know whether she will come back any more or not, I
think she is going to be hired girl & do the work
the funeral was held at the hollow those that went
had to cross on foot Mr J & Emma C Green Lewis
& W Goodrich & whether Ethel went or not I don't

know it was so very sudden I had a letter from E
the week she was entrepating a nice visit from
her this summer but the next meeting will be
at the judgment, Elizabeth it went home some
3 weeks ago Lydia came over & her babe was taken
sick so she had to stay over here one week & E went
back with her & her babe was not well & I don't
think it ever was very well but was taken sick
& died so she knows what it is to part with one
of them now perhaps she will not make so many
hard wishes Mr U has been gone as much as 3 weeks
out to John Vanderhoofs & over the lake to Mrs U
fathers he has been there twice this winter Rosa is
married they say to one of Lewis B half brothers
one that was in co with the kingsland stealing ship
& wheat well I wanted to write some more but
E is come all ready & they have good meetings yet
Lewis seems to be steadfast Extra too I hope they
will go forward in all the duties well I know
it is most your birth day & if I do not write again
you must take this so good by for this time
love to all from your Mother A S W

L M W