

death of Abert's first wife. He has
for some time been corresponding with
Miss Johnston and now visits her.
They expect to go to keeping house
at once in Dubuque.

Wife is now absent from home and
is with our daughter Mary. She is
at Mason City keeping house. She
has been there now since Apr. 1st.
Our daughter Katy has been with
her since that time attending
school. She is with her to keep her
company in the absence of her
brother George H. Harvey.

You knew probably that they have
a little boy more than two years
old. He is a bright little fellow.
Abert has also a son by his
first wife now a little more than
two years old. But I was about
to say that wife left home about
Aug 1st partly to visit Mary and
partly to see if a few weeks change

would not improve her health. I
also visited Mary about September
1st and remained from home a little
over a week. While north I visited
St. Paul and Minneapolis - heard
Senator Blaine speak at the fair in
Minneapolis and President Hayes in
the fair at St. Paul's. Both addresses
were excellent. I also visited my
brother in Law Henry M. Lyman &
his sister Adelle at Excelsior on
the shore of Lake Minnetonka.
My trip was on the whole a very good
one. Wife will not return now till
Nov. and will be absent from home at
least three months. So that I am
quite a widow for the present
time and can better sympathize
with you in your loneliness than
when my other half and better's
is with me. I am lonely though
and no mistake. How is it with
you? so the love to you remains

Are you in the college this year or is your place supplied
as you have triparted when you last wrote?

still remain up or on they re-
mained. I hope matters in that
respect will turn out as shall be
in the highest degree best for you-
self and for your family.

We are unfortunate again in regard
to our wheat crop. It was ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~
last year. We had 1200, and sold
for one dollar per bushel. And our
indebtedness was reduced somewhat,
but this year I fear we shall not make
the ends meet. Our wheat is but
about 400 bushels, and the price
is not over some 60 or 65 cents
per bushel. We are disposed to say
however "the will of the Lord be done."
If we were not so deeply in debt it
would not trouble us so much to
have a poor crop. We were thankful
however for an abundance of small
fruit. We picked over 2500 quarts
of straw berries and our gross receipts were
\$250. We had a good hay crop,
but the price is low. May the Lord
bless you and all your children.
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