



Union, Hardem Co, Iowa.

Rev H. Lyman,

Nov 19, th 1882,

Dear Brother,

Your kind letter came to hand a day or two ago, and I hasten to answer,

We parted as you know at Omaha, at which place we stayed all night with a Nephew (Dr James Search) and the next morning took the B. & M. in Neb and went by the way of ~~Elk Creek~~ Lincoln to Elk Creek near which our daughter lives, with whom we had a pleasant visit. After staying untill the next Monday we started for home where we arrived on Tuesday at 8.53 A.M. We found all the folks well,

While we were absent the bank at this place broke by which we lost \$1305, which makes us feel rather slim in regard to money matters,

But we have faith to believe that somehow or another the Lord will provide.

Our health is not good, and from present indications we will want but little, nor want that little long, I cough a great deal and expectorate quite freely, my left lung is badly ~~diseased~~ diseased but hope I shall be fully prepared when my end comes

Mrs M.^s health is about the same she coughs a great deal and feels weak

Our association was pleasant and will long be remembered by us In fact our whole visit was pleasant both going and coming, The little bluster on the sea that made many of us sick enabling us to see the contents of our stomachs was probably all for the better But preparing us for to enjoy ourselves the better when we got ashore, Afflictions in life are not always to be considered bad they are schools to prepare us for higher pleasures

Hoping to hear from you occasionally,
we remain

Yours truly
Jacob Matthews

Mrs Matthews send her kindest regards