



Forest Lake, Nov. 27, 1889

My Dear Father,

It has been several days since we rec'd your last letter and we are impatiently waiting for another one. Your letter was from Union Falls, written the day after your arrival. I have been imagining you all this time traveling around and visiting friends and having a nice happy time. You said in your letter that your marriage would probably be the next week. It has then taken place ere this unless something has happened to delay. I am impatient for another letter, so that I may know and write to welcome

dear Cousin Margaret as one of
our own family. We are having
a very bright cold spell of
weather. The days are very
dry and bracing but the nights
very cold. This morning the
thermometer stood at 21° above zero.
We are all feeling well. Leah
has had a sore mouth but
it is better now. She has
been bright and well both in
body and spirits, with that
exception, for some time. We
are left all alone in our
gloomy room. Willie and Mattie
having taken up their residence
in their cottage. Emma ^{Hathorne} ~~Hathorne~~
takes her meals here, I don't
know hardly what we would
do without her. The cow seems
to be doing well. She still gives
a good quantity of milk. So
I guess ^{the} ~~she~~ knows how to

take care of her. Emma U & I
are getting along well with
the school. The Wilkinson
has much more system
than the Captain, and I
think the school will be
more satisfactory. Mrs Bucke
has left, and Ella McDonald
is nation now. She will
do very well I think. I arose
about half past four this A.M.
and gazed at the comet. It
is the first good look that
I have had. I did not
expect it to be nearly so large.
I have noticed that several
prominent astronomers have
predicted that in 1888 it will
be around visiting this
vicinity again, in the course
of which it will fall into
the sun, which ^{event} will cause
such a commotion that the

earth will be destroyed. Not an
exhilarating prospect. Did I write
and tell you that Ella Scott
and Clinton Latourette were
married? They were married
several weeks ago. They are living
in Oregon City. It is just about
the time ^{of day} that you used to get
home from preaching last year.

You know I always had to
run to meet you. I wish
you were coming now. We
feel a little lonesome, though
^{not} nearly so much so as I expected.
Florence May is a great acquisition.
I hardly know how we could
get along without her. She is
really ~~and~~ ^{an} unusually nice
girl. She is so faithful and
energetic and knows so well
how to do things without
being told. You see that you
need not worry about us at
all. Enjoy yourself and be
happy. Every thing seems to favor
your plans. Bye ^{for this time} ^{with love}
^{your own daughter}
^(L. Ann)