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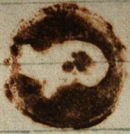
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1845
Pleasant Grove Seminary No. 110

Beloved Grandfather

Through the direction of an allwise providence we are all alive and in the enjoyment of as good health as could be expected. Since you left home Mother had had another attack of the ague, but I now think she is convalescing as her countenance has assumed a healthy appearance and she feels quite robust. John is on the mend he is now carrying his arm in a sling the novelty of getting out about operates on him powerfully. As for myself ^{am} gaining fast and soon I think will recover from the effects of my Western tour. I received a severe lick from a bat on my hand which fell on it and bruised it considerably. It is with much pain and difficulty I can write or even attempt. But so you can read is all I care for. Father and Sharon visited the dark County land Sharon was much pleased with it and offered to take a lease for 8 years but Father would not lease it for more than five years so they parted without affecting ^{anything} towards a dicker. Father says that he was offered nine hundred dollars for our quarter cash in hand and says that they both can be sold very readily. Mr. Walker has not as yet delivered the other deed nor has he said any thing about it. he did not effect a sale with those men nor do I believe he will get rid of it so soon as he anticipates. I sold my Philley to Sharon for thirty seven dollars and bought bill of Father. Father has got in the most of his corn. so far it has turned out admirably.



For Grandfather



For Grandfather
Pleasant Grove
Ohio

Things glide along as usual. Since you
left home I have attached myself to the M^cClure
this I had intended to have done some time
ago but my having no permanent residence
and shifting to and fro was my reason for
postponing it until the present time this
I done at a time that there was no excitement
As I thought those ^{that} looked on might judge
from the act and the manner in which it
was done my future intentions for I pondered
long and seriously on the subject before I
engaged in it I gave my hand to brother
Isaac and my heart to God asking him
for his kind protection and forgiveness of my
many sins. I bless Almighty God that he
for Christ sake heard my petitions and
answered them by giving ^{me} the seal of pardoning
love. I now feel determined by God's grace to
be steadfast in faith and always persevere
with elasticity the path of Christianity
until he shall ^{say} it is enough Come up higher
I contemplate that home with raptured
delight when Christ who is our light shall
appear and we also with him in glory and
sit not only with Abraham Isaac and
Jacob but with numerous of our friends
and relations who have withstood the
battle and now with the blood washed
throng in Heaven are now singing the Eternal
Song of praise to him that hath redeemed
them and made them white in the blood
of the Lamb. I bless them & I exult that
this is my privilege if faithful to the
grace already given me to one day enjoy

When I look back on past life at my
many and numerous sins I almost shudder
and feel to bless Almighty God that he has
borne with me as long as he has and has
not cut me down as a Cumber of the
ground but hath given me time place
and opportunity to make my peace calling
and Election Sure. I have been often led
to wonder at the forbearance of God in my
own case I not only sinned against high
Heaven but trampled the feelings of my
dearest and best friends and exerted my
influence in favor of that worse than Infidelity
viz Universalism this doctrine I tried long and
studied to believe but I always found ~~some~~
that that would choke before I got it
swallowed So I finally abandoned it and tried
to find something else and after due reflection
I resolved more than 4 months ago to seek
Christ and him Crucified and I bless God
that I ever did for he is all in all pray
for your Prodigal Grandson beloved Grandfather
that I may persevere with undeviating ardor
the changes of this life always having an eye to the reward
of Heaven which awaits the faithful at God's
right hand in Heaven. I must now
close the family all unite in love. Grandmother
is quite hale. please write as soon as convenient
Suffer me with sentiments of respect
and esteem to subscribe myself your
undutiful Grandson

Per Jas. D. Winter
J. D. My School is doing well & bids fair for the
Winter 1843