

At Home Hancock Co. N.Y.
January 21st 1866

Dear Sister -

Your long looked for letter, came at last - on the 16th Jan. 1866 - bearing date 'New Year's Eve 1865.' And I was sorry that Bessie should still be rather 'in the dark' and still having the Ague. We are all well here - excepting colds - and occasionally I have a spell of Rheumatism - last Sunday being just able to hobble that is all. We had a sudden change of weather on Friday evening, from pleasant spring like, to a blustering wind and rain - then hail, sleet, and snow - followed by a keen frost, reminding me of New Year's day 1864. I happened to be at Mr Down's, and he has the snug number of Seventeen in family! J. Ashworth, and wife with 5. And J. W. Ashworth & wife - himself and wife and six children - and one common fire place.

The firing of Mr. P. Thornton's house is still a mystery. Was the man killed on the R.R. by the cars?

I was glad to hear of the capture of the Robbers, and hope that they will get justice.

I am glad to hear of the Co-operative Store but

ten per cent is too much I would think to enable them to compete successfully with other grocers. Six per cent is profit enough, after paying expenses, on groceries. I have always thought that the affairs of the W. C. M. Co. would present some curious items to its own members, whenever they came to light, as I knew they must sooner or later.

and I am very glad that light should begin to strike in, without the intervention of a sudden collapse burying all the hopes of both sanguine and Bilious members.

You say they have no local trade - then the business men who pocket their pay ^{the miners'} regularly - trade with the larger capitalists.

Mrs Usher's case appears a very bad one - stimulants exclusively - presupposes a very low condition. I looked in the County Clerk's Office for Mrs Usher's Deed - and found it - and thought I had told you so previously with an inquiry what to do with it? it is Recorded and paid for - If she desires so, I will forward it by Mail or Express as she may direct. My treatment of the sow was successful.

I thank you for English news - What was R. Prior doing?

With your letter Amelia received a letter from one of her Brothers at Charlestown, Coles Co. Ills. the first time in a number of years.

By a gentleman that was there I found that one of them was a Radical, and the rest either Democratic or C. U. men.

Tobacco in the Hawesville market has fallen - while it is higher in Louisville.

We are about ready to sell - and must - before Mar. 1st. as the School money is then due - and I subscribe \$20. ~~was~~ besides shoes must be had.

The winter so far has been a desperate one on wheat - a few days warm - hard rains - then hard frosts, in quick succession fears are entertained of a total destruction of the crop here - from one half to three fourths of ours ^{is} gone up.

With this I will mail a ^{wrap of the} Hancock Messenger on our Labor System - and one on our Public Roads.

I want to contract for the land of Father's
out here - if he can give time to suit - at
the price proposed - or to lease for improvements
with the refusal of it at a certain time and price
But I can make no payment out of this
crop - but will devote so much land to be
carefully cultivated to pay for it - and if that
did not do, work out enough to pay the
moiety due each year.

You can read "Bill Arp's Address to
His Constituents." to Sister Bessie - and
the "Song of the Flowers."

I have nothing in reality to say
so I had better not say any thing - and go
and warm -

So Good Bye - Hoping that the
present may be you a happier year than the
past -

I am Your Affectionate Brother
Robert Winn

ack Co. Ky. Feb. 11th 1865

Dear

two N.Y. Tribune
paper published by the Enslaved Society of Philadelphia for gratuitous distribution among
farmers - designed to make them better acquainted with their friends and foes on the insect
world - and the treatment most likely to promote the interest of Agriculture Horticulture &c.
and four Hancock Messengers from which I enclose extracts. It is rather rebel each
issue - Sorry to hear of Messier's eyes mending so slowly - The position of the various mining
Companies on the prairie seems terribly at the mercy of the R.R. Co. and I wonder that they
do not at once try and break their chains by finding other markets to sell their coal in.

Tijon's action in the case of his men reminds me of a piece in the Tribune where
a contractor asked General Streadman for a military force to compel the negroes to work
on the R.R. to Augusta - Streadman asked him what he paid? "\$10. per month"
"Pay them \$30 and they will work" he replied. Military aid is often
invoked by coal operators than any other class save nigger drivers.

Sorry to hear of so many accidents at the Mill Mines - and suppose that I would have had
superstition enough to try Messrs. Edington's plan - removal from the strange fatality.

Sorry to hear of Mother having so bad a time with her thumb - and that reminds me of
W.F. driving a bone felon back by a horse medicine we have made for "Big Head"
It is composed of seven ingredients - Camphor - Spt. Hartshorn - Spt. Turpentine - Linet.

It is composed of seven ingredients - equal quantities - I said seven - but
this Laudanum - & oil (coal oil I would prefer) enumerate but five - but believe that embraces all the virtues of the empirical compound.

Your short line "Father is taken very sick to-day the 6th" leaves me extremely anxious
until I hear further - hoping to hear of his recovery in your next.

The Progress Co. has my best wishes for success - but regular readers of the Tribune
should be preparing for the contraction of the currency - and consequent collapse of most
speculating companies - too great a competition to aggravate the
to believe it to be

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very, very good. The report of the Farmer's
ep. of the Secy of the Treasurer very interest

Reduction of the Currency with the vote of the H. of
on Reduction interests so deeply, as our Tobacco would fall with it - while we
still would have \$200. to pay to Frank for work. I read a letter yesterday
from Col. D.J. Hemmings - all well - coming to Ky. on a visit soon.

Ex-Capt. J. Lyons has moved back, he is very, very weak, and much depressed
by his reverses - has lost at least \$600 the past year by his compulsory move North.
Geo. Wolfe has visited me - he is well and doing very well with his one arm
he has an offer from McGee our late Chaplain, to sell his farm of 200 acres near
Camp Anderson, and one hundred dollars if successful - Wolfe wants me to aid him and
take half - the first I will, the second not.

Co-operation with European Chris-

ians possess the same civilization.

have the gospel and civilization of the
co-operation with any but our suffering Sisters
of advancing civilization.

Negro on the brain - is prevailing alarmingly
and has culminated in several cases of Brain fever. Now I think of Mr. Wolfe's
story of a neighbor who was much distressed at the approaching death of the negro
race by reason of starvation caused by inherent laziness - Says Wolfe - I not
for lazy nigger or lazy white man - if he not work let him starve - A few
days afterward the Sheriff levied upon all the property of said commiserating
white man for debt - Wolfe says he talk big - sit in the shade - work none much.
St. Straightback is well and inquires for Matt. he has trouble about \$42.
he lent A. H. Paul and can't get. Our health is generally good -
Small Pox has appeared on the other side of Blackford.

No letters from Friends Taylor or Brunt.

I was much interested in the report of the Wool Growers and Wool
Manufacturers Convention and hope they will get the Tariff changed
to favor Home Industry instead of at present to depress it more than Free
Trade. We have a better start in sheep than for some years.

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ten feet off - and covered all under one roof - and dug (partly) a cellar
to have better milk if possible next summer. We hope to put in some
fifteen or twenty acres of new ground between our fields and Stevens
and have rented fourteen acres for corn from Stevens - W. F. has cleared
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sold Star the other day for \$3
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It is ruin to keep battle here on
next winter without a Corn Cuss.

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making the President elective by a majority of
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At Home, Saturday Evening, Mar. 10th 1866 A.D.

Dear Sister:— Your very welcome letter came to hand on the 8th and more welcome as it brought news of Father's health improving, you said slowly though— but I hope more rapidly ere this—

Johnnie Shervels was in town (and another gentleman from DuQuoin) and he rather confirmed your letter + I send the towels by Johnnie two for Mother, one for you, and one for Bessie.

That brings up Bessie's trouble with her eyes— sorry they appear to improve so slowly— but as the Doctor appears to be so very attentive I guess she will get better eyes when the March winds are over. How ~~is~~ her face now?

I was extremely sorry to hear of Mr. Taylor's misfortune— but he appears to accommodate himself rapidly to his position— Query— Is it wood land upon which he settled? No man here can go in the woods and raise the crop John did last year.

I got another Tribune with the Extra sheet containing the great Speech of Sen. Sumner on Manhood Suffrage or rather Equal Rights— and before I go further I might perhaps better give my opinion of it— I consider it a rare Speech for the American or any other Senate— and believe the day will come when his ideas will be realized, but I fear much trouble may be the portion of the Nation before that time— The partial apology for Connecticut & New York's Black Laws, detracts from the force of his argument although he did likely what he thought best for the cause by declaring for excepting them— and other loyal states from the operation of the proposed Amendment—

If you recollect some of my army letters I was at times despondent— having imagined the present state of the South as the consequence of Peace— Nigger hate, and Yankee hate— as bad as ever— with the power of the country in the hands of rebels— or what is the same thing, Slavery— loving, and Liberty-hating Oligarchs—

I do not— consider the ballot as the specific for the evils to be remedied, but one of them^{helps}— the greatest, safest, and only remedy is in colonizing the South— Kansas was saved, Missouri was saved, and Maryland added to Republican States,

Richard Graft (of which I am saving some) is known in England as cocksfoot. I have not got the Miller seed yet— but when I do I will send some. It is said in some parts of Germany in gardens, and soup made with the seed— and other vegetables— it being a substitute for meat.

I have no Revenue Stamps but will send them as soon as I can procure them.

by the influence of Immigrants - Give the Negroes votes - and no protectors - if permitted to vote, it would be to do so as their masters should permit - But it may be urged "they have no masters now." yet I am well satisfied they are now as much, aye more in their power now, and will continue to be so, until there is a foreign element introduced either from the North or Europe. Our State keeps its celebrity as the Champion of Conservatism - and has pardoned all her rebel soldiers, and all thieving gangs whose politics (if they have any) entitled them to the title of Guerrillas; and Union Home Guards are indicted by Grand juries for the Penitentiary offense of dis-arming rebel sympathizers and guerrillas at home. Loyal Kentucky! How she rejoices at the President's veto of the Freedman's Bureau Bill - I believe that Andy means right - but see no alternative but extermination of the weaker race, if some kind of a Bureau does not care for them - and however repugnant to our sense of justice a plan of colonization of the blacks on a Reservation, after the Indian manner offers the only chance of safety - once determined on, and persisted in gradually, but rapidly, their condition would improve immediately.

Even now negro troops in small bodies can not protect themselves in Georgia and still less so in the states more heartily rebel. Then as to voting we have too many now allowed to vote, if a man knows nothing or nearly so of the Government and of Political Science I hold him unfit for the elective franchise - and although the distinction of color is a senseless one - I would rather restrict than extend the Suffrage - The Blacks are loyal enough - but are (would be) easily duped by Demagogues after the manner of the Poor Whites South. The majority of voters are Adult White Males who work for their living - yet capital rules them more tightly here and in all other States than if in any of the European Despotisms excepting perhaps Russia and the States of the Ch. I work for a man - say dig him one thousand bushels of coal, the coal is stored away - my pay is due, I cannot get it - I get an attachment upon it (the coal). The owner of the land gets an attachment for rent, and he can take the coal I dug,

and all that the lessee possesses, not upon his back besides, while if he had disposed of the coal, and as laborer was seeing for pay - He would be allowed the Homestead be worth \$ —

We had Dan^L Jas Hemmings over here - he appears well satisfied - politics improved by the purer atmosphere of Hoosierdom yet wants to take a look in Illinois about November next - and we plotted a trip together across the State line anyhow if possible then.

Log rolling has set in in good earnest and we are in for it, for three months yet - I guess by the extensive openings made all around here.

I will enclose notes for the land and a bond that will do very well if the amount is sufficient - and the time not too long. I will beg of you not to apologize in future for mentioning the operation of your Sunday School - for although we have none - there was a strong effort made for one by our Pastor Bro. Rob^t. Bruner - he could not vote being then acting Moderator - so he got motions put and seconded by some one - but besides the mover and seconder I believe I was the only affirmative voter - none however in the negative at a pretty fair meeting of the Church for business.

We can not well raise one but I will try if an Independent S. School can not be organized this Summer nearer home.

We have just closed a five months School in our District Kate alone attended and that not much more than half the time for want of shoes fit partly and partly from the severity of the weather - I had subscribed \$20 to it, intending part of the boys to go - but they could not get off well.

Miss S. Miller proposes teaching another five months school to begin on Monday next if the subscription will justify - and I hope it will for I want to send Kate & S. Bell every day, and see if they wont beave a little more sense than the older two. with their witch craft &c.

Wm F. will be reduced to a fraction likely before I write again - now he counts one - but with a better half, what?

The paper is in the form of an Agreement - instead of the usual one and will do as well I suppose - I had no other form by me.

We are transferred to the new town in District - Pellville - and two Magistrates more are allowed the County in consequence of its districting.

More correct information by my next. - weather fine for work, and all would be well if we could get our tobacco off - but it will not come in order for sale until warm moist weather - while he, like circumstances, calls for money. Our price, is about the lowest sold yet, tobacco having fallen - although we have a better article by a great deal than many who got that price, viz. \$5. & \$10. pr. cwt.

Our Revenue Laws operate very heavily against us - we pay a tax of \$35 pr. cwt. on tobacco worth exclusive of the tax \$5 - while Connecticut and Illinois raisers who raise an article worth \$50. pr. cwt. pay just the same - So our coarser tobacco can not compete with theirs paying so much higher per centage tax.

The trick of selling a few articles low some even below cost, is a common one, where there is competition, - and the Co-operative Store may survive, and I hope will, but the idea of ten per cent - and dividends also, will have to be modified, to keep things as low as they ought to be.

Coffee sells here at 3 lb. for a \$1.00 Sugar at 18¢ to 25¢ pr lb. - If the Miner's would all patronize the Store it would be bound to go on - ~~for~~ ^{and} they would make more than the 10 p. cts. but if they would be content with six p. ct. and keep things cheaper there would undoubtedly some outside trade set in.

Would like to have heard the Temperance Address, and here I might say Pat. Thornton & Mike Steven are members of the Womcock Division (No. 12) Sons of Temperance, lately resurrected, and thriving, and on the other hand Bro. Peter Bruner has established a Distillery! three or four more go up near by. Uncle Pete is a gray headed Baptist, and as Spirituality is a stranger to that neighbourhood - He will provide Spirit for them that are weak (enough to part with their greenbacks.)

I have a bad cold - and feel like bed, so Good Night.

I have just heard a Union Man! who imagines that the negroes are to be re-enslaved, recommend selling them South at Auction to pay the National Debt! fine voters these, there are plenty of them too, and what each one of them imagines to be our Constitution, would be a great and curious commentary upon our suffrage, as it is, or under Sumner's Manhood Suffrage either. More anon - Yours ever

Robert Kim
Box 74.

Blackford - Hancock - Ky.

April 6th 1866 A.D.

Dear Sister: - Yours of the 24th Mar. reached me last Saturday - and to-night is the first time the peculiarly busy season's labors will allow me to write -

We have had a wedding in the family as I hinted some time ago - Wm. F. & Nancy Stevens -

Jesse has had three to marry within six months, Bet to Jim Thornton - John Allan - to Mary Lindsay - and Nan - so harassed by the expenses - he took a wise plan with Nan - he had about 20 acres of new ground - and gave invitations to a wedding and log rolling, and had them rolled in one day!

Not to be behind hand - we called for a log rolling and unfair dinner - but the weather being wet before dinner we had to make two days of it, having the same fortune the second time but got done nicely before sundown.

Our tobacco weighed 5393 lbs. and brought \$404.40 cts. - Sorry to hear of Uncle Robert's injury - lucky to save his life with a pick on his shoulder.

I must pass his misfortunes in the Fund line - & the Building Society project - to notice the Self Acting Compressed Air Engine - being so very shallow in modern Philosophy - I would be doubly glad to hear of his success - for it would throw down all systems of Philosophy and I could then start even with the best; and he would make a fortune.

Aunt Mary must be nimble yet to be carrying the mail - How old is she? - - - Uncle George seems to have some body's good-will - may he always be so fortunate.

I enclose three revenue Stamps (5ct.) one for each note - Bessie had better try and do without sewing until her eyes are better - entirely well.

I wish Father could get at something lighter than mining, if not quite so remunerative.

President Johnson has shown his breeding at last - the Republican Party if it should survive the onset he has made on its vitals, will I guess, be afraid to go to Dixie for candidates. His veto of the Bureau Bill did not astonish me, but the vetoing the Civil Rights Bill was a complete clearing out of all the Republicanism he ever had.

Senianism finds favor and soldiers too I believe in Ky. Cath. & Bell are going to school since the middle of March - to last five months if they keep well.

Amelia has been unwell - cause cold - but is better again - We have just finished sowing oats to-day, and I have been ditching in water and you will have to let me off - as I am desperately tired.

Our Legislature has done two good turns - bad as it is - nearly outbalancing the disgraceful legislation of the past winter - Change the Road Laws, making a Superintendent of Roads in each County adopting the Law by popular vote - he is authorized to buy tools suitable and hire men - and the people to be taxed \$2.00 pr. capita, and 5ct on the \$100.

We need good roads - every farmer could get it by paying \$5. to \$10. extra to have them - by the old system we have none - one half of the team used in hauling would be saved - for example - We paid \$24.⁰⁰ for hauling our tobacco - but a fraction of the hauling we would do with good roads - \$12 of this would be saved - and our corn and potatoes could be got to market without a loss of 50 pr. cent as at present - consequently we could sell and would therefore make more of them.

Lieut Straightback is well - canals are open in Penn. work half time - prospect good - has been in N. Jersey. nothing to do there. can't get his \$42.⁰⁰ from Maj. Paul.

But I forgot the N.Y. Legislatures 2nd good turn - to add a \$1000 homestead to the property exempt from seizure. to which brings credit down to reasonable limits.

But I must retire -

Good Night

Your Affectionate Brother
Robert Winn

Hancock Co. Ky. April 26th 1866.

Dear Sister:- Your birthday letter reached me yesterday, and I can feel for the poor Ague-ites peculiarly just now, as I am just recovering from a short-but a very severe spell of Ague. My old remedies all proved of no avail - so we, (Amelia & myself) had to break the periodicity with Quinine - and I am now taking a preparation containing no Quinine warranted to break and work a perfect cure, 'Alford's Remedy' put up in Louisville.

If you recollect I told you that Bro. McGee said 'he was well acquainted with And^r Johnson, and he was sorry he was nominated, for he was a bad man.' that was previous to the Election, and he was an ultra-republican: at the present time we have an opportunity of learning that mere political soundness in a rotten character is not all that is wanted in an officer.

I would hope on in troubles like yours - in the words of a song you once fancied 'Never give up! it is wiser and better, ~~Always~~ to hope than once to despair;' but - despair is a word not for christians. see a song beginning "Though troubles assail, and dangers afright -" another well known one comes to my mind, beginning "How firm a foundation"

the 5th ver. in our Ed. "When through fiery trials thy path way shall lie,
thy grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dropp to consume, thy gold to refine.

These will suggest the authority
better Bible Scholar than one.
But I will proceed and if I have room

2 for the ideas to you

3 for your are a much

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and time

wind up by copying 'Hope, hope, sweet, sweet hope.'

I am glad you have the use of a good S. School library - we have no S. school here yet but I am agitating the question after Dr Franklin's plan i.e. getting others at it.

I must thank you for the scraps sent - 'Blunder in Mexico' a bad job, but calculated to draw the chivabry there. Brownlow's speech is characteristic of the political parson - although right side up now I expect no good of such a man. The School Scenery in Virginia shows the nature of Va.'s reconstruction under the Johnsonian plan. The sheep shearing machine exhibited at the N.Y. Agricultural Society's meeting interests me much, noticed on the back of one of the scraps, part cut away. You hit it aright when you understood me to say "that the Fenians would find both favor and soldiers in Ky." I suppose I must have used very dubious grammar, or you would have understood it better. I take no paper - so your notice of Pres.^t Johnson's order forbidding a celebration of a Union Victory in Richmond was new to me - a last step down into the mire of modern demo(n)cracy, nothing he can do now would astonish me.

I seldom see Sus. but if I should I will name it - but I expect of no use - for I have tried six months to get him to pay Lt. Strait back the forty two dollars borrowed money.

I was very glad to hear the U.M. Co. had at last declared a dividend. It is getting late, and I have to go to town to morrow, so I must bid you Good Night, and write the Song before breakfast. - I have no Revenue laws and don't care about the stamps yet - Your Affectionate

Brother

Robert Winn.

- 1 A lone in the world though a pilgrim I roam,
Far off from my Saviour, and far off from home;
Tho' toss'd on ~~the~~ billows of Time's turbid sea,
Hope anchors me fast, O! my Saviour, to thee
Hope, hope, sweet, sweet hope!
There's nothing like hope, sorrow soothing, sweet hope.
- 2 When night spreads its mantle and darkens the sky
Faith bids me be cheerful, for Jesus is nigh;
Hope still gives me comfort, amid the sad gloom
And whispers, Thy Saviour will smile on the soon. *rept. chor.*
- 3 When friends all forsake me, and fortune me fail,
Hope points to possessions beyond this sad vale;
I gaze on those mansions and long to be there,
Nor murmur nor sigh for my comforts lost here. *Rept. chor.*
4. Should death snatch my friends from my arms to the grave,
Hope bids me be cheerful, for Jesus can save;
And though now an exile I wander below,
In glory I'll meet them when Christ bids me go. *Rept. Chorus,*
5. Hope brightens the glory of monarchs below,
And cheers the sad prisoner in dungeons of woe;
No mortal so happy that needs not its aid,
Since all things are dying on earth that are made. *Rept Chorus*

6. Should hope wing its way from the earth to the skies
Despondency fell, and grim terror would rise,
And sweep from the earth all the pleasures we feel,
And fill every soul with the sorrows of hell. *Refr chorus:*

7. Hope lights up the valley and shadow of death,
And sweetens the grave, with the Saviour's dear breath;
It gilds the dark scene with the glories above,
And comforts the dying with heavenly love.

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(W.C. Buck.)

[20 May 1866]

Mr. Simpson's Hawesville Ky. May XXth MDCCCLXVI

Dear Sister Spring labors on a farm allow but little time for going to Post Office - so I have just got your letter - and hurry to reply.

We are over with the chills - Alford's XXX Remedy works like a charm - Sorry to hear that you are all 'chilly', more or less.

Wahoo Root - alias Indian Arrow Wood - made into tea breaks and cures the chills, Allan Hyde was cured this Spring by it - and he had them bad.

Rest is essential to a cure, whatever is used. I send you some Millet Seed - as Father said he wanted to see how it grew - it is raised in gardens in Germany - and used for soup. growing much larger (seed) when cultivated.

I have but little hopes of a S. S. this year - but will try and get the utility and necessity of one, understood well enough to raise the 'funds', teachers, is however the greatest difficulty - Sunday being devoted to ~~praying~~ and receiving visits - and the lively singing an unattainable matter in these woods.

We are not done planting corn yet - and have 10 acres of new ground to ^{plow and} plant yet. What Wheat is left yet looks well[^] but very thin - Oats very poor.

if you can't read this - send it to London

I would rather hear of Father's coming here - than his going to the Diamond, but that might be better than Du Quoin.

His buying shares - land or what not, to harass himself with debt, to keep him at work when unfit - and to deny comforts and conveniences, I consider very foolish. - So I think of your going to Nebraska - better chances of comfort lie nearer home - Illinois is second to no State for farming purposes - pays higher wages than the far west can - is safer - in many sections healthy as any part of Columbia.

I am writing with Joe's pen, and it is not extra fine - though I have ~~taken~~ my gold pen with me - some body having spoiled it.

I had to come in with Jesse Stephen's ox wagon - as the horses are all at work except one sick with distemper.

So I will have to go back with him - therefore I will have to go to business and beg to be excused from further writing and notice if possible your interesting letter another time.

Yours as Ever
Bob

Simpson's - Hawesville, Ky.
June 26th 1866

Dear Sister,

Your welcome letter of the 9th has been necessarily neglected - for reasons you understand.

I am at chill to-day - so - while waiting I can let you know how things are going.

We are all rid of the chills, (through Allford's Remedy) but Amelia for four weeks past has suffered from Bronchitis - (at intervals)

Marion is working with John Allen Stephens (who is farming with Mrs. Lindsay)

Two of our horses have had the distemper one has died and I am afraid the other horse will catch it.

We have had a desperate storm and the roof was torn off the tobacco barn.

I am hauling hogsheds - to Pellville and Hawesville at 2.50 per load, and generally make two loads per day.

The weather is desperately hot and I fear another storm so I must hurry.

Your letter contains so much that I should notice that I can't do for want of time, or

Hoping you are all rid of!

The Western Shaker I am

Your Affectionate Brother
Robert.

Home - Sabbath Day
July 29th 1866

Dear Sister:-

Your very welcome letter of the 4th has been here some ten days, but I have had no chance to answer. We have had a good deal of rain, and harvesting wheat, oats, and hay has been troublesome and all (except about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the wheat) are in the field yet. I ^{got} overheated, and consequently not fit for writing last Sabbath.

Sorry to hear of the chills hanging on with you so long. It seems to me you ought to be able to prevent chills with the medicine that breaks them, taken at short intervals.

I hope that Father will keep that place, and if he does he could easily master the mysteries of the Italian method.

Sorry to hear of Aunt Martha's loss - I recollect M. Ann. very well - but I thought there was more of them.

Uncle Foster I recollect only as a dream dreamt that long ago. Uncle Robert's diagram of his eccentric engine. I send back - hoping it may be better than he thinks - and that he will have it patented in Eng. & U. S. It looks plain enough - and all that I failed to understand was where the power was to come from - that is - what will overcome the inertia of the matter to be put in motion - and atmospheric pressure - gravitation &c. Speaking of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Simpson asked me at breakfast yesterday if I had his address - as John had told him to get his letters - and Jos^{ph} has taken two unpaid

Scotch letters which he still keeps; I believe I will forward them next time I go to town.

I am glad to hear of their being so well satisfied and healthy. I don't understand - how his land could be suitable for sale as timber lots to settlers, and he talking of enclosing eighty acres with a hedge, ^{as I don't know that a hedge can be raised in the woods.} And upon a woods farm the price of breaking prairie is not of much consequence -

Give him my respects - and tell him I will call and see the Paumotu on my first trip to the Rocky Mountains.

Marion McDonald Nugent has the Pleurisy with indications of Pneumonia. Jesse Merritt Nugent is with Mike Stephens - and has had the chills.

We are all well at home - corn looks promising but being over-cropped - we have lost (by weeds) three acres of sugar cane, and $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre of potatoes.

The rain too has prevented the clearing of tobacco and we have had to abandon some - our estimates being based upon three hands more - the two big boys and myself. I have about two months' hauling yet - I ought not to have taken it - but I wanted to make something - and could see no light ahead in the tobacco business.

Sunday evening Aug. 5th. I have been unable to finish through the week - as the wheat, oats, and hay were to stack - the latter not being all put up yet; and to-day Mr H. Hemmings and family were here. Marion is well of the pleurisy - and has mowed two days looking better - Jesse is rid of the chills.

I believe that I will not have much more hauling before fall. I had called a meeting of the Dist. at the S. house to consult about a Sunday School - but a Rain Storm prevented it - consequently I have written to the agent of the American Sunday School Union in Louisville for information - but had no other way of finding his address than by a publication of the Union's ten years old.

The health of the country is reckoned frustrate for the time of year. Read the 'new version' of "A man's a man for a' that" by Charles Mackay in the Times for Aug. 2.

To-morrow is our election day - A clerk of the Court of Appeals is to be elected - Duval whom Gen. Burbridge refused to allow to be voted for during the war, is the Democratic or Rebel Candidate. Gen. Hobson is the Union candidate.

A new road law passed to be adopted or rejected by counties - will I hope get the sanction of a majority ⁱⁿ of our county. County officers - will be filled by the rebels likely - Major Badger for County Clerk, opposed by Eldred Pate - Wm P. Baker C. Judge - opp^d by Dr Holmes. Tom Estes of the guerrillas will be Sheriff.

I vote as. Pellsville needs a new precinct - having been organized. - Has the Bill for the Equalization of Bounties passed and been approved? I could not learn from the Times Congress reports. What are its provisions?

You will perceive that I am rather too nervous to write legibly to-day -

All well at home - can't fill my sheet profitably
so I may as well bid you good night.
Your Affectionate Brother Rob Wynn

P. S. A good Work on Book Keeping
would be useful to father -

At home - Aug. 28th 1866.

Dear Sister: I was agreeably surprised on calling at the Post-Office yesterday for my paper - to find a letter in your well known handwriting.

Before I notice the contents, let me explain the delay in answering your last - I wrote immediately (or as near so as circumstances ~~would~~ ^{would} admit) as you will see by ~~the~~ ^{my} last letter & but could not get it off - and when you consider we have no horses to ride - no time to walk - and seven miles of hills between the P.O. and us, you will know why, nothing of note happening before I could, I did not open the letter to add any P.S. to it.

Our health has been pretty fair - Amelia and me had symptoms of Ague returning - and I procured more of Alford's Remedy - and we are all right again. I will remark, that it is not recommended by the proprietor for any thing but Agues - but we find it good for a general tonic in debility from whatever cause - therefore I ~~enclose~~ ^{send} you his address, if you would like to try it you can club together and send for about a dozen of it. "Benj. F. Alford, Apothecary - Louisville Ky." It is after 10 a.m. and I have to go after a load of hog's heads to take to Hawesville. yet - so I must be brief.

Sorry to hear of Mother's being so very bad - and hope Dr. Riley will restore her to health shortly.

I was sorry for Johnnie - and hope he will be able to get out of that - and run about as he appears that way inclined -

I can't help thinking that Matt. would be very soon well if he had two or three bottles of my 'Remedy'

Some one has said that 'the chief end of man, was to suffer' if so, it appears that Egypt is the Paradise -

The health of Hancock is tolerably good, but a few cases of Flux has terminated fatally on the River. Dr. Scott died as you will see by the enclosed obituary enclosed.

The Rebs elected their full ticket in Hancock by over two-thirds majority so we have a guerrilla for a Sheriff, who violated his parole - and has not taken the "Iron-clad-oath."

The road law got 64 majority of votes - but W. P. D. Bush decides that is null because it had not a majority of the voters in the county.

We had a mare to stiffen up getting gradually stiffer - and dying on Monday, leaving us with one horse - and her not much.

I had an answer from the A. S. S. Union - with their catalogue - but have not been able to call a meeting yet.

The dinner horn has just sounded - so I interpret that as a call to "Boots & saddles" Matt knows what that is -

The drouth has affected our Corn and Tobacco badly this month - as the Rain did in July.

Mr. George Shevels, Sen. has cured himself of Ague by Baker's Pain Panacea, he says Quinine, Arsenic, and all the various tonics and regular prescriptions have always failed on him but this last.

I must not omit to thank Father for the Tribune - as I take no paper, but the rebel sheet published at Hawesville - which I mean to stop - and take the ^(Cinc) Times when I get able -

I learned that the Bounty act had passed from it (The Trib.) but I see it is not an Equalization Act - as men who never saw their regiments - receive at least one hundred dollars more than the '61 vol.

My little red book with the D. papers in I found inside one of my large books -

What is Matt doing in relation to Bounty? Is it best to employ an Agent - paying 5 per cent?

Hoping you are all well again

I am your

Affectionate Brother
Robt Winn

P. S.

Do you take the Times?

I have a few stamps yet

you need not send

any more at present

Home. - Hancock Co. Ky. Sept. 25th 1866.

Dear Sister.

Yours of the 9th was ready for me on passing P.O. to the Mill. and I was sorry that it did not for once report all well. I am glad however that you have adopted "Prevention rather than Cure" for the malarious diseases of swampy Egypt.

We have all managed to keep rid of Agues by that plan, and with a supply of "Compound Cathartic Pills" and "Alford's Remedy" or other good tonic would have no fears of keeping healthy even in the "Dismal Swamp".

We are having rain - keeping tobacco green that is so, preventing cutting what is ripe - and making it light (in weight) and dark (in color) if we do not fire high - which after last year's experience, we don't like.

The mare that died - left a colt - 3 or 4 mos. old - it died apparently of the same disease - in spite of all attention, I resolved to solve the question as to the cause of death - upon dissection its whole windpipe, stomach - and two thirds of the intestines were filled - as full as they could be without bursting with worms - common, round, sharp pointed worms - causing death by suffocation, but the constitutional irritation had brought on a high fever, with inflammation of the bowels & Kidneys.

Our only remaining horse is not in good health yet - the catarrhal fever (Distemper) has become chronic - and he is poor in spite of good pasture and feed -

I understand your extracts from Dr. Taylor's letters now -

What about politics in Egypt? Any election of importance there?

I did not know before that he had entered under the Home-Test Act - as I thought he could not - but I remember the Graduation Act, and the evasions of it - so if there must be such - why 160 acres would be better bestowed upon John than ^{on the} majority of the destroyers known as Pioneers. I have not sent the letters yet - and await instructions. Mr. Simpson has redeemed them you know.

You never explained the action of the Co. on the clerkship. I have not seen Francis since Sunday when himself and wife were hanging tobacco for Mr. Stephens - he has had a spell of the chills but I gave him medicine and broke them, and he keeps well. Van and him get along very well I believe - he had a good start - and is a keen trader. Last Sunday we had agreed to open a Sunday School with what Books were in our possession - and get suitable ones when able - but the tobacco kept away some, chills some - and the greater number were detained by the force of habit, so three men, and five or six children were all that came - so tomorrow morning we try and organize - a ^{week} day school, and Sunday School - hoping by having both subjects to dispose of we may have a full attendance.

I will hold on to my discharge yet - I want to see some of the money first - as the Agents so-called say they expect it every day. I must thank Father for the Trib. as I take no paper now - So the Rev. H. W. Beecher has fallen 'from grace' I am sorry for that - but he is doubtless honest in his belief that 'the restoration of the South to amicable relations with the North will all redound to the

freedman's benefit " The "New Fuel" if it be as represented will be hard on the miners - but if it could even drive coal out of use - so much the better - as it is dangerous, toilsome, unhealthy work often if not always + I have set a grate - to day - however - to burn coal this winter - so whenever any of you can make it convenient to come up here - you can have the choice of fires - a 20 inch coal grate - or a four feet wood pile

I would certainly like to come down there - when the frosts have neutralized the miasms of the low country, but I have given up all hopes of coming this season, don't hope another year to be able to start on a ^{good} horse with money enough to carry me through - And I would urge that all of you should come soon - and regain health by the trip through change of air, diet, &c. were I not cognizant of your financial circumstances, and unable to relieve them + I will sell that piece of land - I believe for I must buy two horses at least to crop with - and I can't do that and pay the land note too - and don't want to go further in debt. Uncle Robert's letter was read with interest - but I can't see into the self-acting compressed - engine. it does seem to be like keeping the cake and eating it - Natural Philosophy teaches the idea of Perpetual motion - but none have ever taught that it was practicable - the movements of the Planets are an instance of perpetual motion - and a cannon ball fired at a ^{certain} ~~fixed~~ elevation - with a certain force (13 times) greater than ever applied to projectiles would become a satellite - would be another, but it is thought unattainable nevertheless uncle may unravel the great problem - or at least may adapt ^{his improvements in motion &c to} some real power, be it steam or what not. I would be sorry to think that he should not get some advantage for his

studies - and hope he will try and make use of his improvements as far as they are adapted to steam engines - even if he still prosecutes his search for a self acting principle. Give him my respects and good wishes for success in his mechanical efforts.

I have offered the 'Boys' - (John & Jim now at home, and Jesse now at Mr. Stephens') \$12.50 per month for 12 mos. but none have accepted - and one has rejected the offer (the youngest) although the two elder brothers are getting only that much for 1/4 of the busy months on the farm.

Our wheat is yet in the stack and the rain is injuring it very bad - it is worth \$2.50 pr. bus. flour 7 cts. pr. lb.

I have put up a new book case - having a 4 panel door - 6 ft. 10 in. long - and 2.10 in wide - I made my case to suit - 10 in. deep - with 6 shelves - putting on a common door lock with spring bolt. and painting blue -

Nan Nugent seeing it, wished a cupboard like it but not so high. ^{and} proposed that I should make one - I told Amelia I could make and paint one for \$4.00 she tells Nan that, thinking I would furnish plank, and do it for that - I could not however without working for nothing - so I made one to suit myself - told them that for \$5.00 they could have it - and they took it - it was 5 ft high 3. ft 5 in. wide - 10 in. deep - 4 shelves two doors - with strip between - and painted with three coats of Prussian Blue Paint - Lumber is \$2.50 pr. 100 ft. nails 10c. pr. lb. - I don't think I broke any promise - or was at all exorbitant - as I took a good deal of pains, and finished it off well tongue and grooving the back - Hoping to hear soon of your health being good from the youngest to the oldest and of business thriving - I am
Your Affectionate
Brother
Robert

at home. Hancock Co. Ky. Oct. 21st 1866.

Dear Sister: I was a greatly surprised by two letters and two tribunes in the Box last Monday but sorry that they did not bring better news. Nevertheless whenever you have any thing to write - and time to write it - you can do me no greater favor than in doing so.

I thank you for the account of the meetings &c. as you know we have nothing of that kind here.

We are all well - phisically - finances bad enough though - but still have Red Stamps - so I will say that when I use my last and can see no way of getting more, I will not scruple to say so.

The Sunday School in our Dist. has become a fixed fact - (but a very small fact) We have had School three Sundays in succession - three dollars are all the Supt.^r reports in the treasury and no Library - nor Reading Books - Testaments - Question Books - Hymn Books. Tickets, cards &c. it is almost impossible to raise money - many have the will, but few the way to raise it, in spite of the old adage "where there's a will, there's a way." A sort of programme of the routine of your S.S. would be interesting.

Spurious of chills - I read in the Tribune. An Indian Cure - I believe harmless - 4. or 5 roots of plantain - pound fine while green - put in a

cover well with water - give only when shaking. - I have heard plantain recommended as an antidote to poisonous bites &c perhaps it is an antidote to malarial - but if so - it seems that it would be better to use it more frequently - and as a preventive.

As to the Boys who have left - they left with consent - and the others can earn the wages offered - for each three thousand pounds of tobacco - at say 5c - would be \$300.00 worth which they could raise in addition to Corn Hay &c enough to pay Board & Expenses.

But Pork will pay better still - say 40 acres of corn at 30 Bus. pr. A. would be 1200 Bus. at 5 lbs. to a Bus. would be eq. to 6000 lbs. at 10c. pr lb. there is \$600.00

By grinding and cooking 10 lbs. to the Bushel can be obtained however - saving one half for feeding Horses Cattle & Sheep. The labor of the girls and myself are here left out besides the difference between the actual cost of lean hogs pr lb. and fat pork. (But a word here - have you any thing to say about the Boys &c. put it on a slip and not in the Body of the letter.)

John will stay I believe for a liberal tobacco patch - Jim will stay to attend School this winter - and perhaps longer.

Marion McDonald has bought a horse (ring boned) of John A. S. for \$150.00 - A Brass Watch for \$12.00 from David Hale, and hired a man next year to J. A. Stephens, his wages will be for a horse

and leave me 20 dollars to clothe with (counting lost to
but omitting Dr. Bills) in about 18 mos. He is of age.

Sorry that the Cholera had made its appearance
but think the danger must be nearly over for the
season - as frost will soon come and neutralize
the evil influences whatever they may be.

I have sown about an acre of wheat 'well
put in' and may more - our wheat turned
out about 35 bushels. thrashed on a machine near
harvest time it would have been 60 or 70 - But 8 men
and 6 horses are hard to get at that time. A small
one horse machine requiring 3 hands and 1 horse is
a necessity with our small crops - but the firms
in Louisville Ky. ask 200 dollars for one.

A negro and two white men had two fights
last night at the Dance at Mr Jas. Thornton's - result
White No. 1 ^{was} whipped - and the negro by No. 2. so you
see we are progressing toward negro equality.
Fair play prevailed during both fights.

Tobacco looks well - we have all house room
filled - and of a good color &c.

Prices are not yet settled upon with any
certainty but I expect low ones.

I have my Discharge yet, but some
have got their money I believe here - whether
to apply for Back pay & Extra duty pay as well
as Bounty I don't know yet, although if I
could get it they would exceed the extra Bounty.

I have wrote in a hurry as you
will see - and as I want to go out on
S. S. buisiness - and try perhaps and organize
an Independent School in Sunday Evening
you will excuse me for not filling my
Sheet - Potatoes are no sale in
Hawesville Common or Sweet - will not
pay for hauling.

Yours Truly
Robt Win

Mrs Martha W Cook
Dr Lenoir

Hancock Co. Ky. Nov. 10th 1866

Dear Sister

Yours of the 27th came by Mr. Michel on the 8th finding all well except Amelia with a cold caught by weaving. Sorry to hear that Mother is still troubled by that sickness - I would rather think from its long continuance it was a case of chronic inflammation of the stomach - and very likely the Ague Medicines would aggravate it, as they are mostly Stimulant-Tonics. I had thought that the frosts would have neutralized whatever it is that causes the peculiar kind of Congestive Chills you describe. By the way I don't know but it was wise enough to adopt that term instead of Asiatic Cholera, fear being a strong pre-disposing cause. I was glad to hear of Mother having help. as with flux or a disposition that way fatigue must be avoided.

Johnnie appears to be in a bad way - perhaps I might tell what an old lady says (Mrs Purcell) will cure any sore eyes - "take Barney Clabber and bond them on the eyes." which is loppered milk I suppose.

I was glad to hear of Matthew being rid of the Shaking part of Egyptian life at least for a season.

W.F. & me have sent our Discharges and Applications for Bounty in - through Jas. E. Stone Att. Gen. Law. W.F. for \$100. and me for \$50. after an examination of the law - I found I could claim no more - as it says all who have served over two years and discharged for other causes than the expiration of enlistment - or wounds, shall be entitled to a Bounty of \$50.00. My discharge was by reason of Gen Order, War Dept. A.G.O. - So you see Mr. Boyle's actions follow me

I will try to get back Pay & Extra Duty Pay - if I get the 30 \$ Bounty - That will cost something however in getting affidavits to all the facts - which do not appear on the Muster Rolls.

I was glad to hear from Nebraska again, but sorry that the Grasshoppers - (true locusts) were so bad - and nesting looks like they had settled as well as more useful immigrants in Nebraska. John's farming beats ours - 20 tons of hay - against our 8 or 9. 170 bus. wheat against our 35. 60 gals molasses - none 50 or 60 Bus. Potatoes - us 10 or 15 Irish & Sweet. We will have about 3 or 400 Bus. Corn and all-together some 5 or 6000 lbs. of tobacco (estimated) and I have worked out for about \$65. on \$70. They have Sunday Schools you say - well I recollect very well the Nebraska Bill - organizing the Territories of Kansas & Nebraska - opening the North West to Slavery - - but Kentucky has had it a century - and out of Town Sunday Schools or other Schools will not thrive well - Blackford & and Bethlehem have both had Union S. Schools. but have died out - Our School is not very promising - although last Sunday we had more Scholars than ever before - 12 - and the Supt. and me made 14 - The funds come in slow - There has been but 4 subscribers - including Geo. & Mother - Mike Stephens and me - are the other two. I have thought - that my being connected with it was against the success of it - for I am a double foreigner to some - an Englishman and a Yankee. but I shall not leave the Supt. alone, but if he can induce some one else to take hold, I will resign and attend as a Scholar and Super numerary teacher. I think I will get the Supt. to send for papers and not expect a library before Spring. Is your School a Union School, or a Sectarian one? What is the routine

of it? Talking about Hymn Books Music Books &c - brings to my mind a peculiarity of our School - which if your ideas are correct - would make it a failure - we have no singing. The Supt. ^{can} ~~could~~ not sing - and Kentucky S & music don't suit me. D Miller the other teacher is not punctual - and don't sing, so we will hardly need Golden Chains - unless we had a music teacher.

Blackford Church is holding a Protracted meeting - but I have never been there - Sunday - the school interferes - week days the work - and nights darkness in the Swamps.

I have finished for the season the room we live in - giving one coat of lime mortar - with tow instead of hair, it is rather rough yet as I want to give it another coat. After trying this plan it seems to me if I was made of lumber ~~yet~~ I would never ceil a house Kentucky fashion. I lathed and plastered the stove room - ceiling it over head with boards - so we will be rather more comfortable this winter.

I have to thank you for a Tribune again with a sketch of Gen. B. F. Butler's Civ. Speech - on the Impeachment of President Johnson - I agree with him entirely - he ought to be impeached - but will it bring war? or if he is not impeached will two rival Presidents in 1869 bring war? I hope not - either way - Would the Army and Navy obey Johnson if he is impeached? I think not! A war however over two rival Presidents - would be a war of neighborhoods - in the border ^(middle & western) States - than which nothing would be worse.

Our County Paper is making itself ridiculous just now - although the Judge is a very moderate Johnsonist - by preaching of the minority Government that the fall elections have made the destiny of the country for the next two years.

If we have a minority Government - what sort of a Government is a majority one? Then he tells a tale - copied from some dirty rebel sheet of a letter said to have been found in the streets of Columbia S. C. from a Lt. Thos. Myers, of a Mass. Regt to his wife - wherein he describes the system of plunder of Sherman's Army. Officers to share according to Rank - a gross libel any body not wilfully blind would see at once -

It is getting bed time so I will bid you Good Night. R. Winn

Monday night - 9 p.m. Amelia has caught more cold - and is very bad - with considerable fever - I have just finished making a selection of small books for our S. S. principally "Reward Books" and ten copies of "The Semi-monthly Child's World" I was told to make the selection by the Supt., and thinking that as we could not have "a Library - papers^{for all}" and rewards to the best scholars - would draw interest enough to the School to keep it alive until Spring when we can possibly raise ten or fifteen dollars in a district of twenty householders.

I sold my wagon to-day for \$65.00 having spent a good deal on it in the past year - I bought one for \$50.00 much stronger and with a bed to be made new - thus wiping off a score of \$15. I sold my harness at cost for \$11. more, as we have no horses or as good as none - I thought that to keep them useless when I could wipe out indebtedness wouldn't pay.

I have taken a kind of lease of J.W. Bruner to open a coal bank one mile from home, or less, he furnishes every thing but labor and as it was opened to the face of the coal partially four years ago - it will require but little work - I have it 5 yrs. giving him the privilege to dig his firecoal - Tomorrow I go to the "City" to mill - and I must sleep some so I will bid you all Good Night - Yours &c.

R. Winn

Mrs Martha W. Cook

Box No. 201. Du Quoin

Perry County

Illinois.



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our home, Hancock Co. Ky.

Dec. 19th 7 p.m. 1866

Dear Sister: Yours of the 2nd proved an exceedingly welcome surprise - notwithstanding your troubles - as we had but little hopes of hearing that you were all living.

We are having something like winter - nearly two weeks without a general thaw, and Saturday's snow lies yet, and my walk to the City and back was not an easy one, but better than riding. (Below, is written with Arnold's Writing Fluid, London.)

I have bought Marion's interest in the Nugent estate - he had given it to John A. Stevens - (who sold it to Michael) for his King Bred horse - valued at \$150. but half would be enough. Mike paid J.A. over \$200. and the expenses of transfer be - I have paid \$2.50 and expenses. 50 next March 100 e. of the succeeding March. I want the deed made as soon as possible as I want a division - taking my share inside Amelia's third, leaving one ~~as~~ much land to use, and only one third to pay Taxes on. The will leaves it all to Amelia - but a petition to the Circuit Court would soon upset that and give the heirs their boundaries at a cost of about \$75 - or \$100.

We are all well, - Amelia better than for a twelve month - I have a pain over my right eye (which you will recollect I had occasionally when in Egypt, but to-day in the middle of the day, it was as bad as the toothache - I take it that the snow was too bright.

Wm F. N. has bought an adjoining place of 50 acres for \$400 of Jack Tindoll who paid that and has cleared 10 acres of it. - what the old place lacks, a new

failing spring of good water. He has ¹²⁰⁰ ~~four~~ yea.

Tobacco merchants are offering a shade less for tobacco than they did before the war - with all contracts made under war prices but slightly modified - but as the city market reports are not bad a number of us will form clubs and ship to a Commission Merchant - providing we can raise money enough to buy a screw - costing I guess about \$30. I don't know what to do if we can't - as these Shawesville fellows will break up about every body that sells to them. Tho^s. Matthews Sen. sent one hoghead with 700 lbs. good and 300 lbs. seconds in and it netted him \$8.80 pr. cwt. here he could have got about 5 or 6 for the best and 2 to 4 for the seconds. But to your letter. Although but informally introduced to Miss Jane Cook, I would recommend her to 'b' when there is business about. We were sorry to see the loss of money by Father - and hope he may recover it.

Your do-nothing 'help' was better than Mother's, but you were not much benefitted it appears - but it is necessary to be careful. Mrs. Henry Starks died last Friday - ten days after her child was born - she was up and quite well looking on Tuesday. I don't know that unwarranted exposure caused her death - The Dr. says it was puerperal fever. She was a good neighbor and leaves four children - they are living in Father's old home.

Bogle's Breachery will fail if the new Bounty Law passes, giving bounty of \$8.33 pr. mo. that would entitle me to \$1.90 or more. So you will suppose that it finds favor with me - as it ought being just while ~~which~~ the law of last session was not. I sent my papers off in my own name, but an agent can collect now. First come, first served they say - so I hope Matt will send ~~me~~ ^{me} if he ^{it} passes. all

claims for the old bill, are good under the new. I would like to hear of Matt & Father having better places than the W. C. M. can furnish - Glad to hear that M. escaped with no more injury than he got - and hope ere he gets in as tight a place again he may have a 'place' with the firmament overhead and a productive soil underfoot.

You speak of our S. School. I cannot tell whether or not it lives - if so - it is a case of suspended animation - We have had no meetings since you heard from me last. I Urged the Supt to send on for Books & Papers, he deputed me to make the selection - I did so - wrote the letter - and he went to town, but having spent \$1.25 of the money he could not borrow enough to repay much less make a trifling addition to it - say I had collected off Geo. & Mother - M. Stephens & myself - in all \$4.00. I have borrowed books - but not had time to go after them, and can't tell whether he has or not - Some one fired our school house, or it burned accidentally a few days ago - School is now held in the house sold by Father to A. L. Rice - I will try and resuscitate the School - or if that is not practicable, the funds - which I guess will take until Spring to do either. I am sorry that it fares no better here - the reasons you know as well as I do. Thinking that I was obnoxious to some. I proposed to let an attempt be made to get a full corps of teachers, leaving me out. Give my thanks to Johnnie for the papers - although they haven't come yet - when they do - if I can raise the school again I will present them. hoping that something may turn up to get it
it in.

Perhaps I never told you that Mr Jesse Stephens Sen.
sold to Michael Stephens (his² interest in the farm &
tools, &c. (Michael owned half before) and Jas. Thornton
who you recollect married Bet. Stephens.

Patrick Thornton swapped his A. L. Rice old farm (still
holding the 33 acres Father sold A. L. R.) for a river
place below Lewisport - sold that and bought up the
creek here about 3 miles for \$17 per acre, and he
moves to-morrow - W. F. is just now in a snap for \$44. to pay
for a stove he got last Spring. I believe he wants me to
borrow the money - and I can't think of it.

Jas. L. N. will work with him next year - fencing
as soon as we finish gathering corn - Hee has outgrown
John and they had to be separated. Frank gives him
a third and board - no expenses - so he has a chance to
make more than Frank.

To-morrow night - the Polemical Society meets
and as I am a member - I must prepare by a good
night's sleep - or the subject - will suffer.

I will if possible send Father some of new music,
having the key, I understand the principle - that before
was like telegraph ciphers to the uninitiated.

It is bed time - and I will bid you Good Night
Your Affectionate Brother

At home, Hancock Co Ky. Feb. 26th 1867

Dear Sister: Your new year's greeting reached me about two weeks ago - cause - obstruction of navigation by ice in the Ohio - and I have not had an opportunity of answering sooner - but as I think I will go to the City to morrow I will write a few lines.

We have entered upon another year since I wrote last - may it be spent by all of us more pleasantly and profitably than the past. We have just concluded a series of meetings at Bethle-
-hem to day - and the church there received by Baptism to day 11 members - some two or three by relation - and five or six by restoration - It (the meeting) was a calm one no unnatural or simulated excitement - John Allan Stephens and Winny Chambers (now Mrs. Vaughn) are the only ones you will know that united with the Church. One woman joined who had been a Methodist (not however by ^{any} proselyting efforts of Elder Lampton, as he says but little stress upon baptism - and is Arminian in theology.)

I was sorry to hear Mother was worse again - and I am afraid that nothing but a change of climate will avail much - for I doubt if she has strength sufficient to become acclimated. We have had a severe winter though not so changeable, and therefore better borne than commonly is the case - the frosts and snows have given way to rain freshets and the roads are as impassable now by reason of mud as they have been through the ice; so I have hauled but little yet and that at a loss. I like to hear of, or from Uncle Robert, as I was better acquainted with him than any of the rest; You can tell him as well as you can how I am doing - and give him my best wishes &c. The news from Aunt Martha was bad - and the fall of Uncle Prior the worst part of it. You ask what Polemical means? I could refer to Webster and perhaps define it better, but it means debating - arguing &c. and our society is dead with the Winter. To resurrect the S. S. we would need a house as we have lost ours (S. house) by fire and money will be required to raise one - leaving none for Books I am afraid.

I was sorry to hear of the coup d'etat of Mr Cowan's but it is perhaps the natural result of his system of pure? morality. Father's losses are heavy and I am getting afraid of co-operation although in the case of some where they have had honest men acquainted with the forms of law and of good business capacity it has done wonders. Tell City is a Co-operative one - and appears to thrive well.

As to the causes for which a President might be impeached - Johnson has done enough that way, but could he be impeached and the government and country remain in peace? would it not inaugurate another war, a truly civil one? And is the danger of keeping him in office any greater than the danger of putting him out of office? I am afraid that the repudiation of the national debt - will become a popular idea if Congress don't stop this reducing the volume of the currency, and consequently reducing values of home productions, of labor in fact, and by taxes keeping up the price of manufactured goods. The fact is that no laboring farmer can clothe a family upon the proceeds of his labor - and if he can't have homespun he must do something else. Now I am apposed to repudiating ^{just} debts, but the action of the national banking system, the non taxing of U. S. bonds - the issuing of Gold interest bearing bonds in lieu of that best of all paper currency, green backs; will lead that way - and the Republican party weakened down sufficiently to allow enough states North to go Demonocratic to elect by counting the South a President - while the Northern party would recognize none but the man having a majority of loyal votes.

Here would be a cause for war - how can it be avoided? On the other hand if the enemy get control of all branches of the Government, they will undo as far as possible the work of the past five years. Our national credit once stained by repudiation and the assumption of the U.S. debt by the old seceders would place them in a better condition for service - their credit would be good - they would have a larger territory to work upon and the N. loyalists would be divided such & see is the scheme, and I am afraid it will be successful - Leading men of the South remonstrate against calling the U.S. cause a "lost cause."

Our tobacco will bring us nothing scarcely - the loss of the crop of '65 and the paying up Francis for '61 and for money sent from the army compelled us to buy on credit at ruinous rates to clothe the boys in part who left ^{the} previous to making this last crop - has gone hard with us - Our remaining horse has gone the way of all horse flesh - and we have now a new stock.

I received the deeds from Father and lodged them for record - and sold the place for \$400.00 on long time (6 yrs. as I had a four yr lease on it) getting a \$100 ^{ea} horse down - and trading one of the notes for a wagon at \$75 ^{ea} but what poses me is how to meet Father's \$100 - and Mike Steven's \$50 notes of mine.

I will have to get the title to the Nugent estate cleared up or I can't get a division well - and if I have'nt told you before I will now tell you that the Will leaves all to Amelia for life - and it further directs the whole to be sold at her death on

one, two, and three years credit - the money to be divided equally among the children - if all are of age - if not those that are of age to have their share, and the others as they become of age - saying nothing of the disposition to be made of the money of the infants in the event of there being any.

Amelia calls and I must close - so

I will bid you Good night.

Your Affectionate Brother
Robert Winsor

I received a notice from the Paymaster General that my claim had been received for Extra Bounty, but would necessarily require some time to get through the A.S.C. and I am afraid the bank will break before I can get my share of the plunder.

Hancock Co. Ky.

At home Sunday June 2nd 1867

Dear Sister: Yours of the 12th May reached me per Jesse Kugent not having been in Hawesville since the 27th of April - I was left without the chance of saying it was long looked for - We have been so busy at preparing for, and putting in a crop, and handling and hauling tobacco I could not get time for anything else.

(We were sorry to hear Mother was still subject to chills, and at George getting hurt -

We are all well - have sold the tobacco, rather badly, though better by one dollar per cwt. than S.W.Mc. Adams offered. John and the girls had 2000 lbs. and we had 3579 lbs. all told, rather more than the crop of 1865 exclusive of the burnt tobacco - and if the land had been old manured land we might have had double the weight.

The Girls tobacco brought about 5- $\frac{1}{2}$ round John's the same - at \$7.00; \$3.10; & \$1.00 pr. cwt. Ours about \$5.50 round, at \$8.00. \$6.25 \$6.00; \$3.00; \$2.50; & \$2.50; but failed to pay up, Wash. Mac. being out in the cold - I will however try and settle with him with paper I have. I tried to sell lard, butter, and lard yesterday in Hawesville and brought it all back - being unable to get more than 8 to 10 cts for smoked meat (no shoulders) in goods and butter not wanted price 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts. while I could readily have got 30 in Cloverport.

The prospect for a crop of tobacco looks dull all over this and adjoining counties - and a change in the weather will be necessary to make corn plentiful. It has been cold and wet or cold at least until a few days past - and we have very warm weather now, and have had two very severe rain storms, washing up a great deal of corn. June 9th 9 p.m. I was stopped writing by company - and the week days are too valuable now to omit using them for work - as the best we can do is but slow work at present.

Yesterday I went to the City to Mill for W.F.N. to get his horse to plow - having other business there too - but it was so very hot that the oxen could not get there before 4 p.m. so I had to come back this morning - as it looked very like a rain storm, and did rain heavily but

not as bad as before as to washing up corn &c.; a week ago we had our meal all wet by not accepting Mr & Mrs. Simpsons invitation to stay all night as at least until the weather settled - and then had to put up at Mr. Purcell's as Caney Creek would have washed Oxen and wagon away, insignificant as the stream appears ordinarily. Ed. Davidson's child, on inquiry of Mr Simpson turned out to be his wife's child by her first husband, and was about 8 years old. Geo. Shervels son was at Mr Simpsons on a visit this past week. Joe has leased Father's old home for three years, and has made a great improvement in appearance. Peaches, Apples, Plums, and Grapes are all full and the garden looks better than for the past two years. We have ~~none~~^{peaches} in our neighborhood - all were killed by a sleet in February. The prospect for Tobacco looks better now than we could have expected a week ago.

I do not like to discourage anyone - or weaken hope - but "hope deferred maketh the heart sick." so I will give it as my opinion that Matt. and me may let all hopes of Bounty slide until we are assured that Bounty will be paid by the month of actual service - then and not till then can we expect any - W. F. V. has a positive reply to his application - he can not get any. My Discharge is gone up I am afraid for I was apprised of its reception at the Office of the Paymaster General and was assured by " " that it would be attended to as soon as the business of the office would permit about the 1st of February and I have heard no more. That you will see will cut me out of any effort through the Court of Claims of getting my back dues and Hospital Steward's pay. I am called to bed - so I will just say I read the "Double House" a mono-maniacal

story in two numbers of the Times, and having studied the subject of mental aberration perhaps as carefully as Dr. Murchiston or his friend - I was interested in it, as we have a neighbour's youngest son now in the C. Jail waiting transportation to the Asylum - he is a brother of Jeff. Matthews. His memory is unimpaired, perhaps improved, his observation of passing events keen, his health better - but a rage for destruction - is a member of a Baptist Church - preaches, prays, sings, and curses. Laughs and tells funny things - when strong and when weak desponds somewhat says he will die - denies his own religion and every body else's - is hard on preachers and Templars. ^{He} tried to kill his Father last week - But is bed.

June 16th . I received my Discharge papers yesterday endorsed rejected, as anticipated, so Matt. need not look for better fortune at the hands of Uncle Samuel - Mr Boyle has every contingency provided for on his muster rolls.

All well up to date - nothing fresh to record and being sleepy I will close - hoping to mail in a day or two.

Yours Affectionately
Rich^d W. Wain

I would like to see the end of
that story of the young minister
entitled 'Fleeing to Tarshish.'

Do you know what the
Cin. Gazette costs per year?

(Weekly Ed.) If so - The
Address. I want a

paper when Congress sets
again, and the Gazette is
the organ of Ky. Radicalism
but if too high I will get the
Times.

Hawesville Hancock Co. Kentucky
July 25th 1867.

Dear Sister. Yours of the 16th reached me a week ago to-morrow - and I write now because it is wet to-day -

I was glad to hear that Mother had moved - for I have a strong hope that the new City will be more healthy for her, (or any body else) than Du-Quoin. - My knowledge of the topography of Egypt is slight - but I was favorably impressed with the place we all looked at one Sunday, and the land did not appear so flat; and ponds were not so plentiful - and should it happen to rain much you would not need to build an ark as soon as at Du Quoin as it appear to me. "The house fronts the South, &c." A fine view from a house & A fine view of a house, are both desirable, but, I would prefer to shut out all views either kind if they entailed the miasmatic vapours from the swamps, and their consequent bilious derangements. To do so, would be easily accomplished by trees shrubs, vines and annual plants of a vigorous growth. I am glad to hear that Father has a "good grate" for I like big fires, and think that neither Father nor Mother will find 26 in. frontage of fire too much to keep up the heat in your hard winters - our grate is but twenty inches - entirely too small - to make a fair competition between coal and wood - with a four feet fire place.

W. will get his papers back endorsed "rejected for desertion" -
"Fleeing to Tarshish" came after I had sent my last letter off.
"The Youth's Companion" 5 nos. marked W. Greenwood - arrived, contained some very good reading for one who is tired - but the conclusion of the "Haunted Mill"

which will likely be in No. 23 for May ~~30~~ 1867 Vol. XL. would be a satisfaction - as I have read the two chapters sent. I like the paper well, but for the continued pieces - for once to take it we would be compelled in a manner to always take it.

I was sorry to hear bad news from England. It is a pity that the silly notions about musical instruments can still keep a hold on so many, and our churches be condemned to have the miserable stuff for music so very common in ^{most} ~~all~~ churches destitute of instrumental accompaniments. The Baptists of D. L. have an melodeon, Have they not? Now to your wise acres' doctrines - 1st. Only one church can be right. (A curious position for a Baptist; for we hold that a church is a congregation of baptised believers - associated together by whom the ordinances of the gospel are administered &c.) I use the term church synonymously with sect - however - we all differ as much as we please - a few - or perhaps many hold to the doctrine of Apostolic Succession as faithfully as the most Episcopalians or Roman Churchmen. But we have no standard of faith rule or practice but the New Testament. And as the practice ^{many} of our churches is to recognise no other than churches in the "general union of baptists" I think none are right. 2nd - About parents - all nonsense.

3. Equally so - for what becomes of the thief on the cross?

4. "Love thy neighbour as thyself;" "But who is my neighbour? See Christ's answer in the Parable of the Good Samaritan."

5 - Hereditary diseases - are well enough established to have no disbelievers among the Prof. of Med & Surg. and Medical Jurisprudence. Mental Excellence or Deformity are equally so.

'But unto whom much is given much will be required, see the Parable of the Rich man who went abroad giving different number of talents to each servant. 6th. The Aprons of Adam and Eve I suppose come in for the wrath of Brw — as well as wigs &c. 7th. I suppose your neighbour can't read — or if he can never saw the New Testament — as he excludes the sum and substance of it — perhaps if he can read, and a few good disposed persons would endeavor to find a complete New Testament he might be converted from his heathenism — providing he would acknowledge a book to be the N.T. containing it. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven: &c. "He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is Love" 1. John IV. 8. I might multiply texts for your friend — but you can find them at your leisure as readily as myself if not more so.

We have cut and thrashed our wheat (about an acre) and have Seven and a half bushels of wheat and chess (cheat) "Whatsoever a man sow that shall he reap" As we pastured our old meadow we have but little grass we have put up two stacks from odd corners and will try and put up another — making about 3 turns (old weight) and we have two on hand from last year yet — Our corn looks very well — we hired Marion for one month as he was out of work — and tobacco was not planted — the bulk of our crop being set July 4th & 5th and to make late

tobacco come in at all it must be "pushed" that is worked very frequently - we put out in all 25 000 plants - the girls 8000 - Amelia 2700 and me 1400 - John having one third of the remainder. We have cane enough out looking well to make our molasses. I have done poorly at hauling the good cool weather the cooper was sick - and now it is so hot it dont pay as he can not make more than two or three loads per week. If I had him paid up for my horse I would quit it altogether. I have a notion to try and make something in the mines in the winter if there should be a chance -

A week ago last Saturday I had one hard chill - I contrived to have no more yet - Last Sunday Amelia had a chill - but none since - she took some Cathartic pills before the attack a few hours - and had a hot iron to her feet during the chill and cold cloths (wet) put on her head until the fever subsided. She has taken no Quinine or other tonic.

To morrow is our Church Meeting for Business and I will try and obtain a synopsis of the Art. of Faith - Constitution & Rules of Decorum. should you like to see them I will furnish them. Next Monday week we elect our Legislature - or rather the Confederates elect the Democratic Convention to fill the place of Legislature. To be one of the returned grays is the next best qualification to have been a partisan ranger during the war at home.

It is near dark and our oil is all gone so

I remain Your Affectionately
Brother J. B.

[25 July 1867]

Articles of Faith.

1st. We believe in one God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, who hath created all things that are created by the word of his power for his pleasure.

2nd. We believe the old and new Testaments, to be the word of God, and that there is every thing contained therein necessary for our salvation, rule of faith and prac^{te}.

3rd. We believe in the fall of man in his public head, and that he is incapable of recovery unless restored by Christ.

4th. We believe in election by grace, given in Christ Jesus before the world began, and, that God calls, regenerates, and sanctifies all that are made meet for glory by his spirit and grace.

5th. We believe that the righteous will persevere through grace to glory, and none of them finally fall away.

6th. We believe in a general resurrection of the just and unjust, and that the happiness of the righteous and punishment of the wicked are eternal.

7th. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith and follow after justification.

8th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and true believers are the only proper subjects, and the only proper mode of Baptism is by immersion.

9th. We believe that ^{the} washing of the saints feet is a command ^{of Jesus Christ} to be complied with when opportunity serves.

10th. We believe it to be our duty severally to support the Lord's Table, and that we ought to administer and receive the Sacrament at least ^{twice} ~~once~~ a year.

11th. We believe that no minister ought to preach the Gospel that is not called and sent of God, and they are to be proved by hearing of them - and we allow none to preach among us but such as can come well recommended - and that we ought to

contribute to him that faithfully labors among us in the word and doctrine, according to our several abilities.

Constitution -

- 1st - Three the least number that shall proceed to business.
- 2nd Regular meetings Sat- before 1st Sun. Occasional meetings may be called - public notice given.
- 3rd Public transgressors to be dealt with publicly:
- 4 - Regarding queries - to be presented in writing - majority to decide whether it shall be debated. majority's opinion answer.
- 5 Moderator

Articles of Faith
of
Mackford Church
Hancock County
Kentucky.

Home Hancock County Ky.

September 1st 1867.

Dear Sister:- Yours of the 18th. was waiting for me yesterday when I went to the office - together with the Tribune and Times, a letter from Straightback - and lottery circulars.

I was sorry to hear of Jeannie's sickness, and though believing your treatment better than the Laudanum & Purgative - yet I did not like the supervening symptoms - seeming to indicate something ~~wrong~~ ^(d) in the digestive and assimilating organs - but hope that equally ~~and~~ treatment will have righted things before this reaches you.

But you want to know what I think of your plan? I see no particular objection if I can come soon enough, and stay long enough to defray expenses. The first idea was to try Hawesville, as they had been doing a Tolerable business all summer - but have done next to nothing for two weeks. Something like certainty, or at least probability of making something by the operation alone would justify leaving home even for a short distance - For nothing prepared in Fall, Winter, or early Spring, a falling off of fifty per cent in next crop would be a certainty - for once behind there is no catching up on a farm, no remedying the injury done the crops, no time to repair fences - But with regular work at moderate wages - I could hire perhaps a couple of hands for a month or so in the spring at low wages, as farm labor is now falling rapidly, and gain by it. I don't know how to come though - I have two yoke of oxen to dispose of - only ~~one~~ corn enough to fatten one yoke well as some of them are tolerable poor - I wouldn't like to be stabled.

fed ground & cooked food, which I ~~now~~ ^{have} done on
my absence - and a yoke of Oxen (old and big) would eat up
all our ~~corn~~, fed in the ear. How do cattle sell with
you? (By the pound, live weight, and by the yoke) How do wagons
sell? I have a two horse wagon (heavy) built in Va.
well put up and heavily ironed I would dispose of, if
I could get the chance for cash or its equivalent - price
seventy five dollars - it is really worth one hundred the way
^{new} wagons sell here - but a cart would suit me better -

Could I sell ^{a yoke of} Oxen and Wagon there at say one hundred
and fifty dollars, I would know exactly how to come - saying
in a supply of rations & forage for ten days, and such trees and
cuttings as I could procure. If I could sell.

I have quit hauling - and taken in lieu a job of
fencing - and swap work with a neighbour in his well
to get help at the heaviest of it - I want to finish it in three
weeks after I begin - which will be a week yet.

The great difficulty is how to get rid of the cattle without
loss - and get off as soon as tobacco is housed, or before -

I asked Lizzie about Mrs. Usher's house, they
are occupied - by Gilliams and Osborne - they pay
the rent to Benj. Davison - and payed up about three
weeks ago - B. D. says there is some rent standing against
Thos Davison, who told Gilliams that he, T. D. payed
it (the rent) himself.

How would it pay, if my other project fails to afford
a reasonable chance of profit, to bring my mule or horse
them there

Crops ~~and~~ have suffered by drought - corn irreparably but we have had two good rains in the past 8 or 9 days.

Tobacco is a bad stand - fully one-third missing - but looks well enough if this was Aug. 1 instead of Sept. Frost will be upon us in about four weeks says Mrs. Purcell as the Frost blossoms are putting out. What is frost blossoms? ~~Gett~~ Golden Willow bloom!

Should that be true tobacco and corn would both suffer injury. I went yesterday to see if we could sell Beets Beans Potatoes & Onions - for the 1st. and 2nd. no sale - potatoes if good 60 cts. onions 75 cts but a dull sale there being a bushel or more in the city. sweet potatoes are in moderate demand at 75 cents. For home made Linsey - fine quality and colored brown (in the wool) no offer but not more than fifty cents for yd. wide. We wanted to pay the taxes with it as in Dec. 10 per cent is added and 50 p. ct. in Jan.

Our election passed off quietly as far as the violation of law was concerned - excepting that obsolete law against gambling - for a perfect mania for betting existed all through the County quite unprecedented. Robt Beauchamp (*italics silent*) was elected by a large majority to the Legislature, he was not the regular nominee of the Democrats - but the man of the Lewisport faction - S. C. Democrats. Opposed to free schools - in favor of high rates of interest - The Hon. S. W. Williams of Hancock is elected B. J. Jud. ^{mag.} the new Co.

Other election intelligence you may see in the papers.
A few votes were cast for the Radical State Ticket. I think
I got two votes for it besides my own.

The work proceeds with rapidity on the new Court
House, considering the Lat. & Long. mean while a
very powerful party has arisen for dividing the
County and creating a new one with the lower
part of this and upper part of Garretts county with
the County seat at Lewisport. The other to take a
slice of Breckenridge and the County seat to be at
Cloverport. In which event the Hawes family
would succeed to the public square and Building
I believe. This perhaps accounts for their being
for Bechtamp.

Lizzie S. wanted me to tell her how many children
Bessie had - I couldn't tell - so she said she could get
no news out of me.

I would like to hear from you by the time I get through
my fencing if possible.

My hand is getting too heavy and scratches too
much. So Good Night

Yours - L.

R. S.

Robt

Why did not Matt. apply for the trimming that seemed better than
striking at least 25¢ per day better. Amelia send her respects