Detroit 26th 21st 1858

Dear Brother,

I am and Edwin

I have just finished a letter to Lily and must write a few lines to you.

I am very sorry that your letter has not been answered sooner, but I will not stop to make excuses as that is neither interesting to write or read.

I sincerely hope that you have escaped that attack which you felt coming on, and that you and Edwin have recovered from your attack, but the trouble with that is that as soon as a person is recovered from one time they are about ready to have another. I hope that I am going to have no more of them. I have not had one for a long time and I feel quite well. I still continue to take Quinine and think it helps me.

Mother and I are enjoying our visit very much.

Thomas and Emma do every thing in their power to make it pleasant for us. I had always say a few minutes ago, "Oh! I wish I could see Edwin." She is a nice little fellow and Charity is certainly one of the best baby I ever saw. She is so gentle that one can not help loving her.
some times I think that my body has much nice nephew as I have all round. I do not know how I could live when there were no children I have got so used to them.

Mother went over one, here and spent the day on Tuesday and Mother went over to Winter on Thursday and stayed till Saturday. She enjoyed her visit very much and does not seem to be the worse for it. I have not been over yet but intend to go soon. I should have you while another was there but it was as well all the time she was there that I put it off.

I attended the dedication of the new church on Sabbath evening. It is a magnificent church and they have got a grand organ. Beulah Smith is the organist. James is up here quite often. He spent the Sabbath here and was not last evening.

I feel rather tired writing so long and must stop. I sincerely hope that you are better and that you will not have to leave your studies.

Hoping to hear from you soon I remain your affectionate sister.

Julie.
Dearest Adam,

Your letter was neglected to be answered by my writing at Beracoon immediately after receiving it, and after I came back I was considerably fatigued, though not sick, so that one day after another I was forced away.

Now I began to feel the effects of my hardships in having no letter from you, for I cannot but feel anxious to know how it goes with you.

Therese says that Mr. R. requested you, when he sent the medicine, to write him how you were, that he might be able to prescribe for you. From time to time I am very sure you took no notice of his letter, he seemed to feel it.

I will not affect you to answer this. The day you receive it, let me know you will the next, and if you wish more quickly, it will be sent immediately.

Our time has passed very pleasantly, that I cannot forget the dearest ones, indeed I feel your wish to see me as a son and not only your circumstances gave me hope that James came in for a while. I am sorry too for the seems quite downhearted
I find there is no real resting place on this world and that Christ is the only rest of the soul. Let us bow on this faithful bosom and enjoy that peace which the world cannot give and which it cannot take away.

I have heard by Mrs. Noble that Mr. John Mackie is in Mr.房厅 caring for the sick and has been very much, but in more latter I should like to see her but I do not think it likely that I will. I think you must be sending a letter and hope that this time next month not except for the weather we will write. Hope you will be both better than when you wrote last. Mr. Keenly sent the parcel and of the anything about the fragment. I will send it if I know how much, but I think she may be interested in making another shawl. Though I do not wish it, I should like to send it the same way as before. Julia has been writing your name and I thought not to urge feeling tired writing another.

Elizabeth wrote to say today I had a letter from her saying that she was going to ask you to come Mill and rest a while. How kind she is. Wishing you very blessed Dimness as ever your loving mother El
Charleston, May 30th, 1865

Dear Brother Colman,

I was very sorry in being obliged to pass through your place before you ascertain'd in what to do that I could not stop. But as I learned that Lewis was sick with the same I paid to anyone that I left for some attention to medicine & found Lewis on the bed sick but he is able to learn school now although not very strong.

I have not been very well myself since I returned. Lewis is lowminded and when he is I do not sound myself much.

How are you and Colman also. I fear you have a hard time with coldy being sick. How is he.
I do hope you write Helen will be with you. If all had happened as I expected, I would have stopped one night with you. I had a good time at home. I wish you both come down and spend the Sabbath with us again soon. I wish you would do so very much. I want to see you and tell you about my visit.

I have much to write but cannot at present as it is near dinner-time and I have to get ready for it and this is the second letter I have written. When you do come, will you please let me know when you are independent of Mr. H. I have the Math. numbers. We are to have a lecture of them papers afterwards. I like yours very much.

Yours in haste. Elizabeth
Write very soon if you can.
Pontiac, Oct. 8, 1860

Mr. E. B. Spence

Sir: I am

In Dept. I would then now

 hon. our number of teachers

Employed to go, forward with

our schools, hoping you

may be successful, in obtaining

such a situation, as your

merits — J. A. C.,

E. B. L. Command

Director


Mr. Edwin B. Spence

Superintendent

Mich.
Ben Carson Oct. 16th 1860

My Dear Brother

Adam has just brought from the P. O. a letter stating that the place at Fortica is taken and I have only time to write a short note with it. I am very sorry that you can not get that place but what can't be cured must be endured. Have you heard anything more about that place that Mr. Tortie spoke of? I do hope you will get a place that will suit you.

We have just received a note from Mrs. Matthew saying that they will spend next Wednesday here with us - one week from today. They are so hopeful to get home but we will be glad of even a short visit from them - perhaps we can persuade them to spend one more day here though we will not urge. I wish the girls were coming too. I do want to see them.

The ministers have not come yet but
I suppose they will do as today and tomorrow we are to have our graphs and for Armstrong I've thought at our course we would all be able to have them come on account of that dreadful smell but on Monday Adam in I'll get a bath after a Chapin told us we would not get rid if we could it unless we could find the place and make a hole in the wall be tried for a long time to find the place till a last Adam gave up the thinking but pretty soon I noticed a hole over the bedroom door and told him to put his nose to that and he soon had proof that that was the place we tore down the plaster on the bedroom over the door and there found three little mice in a nest. I'm now be sure we will sure glad to find the cause of all our trouble but I could not help feeling bad for the poor little things that had caused them perhaps they or maybe killed their mother. Adams feared the expected would have to be adjourned on that account but that

will not be necessary now.

I've received a paper a few days ago from Howell containing an account of the one Brides death. The paper was written by his father and the account was written by him. He died very peacefully. The fair is I suppose beginning tuesday which will be usual being in lots of country people. There will be a good deal going on here this week. That the synods and a meeting of Episcopal ministers which is I believe to be here at the same time but you know those things to not disturb our equilibrium very much. I have no more time now.

August 1 1880

Julia S.

P.S. Hadn't you better change your money vacation to Wednesday this is Mrs. Walker would be much disappointed not to see you.
My Dear Brother,

I received your letter on Friday and was glad to know of the continued welfare of all. I had really forgotten about the letter you asked me to write to the school and with pleasure I set about it. I enclosed you will find two sheets addressed to the school. I have attempted to describe some things connected with the revival and sought to mass in applications along with it. I have found that these accounts are universally interesting to old and young and do really stimulate the desire for a similar occasion. I think it is a remark of Gore Edwards that the best way to communicate a revival is to spread the news of it and I think it is true. They gain in some sense contagious and I hope the infection...
May be carried by your school through means of both the Sime Books and this letter. I felt that it was God's call upon me to write the letter and I felt when writing it to be guided in all I wrote, and in the manner of it by the Spirit and how that I feel to follow it by my prayers from my classmates & also your prayers at Allen. I feel a confidence that it will do good. I feel sure that it is, taken altogether, providential, and I shall expect them in time to come of your engaging a revival in the Colored School at A.A. Your desire for it, in securing the books, making the letter is a ground of confidence. I know my well that of this being a real desire for it such as will lead to earnest agonizing prayer and faithful effort, and to humble drawings near to God that the helping is here. Now my dear Brother let this be the case with you and stimulate the teachers to prepare immediately for a work and God right to God and expect to honor God by acepting great gifts & then expecting them. Of course then must be desire or they cannot be faith. But on can ask that God will impart the desire if we know he will do it. Oh dear Bro. we ought to have that utmost confidence in God I just talk him at this word. He has done great things for us and we know that he delights in great things - he is waiting anxiously to shower down blessings on us if we will only let him. And now in the revival which I hope you will enjoy in that School the means paid may be many. nights just hold prayer meetings and talk to them and sing them songs & hold inquiry meeting. So right on that simply looking to God out to man & souls will flock to the Cross. God has promised it and you know it is for his glory. And bless you and guide you in every thing you do. I think you ought to learn these two
All these Hymnary notes and lessons 
they are a great power in these songs
they contain all of spirit and they are the
mind that the chancel services bring
rather not "confess" let the strong
ones... The terminal words are unclear with significant
in openings the language, meaning, and place
point it all "a too universal favorite"
People it may be wise to explain it
somewhat "not written in the same
language and our "enunciation of devotion
or learning being, religion true to do
But we must resist division as a priest
and that true forward in age to nothing
in our own organic or strength only yield
ourselves as instruments or agents through
whom the Holy Spirit works. On this way we
don't do ourselves... While yet we are most
active and Attentive. It is this a most
important "spiritual" experience within and
I can say that it... that little hymn has done
me great joy.

And the simplicity
of our work forever. Only it is a "simple faith"
own disciples—How he was dragged away to judgment amid scoffs and jeers—Tied and Confined in In�rence—Mocked with robes of mock royalty—Crowned with a wreath of thorns—Smitten, buffeted and spit upon—Then led away to Calvary bearing his cross and fainting under its load—There was crucified whilst the cruel nails were driven through his hands and feet and the spear was thrust into his side and he yielded up the ghost crying it is finished—Yes our Redemption was then finished—all that terrible debt of our sins was then paid and now Salvation is offered to all who will accept it.

When Mr. Hammond had concluded these remarks which were interspersed with several touching illustrations and anecdotes I noticed that many children and young people were weeping.
The beautiful and touching little hymn
"Come to Jesus just now," was then sung
and immediately an Enquiry meeting
was held and all Christians and all
those who were anxious for their souls were
invited to remain. About 200 of the
children remained and I cannot describe
the melting interest of that occasion.
There was weeping and sobbing all
over the house. Many dear children
were deeply convicted of their awful
sin against God, and do you not
think they did well to weep when they
saw what sinners they were — how they
had never loved that Saviour who had died
such a cruel death for them — how they
had never thanked Him for His
mourners love for them — how they had
rejected Him and despised and
hated Him. Ah yes! They did well
to weep and to prepare their hearts
before God in deepest repentance.
But have you my young friends ever
this visit on account of your sins.
Have you ever repented before God
with deep sorrow, that you have wounded
and helped to crucify that dear Jesus
—that you have so long rejected him
from your hearts and denied his
salvation so freely offered to you—that
you are even now trampling on his
precious blood in rejecting the Holy
Spirit who is striving with you—who
is even now calling you to come to
Jesus just now.” Oh my friends
would that you could feel so much as
these dear children felt and cry
unto him for mercy as they did and
give up your wicked hearts, your hard
hearts, your unclean and rebellious hearts
and receive new hearts clean
hearts—washed in Christ’s most precious blood
and go away rejoicing as they did
in what a change took place in
these children—now their hearts were
full of love to the Savior and full of
love to everybody. They were full of joy and peace - their hearts were happy singing hearts now. And oh, how sweet they would keep those beautiful songs now the Lord let be at the meetings and could to sing and read the Bible and talk of what Jesus had done for them. And what do you suppose they did? They went about asking all their friends to come to Jesus, pleading with them and praying for them. Now my dear friends, this blessed scene has just been repeated at Lawrence and is now going on here at Andover. Where many dear boys are rejoicing in Jesus and many more in hope will be brought to him. And the best wish and prayer I can offer for you is that you may enjoy a similar blessed Teachers! Ask for it! Pray for it! Prepare yourselves for it! Expect it now and I pray to you all, "Come to Jesus just now." Ask you all to pray for one another.
Theological Summary

Andover Jan. 18, 1864.

Members of the Andover
Colored Sabbath School
My Dear Friends

It gives me

fierce pleasure to address a few
words of encouragement to those, in
whom I have been so long interested.

Believe me that although I
have been too long absent from you
and am so far away, yet I have
not forgotten you. Nor has my
interest in you abated. I have
thought of you often of late and
have tried to pray earnestly for you
that the holy spirit might be poured
out upon you as it has been upon
the schools of Auburn, Lawrence.

I think I cannot interest you or
profit you more than by telling you
somethings which I have heard and

heard at these revivals hoping that you all will be stimulated to earnestly desire a similar blessing and to ask for it—and you shall certainly have it.

Last spring at Auburn NY. we heard of the outbreaking of the Spirit of God at Utica and Rochester upon the children & young people especially, where multitudes of them, in their great terror, were brought to Christ and were healed. The Christians at Auburn became very anxious that the same rich blessing might extend upon them, and prayed earnestly that our dear S.S. children might be brought in larger numbers, into Christ's fold. And God heard us, as he always does when we ask with importunity and faith—and he answered abundantly.

Mr. Hammond, the Children's Missionary, who was laboring so successfully at Utica, Rochester promised to come to our next camp and help us take the dear children from them to farms, to the rail. But we did not wait for him; we invited the Holy Spirit to come and he came immediately and many young people were convicted of their kind and some were already teeming in hope. I shall never forget that first day when our dear Mr. Hammond came among us. The children of all the Sunday School assembled in the largest church in town and it was full. The children were very quiet and attentive, for all felt that the Spirit of God was present and was stirring with many hearts. The meeting was commenced by singing several hymns from Mr. Hammond's Collection, one of which especially seemed to have a deep impression. It was 'Jesus paid it all' and
many hearts then began to feel that truly Jesus had paid all the debts of sin which they owed and that now they might freely come and receive the full pardon of all their guilt, without money and without price. Mr. H. then read the passage of the Savior crucifixion and in simple earnest language described that great and sorrowful work which Jesus did for each one of us in the garden and on the cross. How in the lonely garden of Gethsemane he prayed while his soul was full of anguish—how he, the sin bearer—tried to bear that awful load of the whole world's sin upon his shoulders—and as he there began to endure the awful wrath of God for sin—how he cried, "my soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death," and as he labored in his agony, he sweated as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And then, how he was betrayed by one of his
June 30th, 1856

My dear Julia,

I was so desirous of hearing from you before now and should have written myself, had I been well enough to do it. I did not mean ever wish any of your brothers to write lest they should have made you uneasy about me as they were themselves.

You will not wonder that after the bustle and excitement were over I felt a little indispensed but I gave myself to it entirely, scarcely attempting to do anything that rest of the week and now I feel considerably well, thankful that I have escaped with so slight an indisposition.

I am anxious to know how you all have stood out the cold we and heat now after I thought of you when I was lying and that my rest without anything to urge me on to exertions.

Elizabeth had her family concerns, your father school of course and Jones had to make up your days labor on his Bookie. I wish you might feel to hear that you are all tolerably well under the circumstances.
A very melancholy circumstance has happened since you left. A young student of the University died on Thursday. He was well and attended church on sabbath and was not considered danger sick till his end. He belonged to a respectable family in these - house and died among strangers. He was not conscious of his situation and left no striking testimony of his life. afforded the least instance of preparation for death.

My dear Child hear the voice of Providence and be also ready for each and hour as you think, not the fear of man come to you. Take no rest till you can say I know in whom I have believed and that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. Take to all. Will immediately write as soon as ever. E. Pence
Detroit, May 12, 1820

My dear Julie,

Your welcome letter was most welcome to which I replied as soon as I could, and am now the receiver of it.

I have been somewhat occupied in letter writing again but then thought of you all. My time is chiefly occupied in my health rather than in which endures me up to them. I write this win dear to apply myself to writing.

I am glad to hear that you have received from you late sickness and that your health may be improved. It will be a great Console to let you all to have access to as soon as possible. I hope that that will avail itself of it and it may be a blessing.
It should be a very, very beautiful city and may be able to make
it live there at present, when I always hope that
I will own have a little house
that it is still in the future
perhaps never to be reached
I think you Adams & Edmonso are
looking forward with pleasure to
the long vacation. I must
tell them of us at least to think
of entering the Seminary Committee
upon which I am which are the
result of such long continued
application.
I do not know or think that you
of anything that would particularly
interest you here. The five weeks
and the snow will give life
and animation to everyth-
around and around. An it,
will make it beautiful.

Have in much in what now in
political matters. And many
delegates are in the city from the
East on their way to Chicago
when they come here we shall
really be very large and exciting.

I have taken the liberty to
cut out a couple of articles which
speak for themselves in regard to
your friend William.

The letter you can answer omit,
no opportunity to send it to make
on the unfortunate man but
I though it would be no-
formed in the Adams? I wish
know the changes brought again
him if they have not seen the
letter.

There has been no word sent
got from Dr. Ingles but they
seem a little large now.
I have not seen James yet.
was the best and will
Come upon my age when
They know.
The family on all will
And the children often think
Of you and the rest.
I hope to hear again from
You, my dear affectionate brother.

J. R. [Signature]
Andover Nov 24 1863

Dear Friends at Home,

I have just finished writing Julia and Libbie and Georgie and now for a chat at home. You see it is Thanksgiving soon and as I cant enjoy the inestimable privilege of going home and meeting them all my dear friends as is the universal custom here. I have been trying to do the next best thing and write you all hoping the latter may reach their destination by that day. I hope you will all be unusually well when this reaches you and enjoy a good day. Do we not have abundant cause for thanksgiving especially we as a family. I venture that there are few families who have had so little cause to mourn the loss...
of members for the last two years as well as how many many hearts are made desolate and how many festive boards shall be mingled with grief at this day of Thanksgiving. How many vacant chairs around the festive board? Oh, dear, it would cut our hearts if we could for a moment realize this. Now there shall be instead of joy, grief, instead of rejoicing, grief instead of rejoicing. But we as a family are left intact with life, health, happiness, and prosperity in every way. Our members are not only fall but they have been increased by new members whom we now rejoice to enroll into our most favored families. How I wish we could all get together once and have one good family visit but alas there is little prospect of this.

We are indeed getting somewhat scattered now. James and Georgie in Ohio, Julia and Jack in New York, and I in Massachusetts. Well, I do feel kind of sorry that family goes to Cincinnati for I fear we shall see but little more of him and his family. They seem to be out of the way. But if he has time I am glad he is in partnership with Thomas for then he is still bound to the family and there is a close relation maintained. I do dread their entire separations of families. I think so much of each one that I want to be in constant communication with them by letter and also to see them once in a while. I do feel as if it had been a great while since I have been any longer and especially my mother. I grieve it has
been about five years since I have seen you, Mother, hasn't it? I wish that I had come from last Commencement time when so many were together but I suppose I shall not be able to come next Commencement for our term continues on until August. But do not imagine me concerne. I am not. I am very happy and well and certainly have very consent to thankhe. I am well all here and would like to remember you all. I was made very glad to hear from Georgie, at home. I am glad you had a visit from him before she goes. She said Mother & Adam were suffering with colds. I hope you are both well. I have some specimens of Underwriting which we gathered on our walk. I hope that my cards will send you some. Please remember me to your children. Edwin.