

From Florella Brown Adair to Samuel Lyle Adair

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Grafton 28 Feb

Dear Husband[,]

After mailing my last letter I went in company with M & Stephen to their house. found all well. Ada has a bad cough but is ready to run & play all the time. About two we all went to Mr[.] L[.] donation visit[,] had a very pleasant time[,] not many there in the afternoon but more full in the eve[.]

Father Davis stayed in the evening & we went home & I was right glad to get to bed. he came home after ten & I got waked up & could no[t] get to sleep again till near three. I find I have been so broken up in sleeping that I do not sleep half as many hours as I used to.

Friday afternoon M & I went to Mr[.] Lovejoy & made a visit & in the evening went to Mr[.] Fisher a mile & half from M Davis. every where I go I have to talk and tell

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about Kansas. the sympathy of people generally is excited for Kansas suffering[.] something I think will be raised here altho they canvassed the town some time ago & sent on quite a sum to Pomeroy.

Saturday morn I came back to Marian. I find her better, not quite so helpless as she was when I left her & the swelling is going dow[n]. we have had a beautiful week pleasant & warm as summer[.] I think often of home & wonder if it [is] so pleasant there. trees are beginning to bud out & every thing has the appearing of Spring. some are making sugar but not a very good time for sugar making. I have had some given me to eat a few times[.] I shall try to get some to take or send home.

I red your letter to Ada & she was almost in tears. She feels very tenderly when [we] talked about her pa or the baby, but now turns away & seems all taken up with play & what s[h]e sees & hears around her.

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Marian is some better but not able to sit up except to have her bed made, has to be watched with, & raised up like a person with a long sickness. it is now four weeks since she was out of her room. We are all getting pretty well tired out. I shall hate to leave her, but I feel that my duty to my own family will call me away as soon as she is out of present danger.

I have not seen Ada since last sabbath but hear that she is well.

Celia received Emma[s] letter last week & was much pleased to get it. I read it.

Rock[']s letter is here waiting for Charles to come.

It has turned round from warm pleasant wether, to first wind then rain & is now snowing fast[.] Adison has just been out & says the snow is three inches deep[.]

It is now near 12 oclock[.] if it continues till morning I shall not go to O[berlin]

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as I could not get about if I was there in the snow & rain. I want to call on a number of our old friends when I am there & I intend getting my likeness taken if I can for my friends.

The 4 of March is passed & Lincoln is innogated[.] you will get his speach I think soon[.] The south do not threaten as much as they did before he went to Washington[.] I have been looking all week for a letter from you in answer to those I have sent you since I returned from Lafayette. It is now after three & I am very sleepy. you better not send any more letters in answer to ours to this place as we shall proberbly leave here before they could arrive.

Send to Yellow Springs.

Give love to all[.] Has Emma received her Magazine[?] A great deal of Love to Emma & your self from all the friends.

Your truly affectionate wife & Mother[.]

F[.] B[.] Adair

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Sabbath noon[.]

I have been holding up Marian in bed & she seem better [and] feels that she had been sorely afflicted but trusts it has been for her spiritual good & advancement in the christian life. I set up till four this morn with her & then called up Adison[.] I got two hours sleep, but feel very dull now. Adison & the girle that helps take care of her have gon to church. A Mr[.] Foot from Oberlin was out last sabbath & is out to day[.] they do not like him nearly so well as the do Henry Farchild but the term has commenced at Oberlin & he cannot come here much more.

There has been quite a religious interest in Oberlin most of the winter[,] some conversions & in a number of places where the Prof have labored this vacation there has been more than usual interest & much good promoted.

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Monday, time 3 AM[.]

I have had quite a sleep from 9 till 2 & feel refreshed[.] Marian is a sleep, all in a dripping swet[.] was very chilly when I got up but is warm now.

Stiphen & Martha came down here to meeting & bought Ada[.] they came here after sermon & took dinner. Ada was well. I though[t] she would want to stay but when they got ready to start she wanted to go too & went back with them[,] took a lemmon & crackers for the boys. Ada is very good in meeting says some times "dont you wish my Pa had such a good church to preach in,["] & often she says as we pass good houses "would you like to live in such a house, or dont you wish we had such a house in Kansas.["] Mr[.] Davis & Stiphen think if they could sell they would go west & buy.

The old Lady is so strange

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acting that they do not enjoy life here as they think they might if they were where she could not torment them. She went of[f] to Massachewsets about Christmass time[,] said she was going to find a man that was to marry her when she got a bill from him. say[s] she thinks they have no right to live together & she will not stay with him. They have all

a great trial with her.

I offered the use of 80, acres, to Stephen for five years if he would cultivate & pay taxes, but he thinks & M[.] to that they would not like to go to Kansas.

Friday March 8. Watching[.]

I feel much disappointed to night in not seeing Charles here. I have been looking for several days for him to com in on the carrs, confidently believing he would be here. I have from day to day put off filling up this letter, in hopes I might be

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able to give you some definite idea of our plans for next week[.] Now I know not what to say.

I supposed he would have been here & gone to Lafayette & spent the sabbath & I would go ont to Oberlin & return the fore part of the week & then we would start south to Xenia by the last of next week, but his not coming on as I expected I do not know what to think. perhaps he may be here to morrow. I intend going to Oberlin in the morning & shall spend the sabbath & perhaps a day or two the fore part of the week & then if nothing prevents[,] pack up & start. I hope to be at [MS. illegible] to spend the next sab[bath] but if I do not start as soon I shall try & write you again & if we do I will try to let you know where we are & how.