

From F. B. Adair to My Dear Husband & Daughter

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My Dear Husband & Daughter

I will try to write from day to day a few lines for you[.] (This Morn[.] Monday) All is hurry & bustle here[.] some coming & others going[.] I am busy making a dress for my self to wear to morrow to Oberlin[.] so you see I must improve my time[.] already men[,] women & children are pouring in here bound for Oberlin from all sections of the [county?][.] Sister [Hand?] is called out to see some old friend or friends & soon returns for me as all soon find that I am here & as Kansas "Lion["] must be seen. I am affraid my dress will not be finished to night.

Tuesday I felt lame and quite ill prepared to meet so many friends[,] as I new I should a Oberlin, so Marian & I- concluded to stay & let the young folks all go. Jeremiah came in before breakfast but has gon with the [gent?] to Oberlin[.] [J.?]R[.] [MS. illegible] took Charles under their care, twelve in all from our three families, started off at once[.]

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all seemed in high spirits & [riged?] in style good enough to meet the President. they will return to night after the concert. Jeremiah is going east as soon as he returns home. He is anxious to have Charles go right into the high school in Hudson[,] says he will board & pay his tuition for what I can do morning & evenings. all here think it best for him & us all to stay in Ohio this winter. what do you say about Charles.

Monday[,] 29[th] at Marthas. Marian has brought me your letter which I red with much interest. Marian & Charles have gon off to hunt for hired Girles & I will write a little to you. Wednesday & thursday I spent in Oberlin. met a great many friends & old classmates. I felt difident & awkward at first[,] but my old friends threw their armes [arms] around me & drew me from one place to another[,] that I soon forgot my self & was as happy as any one.

your old classmates & other friends were particular in their enquiries after you & yours. [Brother?] Morgan, Rupel Allen Fairfield[,] Striebie Fairchilds Wright[,] & P. Thome & wife escorted me to the concert & paid the bill[,] & Allen to the Collation[,] & I had a seat among the best[,] in all things & I think there was

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a preference given to the first classes that graduated at Oberlin. You and your labors & sacrafices were often refered to in the addresses. It would have done you good to have seen & felt the warm greetings that I felt & the good wishes & kind sympathy manifested & expressed for you. If we both live I shall not be willing to have another such gathering without your beeing among them[.] Many friends from Lafayet were out. I expect to go to Lafayett soon. they all express the warmest love & good will for you & the family. the children are young people now.

I have been called out to see Rev[.] Mr[.] Lawrence & wife. he is preaching now half of the time in Grafton & half in Liverpool. he seemed very pleasant & his wife is a very fine woman. Marian & I have just come back from Liverpool & will soon go on to the station. I will close up this letter & send [for] the morning mail. Ada is enjoying herself well. has plenty of apples to eat & every thing good. I am fixing a dress for Emma & shall soon forward the box.

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I shall try to have Charles write a little daily as you proposed & will write as often as I can. Love to all. Emma be a good Girle. there are lots of nice things planing for you. So good night[.]

a great deal of Love from
C[.] & Ada to B[.] & E[.]

[P.S.] and many good wishes and kisses for both
from Mother F[.] B[.] Adair