

Sunday June 13/69

Dear Brother.

I have taken a notion into my head this afternoon to write to you, and so here goes. We are having a great deal of rain here this season, how is it with you? I am afraid crops will be few and small if it keeps on much longer the rain makes every thing look green and beautiful and the grass luxuriant, and my boy and girl say Milton looks beautiful they seem always to enjoy their visits to Uncle John. I think it must be that you treat them too well. Jimmy says he feels more at home there than any where else. What do you think of my boy John, don't you think he's first rate? I do. we miss him a good deal but it seems best he should be there and so we don't allow our-

selves to be unhappy about it.
he was a very thoughtful boy for
us when he was with us and full
of life as most boys are. I guess it
will be best for us to come that
way before a great while so that
we can be with our children as there
seems not much prospect of their
living here any more.

Why is it that you do not hear
from Algernon? I hope he has
not got into trouble? I have al-
ways been interested in hearing from
him and was gratified to learn
that he was in so good a position
there; I fear that southern society
has been too much for him?
with such ample means at his com-
mand and in such a demoralized
state of society it was a fearful
position to be placed in; but I
hope my fears are all imaginary
and that he is all right both for your

sake and his. When man and woman
become parents they take upon them
care and anxiety they can never
again be free from. I was glad
to hear that you were all well
and doing well, go on and be happy
ever; I suppose you and Honnah
are growing old some in body and
that must be, but let us keep our
spirits as youthful as possible.
and that will help to keep back
the grey hairs, how does Brother
Joseph stand it he has got a little
father on the road than me, but
we shall be there soon if we live
long enough; your family are
fast growing up Sarah is now
a young lady about 19 is, nt she?
I judge she has always been quite
healthy as I think I never heard of
her being sick, give my love to
her. does Frank like farming well
enough to make a business of it?

your farm is large enough to keep
one of your boys at home with ^{son} if
they like the business. How is your
health now? Can you do as much
work as ever? I find I cannot I have
to rest often. Our Village improves
some every year it has got to be
now a very pretty Village though
a small one, there is not much go-
ing on here in a social way though
we have considerable going and com-
ing through the summer from the
city; supposing you take a trip
on this summer? we should be
very glad to see you or any of
the family; but I suppose you will
say as we do too much to do and
no money to travel with, Give my
love to Hannah and Joseph and the
boys and tell them not to grow too tall
before I see them again; tell Joseph
not to be jealous and I will write to
him soon. Write soon and tell us the
state of your mind I shall send my phiz
in this then say it is pretty good. Sister Elinor