

Forest Grove, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1881

My Beloved Father,

I feel  
reproaches of conscience in  
that I have not written to  
you sooner. I hope you  
have not <sup>worried</sup> ~~worried~~ at all <sup>about</sup>  
a letter. I have been very  
busy since you left us.  
~~You know~~ I have a faculty  
for being busy. I am feeling  
very well of late. There has  
been so much work for  
the boys and girls to do  
at the P. T. school that our  
work has been very light  
this week. Wed- I did not  
go over at all, and Thur-  
and today have only  
taught - <sup>I have put in my time cleaning house</sup> during the afternoon.

Capt W. left Monday, Capt  
Pierce has nothing to do  
with the P. T. School, For  
the present everything is left  
in Mrs Wilkinson's hands.

Sat-morning. I had pro-  
ceeded thus far when Prof  
Perrin came in to spend the  
evening. He did not go away  
until it was too late to  
write any more. I have been  
cleaning the kitchen yesterday  
and today. You need not  
say "Come to Dead, you are  
doing too much," because  
Florence has been helping  
me and she is ever so much  
help. She has been here a  
week. We like her very much.

Mrs Wilkinson is going  
to have Sarah Dickerson  
stay here with her, so it  
is all right as far as

that is concerned. Mr Reme  
has got in most of the  
apples <sup>tricked</sup> and the potatoes  
are nearly all in, all are  
dug and they are to be  
got in today. We have had  
quite good weather for a  
few days but it was  
exceedingly rainy for a while  
after you left. Several days  
it literally poured. I am  
in a very large hurry  
hence my bad writing.

I & Willie & Mattie think they  
will move into their house  
next week Sat. It is a very  
pretty cottage indeed. They  
have gone to Portland today  
to get furniture for it. I  
think everything we sent to the  
folks is labeled. I will tell  
you about mine though.  
You know the picture frame was

Margaret. The little bead basket in the  
top of the trunk, is for one of Uncle  
Addison's girls, it is labeled, The  
paper weight is also for one of them  
it is also marked. The black tie  
is for Aunt Dola. Those <sup>are</sup> all the  
things I sent. You must not  
let the moisture come into  
your eyes, when you think  
of us, but feel that we  
are happy in your happiness  
and also prospering. I do hope  
everything will help to make  
you happy and that you  
will have just the best time  
that ever was. You dear  
blessed man you certainly  
deserve the best that could  
come to anyone. We are all  
well. Don't worry about us  
the dear Father above will  
take care of us all and  
bring us to each other. Give  
my best love to Margaret.  
I will write to her soon.  
Ever & ever so much love,  
Your own Mary.