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of my presence in the number of
your board of Lake Providence
for the year ending March 31st
from W. B. G. -

Lake Providence Dec 30th 1871

The last day of the year
My own darling Boy. (and
nature is pouring out a flood
of tears, perhaps, of repentance
for sins of the past year.

Have we not profound pain too
that might call forth the
penitential tears - some little
act of meanness, selfishness or
hasty words spoken, or iniquate
trust to our Heavenly Father
for life, and blessing daily con-
fess upon us. Oh these little
sins - How much harder to avoid
than larger ones - "To keep the in-
side of the platter clean - well."

I turn over this "clear unblotted" page, as I hope to do, on the morrow, by thinking of you and wishing our precious Boy, a happy New Year, and that the mist of difficulty between his mind's eye, and science may not be away, and leave all bright and clear.

Yours, acknowledging receipt of Dave's letter containing \$25.00 was received yesterday, and I suppose next this you have mine containing your Christmas gift \$5.00, which I wish you to invest in some little keepsake from your dear Ma. I fear you will be disappointed about the Boy, as we cannot obtain Eggs here. But as soon as we hear even of a month

I will stir you up something to murder out. I was entirely alone on Christmas day. I was out, and poor Pa. is at the store now, from early morn until 10 o'clock, at night, much disappointed at the non appearance of Mr. Forbes whom he expected a week ago.

Mr. W.'s manners improved considerably, and Pa. nipes him especially now, so much outside business to attend to. The Coates is picked, and I expect will all be ready for shipment next week. We had two and half splendid Hogs from plantations the most of which I converted into sausage andlard. Mr. Thompson and Anne (who returned from W. City looking

know of not making another file.
I would have in the day of
(splendid) spent an evening
with me last week. Thinks
their claim will be allowed
in reduced state. Soon LeMay's
House was burned to the ground
last week. Caught fire about
12 o'clock P.M. and burnt
so slowly, that I can't imagine
why it could not be put out.

Pro insurance and on the
15th had made the last pay-
ment. Was talking to Harriet
about insuring that morning.
La insured your house for
3 months, before our trip to D.C.
Lizzie B. disengaged her portion
at G.C., so her Ma gave me to
understand - Judge Montgomery's
Sister Mrs Barnes is confining here to her
child. no more "til next year from
your loving Ma, Sarah G. Bernard.