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Prairie du Chien, Feb. 3d, '61.

Well John,

I really ought to be ashamed not to have answered your kind letter before this time -- but be assured it is not because I had forgotten to do so. I intended to have done so a week ago, but for some reason I have not found myself with pen in hand, until now.

Your name has been mentioned almost every day since you left. We were really lonely without you -- by we I mean those of us who used to sit in the little sitting room around the writing desk. We are all quite well -- even "Little Fannie", is getting quite strong. She can walk about by chairs and will soon walk quite alone. I think she would know you. She can speak several words quite distinctly. I hope and pray that her life, which has seemed so Fail, may be spared to be a blessing to us in after years. If her parents are not spared to enjoy her society she may make herself useful to others. Surely we know not what a day may bring forth, and how little do we realize it.

We are getting along about as we were when you were [here]. Ezra does the chores about the house. Our family is not as large as it was. Kate is gone, and in her place I have a Sarah. Miss Merrill is talking of going soon. John, we have wished you were here many a time since you left. How have you got along at your new business. You must write and let us hear all about your success. You are very kindly remembered by all, and enquired after. Now you must remember your promise to write me occasionally as long as you live. We shall ever be happy to hear of your prosperity.

We have one common interest in securing an interest in that Savior who died that we might live. John, pray for me and my family,

that we may all be sharers in that great salvation.

Mr. Radclif has left this town to preach at De Soto, a town upon the river north of here. Not many tears shed about his departure. I went over to McGregor last Sabbath and heard the Baptist minister, Mr. Moor -- liked him very well. I must close. Little Fannie is sitting by the side of me trying to get hold of my paper. She sends you a great many kisses, and Says [she] wishes John would come back again. Write soon.

Ever your true friend, F. N. Pelton.