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six o'clock and works untiringly the day long. He has bought forty sheep from David and seems much pleased with the idea of having them to care for. I do not see how he can undergo so much fatigue, and feel as if this way of doing, must stop before a great while, but he does not seem to see it in that light. I suppose you know where all of the girls are and how they are getting along. I had a letter from Fanny, she seems to be enjoying herself first-rate. I trust she will be able to get a thorough knowledge of the branches she has set her mind upon and that she will realize as much profit from them as she expects. She has some obstacles to surmount but I trust will come out brightly in the end. I have had no letter from Annie yet but expect to hear from her soon. I presume you have heard about the terrible outrages that have been perpetrated in

Portage. just think of it Dan - all of this to have happened so near side. Joanna is boarding at Bradley's I do not think she would be able to enjoy herself much for some days. I understand that Abraham Spain is going to summons Mr Bradley and some others to give an account of themselves but whether he will be able to make anything out of it or not I do not know. So Dan you are really going off to the medical school. well my dear brother I trust you will study your business so thoroughly that when you come out as Dr D. H. Davis such poor mortals as I may be able to come to you with confidence trusting that with your profound knowledge you will be able to give us something that will minister to our comfort. I hope you will be quick about it ^{too} for I have been feeling my need of ^{such} such a personage very much this fall. When you begin

Practice are you going to pull Teeth
I tell you I have had some sad experience
in that line this summer. when you
undergo as much as I have in that way
you will be able to feel for others when you take
those terrible instruments of torture in your
hands. But solely I am my very best wishes
for your success.

When have you heard from John I
have had no letter from him for some months
the last I heard of him he was as far up the
mountains as he could get for snow. He
talks of going to Central America and
Europe. when is he coming home?
David hired a boy for three months this fall
and started off with John Reid to buy
cattle for shipping to Chicago the first
car load proved rather an unsuccessful
speculation and David has returned
quietly to farming again. John is going
to try it again however. he says he must
do something. Maggie's health is much
about the same she does not seem to
gain much. it is very lonesome for her
John being away from home so much.
Do you ever hear from David or John
Gray now. David sent us his marriage
cards this summer I think the lady is
from New Orleans I suppose he is still
editor of the Courier. Now Dan sit right
down and let me hear from you as soon as
possible remembering that I am as ever your
loving and affectionate sister Sarah

Mount Hill Oct 8th 1869

My Dear Brother Daniel

After waiting
for months in hopes of receiving a
letter from you - I am going to console
myself in writing to you. I very often
think of my brother Dan and wonder
why he does not write me once in a while
Do you know that you have not written
me a single word since you left home.
now just sit down and think how long
that is, and I am sure there will be a
letter forth-coming. I was over at Sidney
Hill a short time ago. Father and
mother were usually well but the house
seems so still, all of the girls being gone.
Still mother seems to enjoy herself pretty
well she has a good girl and nothing
in the way of work to disturb her.
Father has had a very sore knee it kept
him confined to the house about two
weeks. he is as busy as ever again, up
in the morning early. breakfast about