

*Ellen Reynolds*  
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Friend Emma

I have been as you  
wrote this, but is some longer  
and I trust you will not be  
quicker in your opinion to be  
more than these words. I had more  
of your good wishes - you just  
before we went on by a school  
it was so to be possible to visit  
have a grand old time with you.  
You will probably remember  
when I was in the city of Madison  
in - for the first time, your friends  
Came out to see me and we all  
went - with pleasure with you.

... some as well as others. To it  
us we go to command perhaps.

I like the beautiful prairie, but  
I suppose you have often had a  
description of them and perhaps  
had the pleasure of viewing them in  
so that it would fail to interest  
should I attempt to say anything of it  
in regard to the beauty, indeed it  
can from all descriptions I ever had.

I never conceived of the beauty  
of the western prairie until I  
saw them for myself.

The river which carries grain  
down, it carries nearly 500 inhabit-  
ants and enjoys an immense advantage  
to many towns in the west. It is  
situated on the River 20 miles above  
LaCrosse and was one of the best  
of LaCrosse. The letters are well  
kept posted for the and are interest-  
ing & interesting.

There is also an academy where  
a good school is kept most of the  
time during the year. Ellen visited  
the school during the winter. She  
is well educated here but misses  
her old associates a good deal. She  
is well educated in writing but  
I have never seen a specimen  
of her writing. The school is a great  
contrast from what it was in her  
own day.

The general topic of conversation  
there is war. war. Several young men  
from this town are now at Washington  
and were engaged in the battle at  
Fort Rensselaer of which one killed.

When will peace again dawn upon  
our once happy land? How can we  
see people use all this wealth in  
but regards to you and yours.

By you should consider this worthy  
a response I should be pleased to hear from  
you when convenient.  
With best regards to remain  
your friend and admirer  
E. Lewis Reynolds