

is improving and
that Willie is as
well. Give them my
love - Tell Lizzie
that her paper will not
take her down mamma
away from her, if he
can help it -

Direct all your
letters to Green-bro
you no one can
tell where I shall
be for two months
to come -
God bless you
Albion

Sept. 7th 1873.

My Darling Wife:

Your sweet letters of the 30-
+ 31st of August and 2nd of September, met me
here last night when I came in from Preston=
ville, in Stokes Co - I suppose you will prob-
ably receive today, one I wrote from
Dalton's - I do not wonder that you thought
my letter dolorous - It certainly was, and I
am afraid my last was not much better.

Somehow, it happens that I only get a
chance to write to you when I am in such a
mood. A few hours after my last letter was
written I had worn Seales to a fizzle and
was very well content. I have no idea as
to the result, As you say, it is in God's hands
and I feel quite content to leave it
there. I can not say that I have no fears

as to the result, for I am unable to see any indications which show it. It may be either way so far as I can foretell, but somehow, I seem to feel quite content to leave it in his hands. I think I am quining on him. I certainly wear him out in arguments. You must know that these places where we have met are his appointments in his old stumping-ground of Stokes, very few knowing that I would be present. So I have had a chance at his morals without giving him a lick at mine. I have been treated with great kindness and respect by every body, the prospect is from fair to middling and my friends are confident while his are despondent. I am not sure whether I shall go home this evening or not - I have been thinking of doing so, very seriously - It is 20 miles but the moonlight is good and I am not sure but I shall try it - If you were only there I know I

should - And now, as to your proposition to return - I cannot bring myself to take you away from your pleasant surroundings. It seems as if I did need you terribly; yet I do not know that I do, so much in fact as in fancy - I am so glad you are happy and that you feel pleasant and contented in your new surroundings - I am afraid, if you should return you would be anxious about your little girl and would really be unhappy - I guess I will try to get along and fight it out alone.

I do not know what Keogh will do - It looks now as if I was bound to tread the wine-press alone - I shall not do any wheeling or coaxing - He may be decent or let it alone, as he chooses.

You must give Lottie lemon juice and you have better give her for a time the Elixer of Iron, Phos. Quinia and Strychnine.

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which I have been taking. Don't neglect
it now. You know you are always
inclined to wait until she is sick be-
fore doing anything which is the worst kind
of policy. From what you say of her
I am in great fear that the Fall season
of fever will find her in a bilious
state predisposed to measles or con-
tigion and we may lose her. It is
by neglecting just such indications
that so many children are lost.

I do not wonder that she cries about
going to school. It will be horrible
and she is not old enough to go
much either - She must not be con-
fined long each day and must not
eat a hearty dinner in the middle
of the day - I am glad to hear that Linnet