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Jacksonville, Ill.

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My Dear:

I am here with \$85.00 in my pocket. \$65.00 tonight will make \$150. Three days here will probably be \$9.00, - washing and incidentals two or three more. I reckon \$40 will do for me to start to Bethany with so, I think I will spare you another \$100 - "consoler", tomorrow. You may need it but if I keep on sending you so much consolation I am afraid you will not want me to come home at all.

I have decided to stay here until Monday afternoon when I shall set out to find Bethany, Mo. which I expect to reach about 2 pm Tuesday. The house where I am is not all that

could be desired. The table is expec-  
table but I have a nice room and think  
I can get along and do my work here  
as well as any where. At least I am  
going to try it.

I got your bit of a letter  
with the manuscript. It is better not to  
write in any body's care. Curious you  
cannot remember that. It is sure to oc-  
casion delay and usually trouble and  
expense. It costs a quarter to send a  
boy out to hunt a man up but not-  
ing to send to the P. O. And the post office  
never goes hunting, fishing, or speculating.  
It is always "there".

I have send over the ms you sent and  
will mail it back to you with changes  
tomorrow so that it will be off your  
mind. It is not worn exactly what  
I want but is just about the temper  
and style I desire.

I am sorry to have Jeff Davis

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die just now. Of course, he didn't mean  
much, but I am sorry he did not last  
a year or so longer. I wonder how  
much display the South will make  
over him.

Don't be lonesome Sam,  
I am pretty well. Had a bad night  
and cough some, but think I will get  
the better of the matter before Monday.  
Give my love to all. Yours

Albion