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Sunday Eve 12:00 P.M.

Dear Bro Jesse:-

Your letter duly rec'd - but as before when I come to look for it, it cannot be found - have no dresser drawers to put things away in; and busy little fingers often confiscate them to all sorts of uses. We are all quite well; but the weather - yesterday and today has been terrible. Quite clear, but cold, and today the wind has been raging awfully; and is still at it tonight. Mercury has been from 20 to ~~25~~ 7° below zero; and suppose it may be 12 or 15 by morning. Am living now in two rooms and heating both by large range. Even with it red hot most of the time there is heavy ice and frost on the window 4 ft away from the stove. Think we must have burned 200 lbs of coal (\$6.50 per T) in the

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past 24 hrs. This coal I am paying
for by shoveling coal at the yards for
30 cts per hr. Last spring I paid
for some the same way and was
allowed 35 cts. Now I am stronger
^{than then} and the manager frankly admits
that I can move the coal all right,
but 30 cts is the limit. The real
facts are that wages are actually
lower than several years ago and
everything else higher; so that this
is plainly the rich man's war, paid
for mostly by the poorer classes.

Last week I heard that an engineer was
badly needed by the government at the
Naval Training station, 4 miles south
of Waukegan; so I went down to
see; and found they needed a man at
the filtering plant - a very responsible
place, 7 days a week - but were paying
only \$2.80 per day.

Now if you can see how I am

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meet my responsibilities under these conditions your vision is longer than mine.

I had to pass up any good paying job because I could not stand up to ^{the} exposure; and partly because of some other matters that made it impossible altogether for me to hold on; and I got out just in time to avoid a big crash that came, resulting ⁱⁿ a serious breakdown. Several days afterward ~~was~~ I called on the owner of the plant and he really wanted me to go back; but gave me no satisfaction that he would correct the hindrances, or make the place warm at once, so I staid away; because I am simply not clothed to face such exposure.

Monday 8:45 A.M.

Boys are all off to school and I am sitting by the stove while I finish

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this for the forenoon mail.

Have not learned how cold it is this A.M. but seems as if it must be near 20° below 0; for fire does not seem to warm things up a little bit; and have had to shut off one room and try to keep one only warm.

Of course all this is because things have changed so much of late. Base burners and hard coal alone can solve the heat question for this climate, and not soft coal as I am now forced to use. Hard coal is about \$11.00 per T, and no certainty of being able to get it for only a few weeks more. And indeed many localities cannot even get the soft, so in some ways we are thankful.

Mrs. Clark has the baby over there now; and Steven and Ariel are sleeping there nights also.

I cannot take time now to go into Church matters; but will

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greatly personally appreciate any assistance you can afford Mr. Lewis.

He is past 71 years of age now, and some of our people are very inconsiderate and impolite - not to say un-Christian in their treatment of him; while he is strictly a southern gentleman and an earnest follower of the Master as well; and while he has evidently erred in judgment in some things; and I myself differ with him in some things; I cannot but take strong sides against those who bring railing accusations against him; There are those whose ambitions to run the church and could not; who are now trying to smash the Church.

Concerning the horse I will agree to Melville's desire \$30⁰⁰ for the care of it and the Powell acct. But would like to add this - that since you say the horse is worth \$40⁰⁰ that Melville take him at \$35⁰⁰ and pay

the other \$5⁰⁰. Then get Segúda to
I issue the propadad and give him
receipt for ~~to~~ \$50⁰⁰ and the well
acct, if he insists that the horse
must stand for that amount;
but see if you cannot get him down
to \$40⁰⁰. He has - or had some
cattle; and if you get right in behind
him, and tell him kindly but positively
and emphatically that I must have
the balance (for which I would
accept \$50⁰⁰) he will - (I believe
get it for you) Give him my
regards and tell him I must have
it to care for my children in the
awful cold weather. This arrangement
then will only stand me \$18 in
hand for the horse that cost me \$40⁰⁰
or \$50⁰⁰; and \$13⁰⁰ of that is represented
by the plow and wire which are gone
Do you know what became of the
little turning plow?

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The pump and pipe at the place were mine and I was under no obligations to leave them there. The cylinder and checkvalve were yours - you just loaned them to me.

What became of the horse mill. That cost me some \$12⁰⁰ or so; as it seems to me it was \$17⁰⁰ but am not sure. I left ~~it~~ ^{it} bolted to the back steps.

As to the well machine I cannot but earnestly hope and pray that some one will come along at once and offer at least \$300 for it; ~~for~~ but if not take Fisher's offer and let me have it at once for I ^{am} so much in need of it now. But perhaps Fisher would pay more if he knew the circumstances - he is not so poor - and his father-in-law, is a very nice, and very well to do old man.

I note that you were about to send me money for the clothing. ...

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I do not want you to do that, for I am not unmindful of how much behind I am with you now.

If I could only get hold of the things that I have all ready earned I could more than care for all my necessities. But my needs just now are very emphatic and I must find some way out.

The position of J. City in the immediate future as a "city of refuge" is by no means clear. I cannot see in what way it is not suffering in common with other places now; or how it shall not continue to do so; unless some very sudden and tremendous thing comes to make changes.

On the whole it really seems to me that a small faithful remnant must be picked up and carried away from here for a time to some tropical place while God punishes the disobedient ones

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There is considerable scripture in evident support of this view; and I have all but finally adopted it as the proper plan.

But all our people here take extreme opposition to this view; thinking God must keep and deliver them here.

But we soon shall see. My life is in His hands and I cannot afford to advocate anything that would lead them astray.

One thing is indescribably sure - God has most wonderfully worked out for me since returning here, some things that He had been showing me for several years past - some of them concerning Teresa. I have

gone thru some very strange and wonderful experiences that I cannot tell you about now - possibly never.

I cannot but feel sure that there has been a very special and Divine plan and purpose in ^{her} being taken away

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Steven has had a most wonderful
dream or vision - Saw her coffin
here and a number of us looking at it
from a little distance when suddenly
the lid flew open, and Mama stood
right up in the middle of it, so
beautiful and smiling.

But we will not have to wait long
now for the fulfilling these things -
"In the days of seventh angel when
he is about to sound, there is ful-
filled the mystery of God."

Now I must close, tho many other
things I would like to write about.

Please let me hear from you
as soon as possible.

For the Joy of His Service
Clarence W. Crosby.

P.S. How is Maggie?