
Friday night December, 16th, 1870

Dear Sister,

Your long letter which was recd a few days past, was read with much pleasure: It was worthy of an earlier answer, but it has been impossible for me to answer sooner, as I have had so much to do. Now Sister you need not make any excuse for your delaying; I know it must be painful for you to write any position you might take. I hope you may soon recover. Tell Horace Means to answer my letter soon! He was mistaken in saying, I expected to be arrested. The Saturday we went to Frankfort to remove the remains of three Rebel Soldiers; on that occasion, three of our little cadets, who were too small to use guns, had three small confederate flags, which their mothers had made for them. Nearly every Yankee paper said something in regard to those flags. In one, Grant" said he would send soldiers to take them from us. "He had better not send any small squad, unless he wants a few killed."

I recd a long letter from Nannie a few days ago. She was very well. I will miss you all very much Christmas; I would like so much to be with you. I hope you all may spend a happy time together. "Tell Bud Louis to hand up my sock and to be careful that he don't get one with a hole in both ends." Tell Dot to answer my letter. You must get him to tell you about my trip to a cave last Saturday.

When shall I look for my boxes? I know it will be a nice one. Give my love to Aunt Mary and Uncle Lucien. I want to meet Ben Craig in Frankfort in a few days, ask Pa if he has any objections! We have a magazine in our school now; it is published in New Albany Ind. I will send you a copy, please take good care of it, and save it. I would like very much for you and Dot to come up to see me Christmas. Let me know if you can come.

Is Mr. Bob Turner in Iowa now? I suppose the boys of Ghent are having a lively time attending parties now. Tell Pa I expect to get a very good report for this month. I have been applying myself assiduously the whole time. I have finished Logic, Ornithology, Trigonometry and Surveying. My present studies are, French, Botany, History, Dictionary, Composition and Declamation every Friday. We have to draw the leaves and different plants in our Botany class, which makes it very interesting. I will take up Mineralogy and Political Economy after Christmas. Give my love to all. Write soon to your loving brother "Robbert"

You must excuse me for not writing you a more interesting; for I have nothing that would interest you.

Robin, Red Breast of Ghent Kentucky

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