

children over here & kept them. Masha was sick about but
she came over here & stayed with the children. I drained some
water
out of the cistern carried one pail full part way over
Valentine's folks will go over the lake I guess tomorrow
Jimmy has come home & is ready to come back if we
want her a week or two but I guess we shall try
to get along some way. I don't want you to think of com-
-ing back alone stay till you have a good chance &
we shall be glad to have your Aunt Maria & Charles
come too. I don't know but E is bent upon coming
I have said all I can to persuade him to stay at
home we have 4 calves to feed I have sold some
30 pounds of butter & about 17 pounds of old
butter out of my jar I have got the leach put
up but it has been so dry & cold too I don't
like to have fire out doors but I want to make
soap as soon as I can. O this is a world of busy
life but we shall soon leave for another. I may be
ready the girls have an invitation to go to Elden
greens tomorrow eve & eat maple sugar they were
invited last week but it stormed very hard
you must not anticipate too much of going to
Dorsey will for when warm weather comes it may
be sickly when I commenced this letter I did not
think of writing but little I must go to bed for
it is late tell Walter he must carry his pen
instead of letting him carry him & help Laura
for me I suppose Willie feels pleased about
the new house I hope he & all may enjoy much
comfort & happiness remember me to Flabby &
Johnson & all the relatives tell Mr Post he must
take care of himself if he wants to enjoy his
new house it has been cold to day it froze hard last
night good sugar weather well I will say good night
you need not be afraid of writing to often none of you
I remain your Mother till I catch S. S. W. A. C. P. L. M.

April 3rd

Dear Children one & all

As Martha has been writing
I suppose I cannot tell you much news but
thought I would write a little to let you
know I have not forgotten your letters, well I
am living again feeling as I have often felt
before, that I must brace my mind for another
limb to be broken off, as E is talking of leaving
the old home, I hope somehow he will be
made to see if it is right for him to stay
at home, but if he cannot be contented
he must go, I think if he cannot live &
lay up something by having a half he can
make on 2, 5 or 6 acres of land, let him begin
without any thing & he will find the diff-
-erence, you know how we felt when you was
at home it looks so lonely to go out & see
so much that's wants to be done & no one that feels
interested, but I believe he enjoys religion
I want he should go forward in Baptism sure
before he goes away well I must go to bed