

CLUB

Nov the 12<sup>th</sup> 1898,

Dear Niece,

I thought I would  
write you a few lines to see  
if you were all living yet  
I wrote to your pa a long  
while ago and he dont answer  
I dont see why he dont Hank  
says he expects he has gone  
to the worlds fair and for  
got to come back, but all  
the same I would like to hear  
from you once in a while, are  
you going to school at Napp  
this winter or not I hope you  
did get to go, and how are you  
a prospering, are you all  
well, we are having beautiful



weather almost like <sup>anno</sup> summer the roads are dry and dusty and the flies are messier than ever it seems as though you cant dog them off. I am doing my own work now my girl went home three weeks ago yesterday I get my work done but it keeps me on the wiggle all the time I wish you was out here in the morning Hank is going to wash he got a new wash machine I bet it will be fun to see his performance. They have got their little dab of corn husked and fodder in and shell is going to commence cutting wood in the morning if all is well. I have been looking for you go out here tell him

<sup>come</sup> that I have felt all half as though he would come Hank dreamt the other night that him and Lib had come, write and tell me where she is and what is going to be done with her and what are they a doing down to Grandpa is some married yet I guess grandma dont intend to write to me anymore you. Aunt Lydia's folks are all well I dont know how your grandma is I havent heard lately. Has your ma sold all her chickens yet I have some to sell but not at the price they are now they aint a paying only four cents for young chickens and I wont take that now, butter is worth



eighteen cts per pound and  
eggs are twenty cts per dozen  
and I dont get any to sell  
well I guess I have wrote you  
all the trash that I can  
think of and I had better  
bring this to and end, we  
are all well as common only  
sleepy so I guess we had better  
go to bed, I will close by wishing  
you all <sup>well</sup> and hoping to hear  
from you soon from your  
old Aunty Masmore  
to Osa





Miss Osa .. Teresa  
Nappanee Amos

(Elkhart Co) 200



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Miss Osa Truex,

Wappanee,

-Elkhart Co. - 500 Ind.

















Miss Osa Truex,

Wappanee,

Ind.

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JULY  
7 AM  
1895  
IND.



was in touch a little while - it was about a week from the time she came here till she started for Pittsburg, but part of that time was kept at Gabe's. I said her had a little visit with her at Gabe's & we did and was invited to "a doings" there that same evening, but did not go to that. Did I tell you before? I've been over to "the house" two or three times. Yesterday I found the water had all dried off the tub bottoms, & I carried a few washpails full from the outside. I dig a barrel which I've so far seen full each time I've left there.

Nappanee, Ind.,  
Sun. night, June 14, 1896.

Dear Sister Osa: -

We have had nothing from you per-  
nothing that has come to my  
sight, at any rate, since you  
went away. I thought I'd  
write to you today, but we  
were all out in the morn-  
ing, and then this after-  
noon to the Children's Day  
Exercises, and all, I think.



O, glad,  
I've given  
the place  
a "curio"  
inspector  
from the  
bicycle  
saddle  
tree or  
tree  
when I  
didn't  
get in  
having  
seen a horse,  
cow, sheep,  
goat, hog,  
chicken,  
dog, or  
yellow  
bear on  
the plain  
is so, so  
yet.  
This  
paper  
is full,  
and we  
are two  
tired for  
me to  
begin  
another  
sheet,  
so I'll  
bid you  
and Ben  
their both  
goodnight,  
hoping  
to hear  
soon.  
With much  
love,  
Mary

pretty well tired out; I have  
been lying down most of  
the time since coming back  
this afternoon, so now it  
is bed time and the  
rest are all in bed and  
I ought to be pretty soon;  
therefore, this will not be  
as long a letter as I  
might write; for there is  
much I could tell you.

Do you keep well? I  
hope so, and hope, too,  
that if you heard the  
"Young Crusaders" pro-  
gram rendered today,  
those taking part had  
their "pieces" learned  
better than most of them.

here did; still, the music  
was good, and I was  
glad I went out. Charlie  
Burback, Fred Treese (if I  
know him when I see him),  
and Claude Sloops lent  
their presence up in front  
and displayed banners  
though they didn't have  
to do any talking; they  
were the oldest taking  
any active part except Mr.  
Tilman, B. Uline (and  
May Todd?)

Will you ask that hus-  
band of yours if among  
his Valparaiso acquaintances  
he remembers Norma Bau-  
croft of Oseola? (Perhaps)



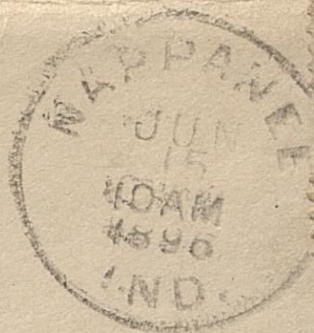
first night -  
but "guess" I'm a -  
font the only  
able-bodied "jindi-  
vidual" of Happa-  
side that wasn't  
there "Everybody"  
says the reception  
was splendid.

Do you know  
that Ilda Guico  
has been in the  
Presbyterian Ho-  
pital of Chicago  
nearly two weeks  
now, having eu-  
dergone a sur-  
gical operation?  
According to all u-  
ports she is get-  
ting on nicely.  
Margaret

she wasn't of Osceola then,  
I don't know.) She and her  
friend Miss Pierce were out  
"eaters" during the convention,  
we didn't take any "sleepers".  
I enjoyed the sessions of  
the convention that I  
attended, and so did Ma,  
I think, though neither of  
us was out so much as  
Alice - I believe she  
"took in" everything. Char-  
lie, of course, could not  
attend except at night.  
I did not go out the



If not delivered  
Return to Box 26,  
Nappanee, Ind.



Mrs. L. E. Swartz,  
Garrett,

Ind.

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2010 Sherman Ave,  
Evanston, Ill.

Jan. 13, 1897

Dear Osa: -

The thing

I'm writing for just now  
is, to let you people know  
that <sup>my</sup> has at last heard,  
to some purpose, from  
"the Nappanee property"  
She wrote to Mr. N. a  
few days ago, and he sent  
in reply a draft for \$8.10  
and a satisfactory state-  
ment - he said that  
the reason he had  
not remitted sooner, he  
used part of the first

he is still with you. I'll say goodbye, hoping  
to hear when  
you have  
time to write.  
Mary



month's rent in repairing pumps, and thought it not worth while to send balance till next payment was made.

His letter came today and ma now has a card in reply ready for the postman.

Today, also, Jo's card written at your place reached us. We are glad he went via Nappanee. He wasn't certain when he started for the city yesterday - it wasn't yesterday, though, was it? - whether his company would want him to go first to Muncie, or first to

Benton Harbor - in the latter case he thought he'd visit you later.

The paper and envelope I'm scrawling over are part of my this year's present of stationery. Charlie gave it to me.

O, we have some great "boardin'-house" experiences, Osa. Some time when I see you, or have time and paper unlimited and imagine you have lots of time and patience, I'll spin a few yarns, par-



ticularly about "Isabella".

We have lunch to put up for two boys now - Charlie being one of them, and one of our boarders, who spends his days in the city, the other I don't mean the lunches have to be put up this afternoon - that I do in the morning but I must go down and make a couple of "turnovers".

All our roomers but two board here, and we have one boarder from outside.

With much love to yourself and Luther, and to Ed &



From  
Mary L. Swartz,  
2010 Sherman Ave.,  
Evanston, Ill.



Mrs. L. E. Swartz,  
Arapahoe,  
Ind.

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individual  
and not at all  
"soft."

I guess tho;  
th. at his brother  
had bail - some!  
for he went - to a  
"big doings" in  
the City - that -  
tonight. I sup -  
pose he found  
one of his flours  
to his brother  
and maybe he  
didn't want it -  
so gave it - to  
me. That's all.

Please write soon  
your sister K.

Evansston, Ill.

Dear Bro. & Sister:

I will try to write -  
a little to you this eve.

We are all about - as well as usual.

I am sorry if Ora had worn  
herself out - acting as nurse  
and also as school "instructor",

Let us know how you both are!

Yesterday day I went into the  
City - to do a little grocery buying,  
and also to "take up" one of those  
pretty little papers I signed out  
at Mr. Smyth's last summer,  
and as there was to be at 2.00

P. M.



an Intercollegiate O. W. B. A.  
meeting out at the Roman's  
Medical School I went on out  
to it. There was a quite an  
interesting programme, also  
a little "informal" coffee"  
afterwards. I did not stay  
to the after business as I  
wanted to get back to the  
Fair in time to get some  
butter before closing hour.

Taking it all together I had  
a quite a time. It was so  
dull and foggy that I could  
not tell directions and I wand-  
ered around awhile and finally  
found myself at the cor. of Harrison  
and Fifth Ave. I had thought  
I had been going North and

went instead of south and  
west. But when I got  
to that cor. of course I knew  
where I was and straightway  
started north on Fifth Ave.  
I walked out to Smyth's  
and then took a car for  
the College (W. M. S.).

I told the conductor that I  
wanted to get off at Lincoln  
because I knew I did not  
recognize the name when  
he should call it off.

After a while I saw that we  
were passing Hospitals and such  
and so I said to the con.

"I want to be soon and get off  
at Lincoln." "Oh," he said,  
"we've passed that about two



It was  
our Senior  
(college man)  
who gave it -  
to me.  
The band was  
over.  
One of those  
two brothers  
who have the  
room next -  
to the front  
room.  
I don't know  
why he gave  
it to me for  
he is a very  
sober minded

block's back." So I jumped  
off the car and proceeded  
to wind my way back -  
ward towards Lincoln.

After trudging through Chicago  
street - and for four blocks  
I came to the welcome and  
not to be forgotten word, Lincoln.  
Mary had told me that the School  
is about a block down Lincoln;  
and so I found it - to be. I was near  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  hr. late to the meeting, tho'.

To change the subject: I  
got. I mean was presented  
with a beautiful red rose  
evening before last. (top)



Mon. Mon. Feb. 22, 1897.

father of the light  
whom he's you own

Do, the more I wonder  
your schools, too, are to observe  
this is as a holiday.

Last night, - probably because  
I've been lying around about  
all the time the last few  
days, and getting more sleep  
than common, - I did  
more dreaming than sleep-  
ing, saw in my dreams  
nearly all the Japanese  
people, held quite a con-  
versation with each of

Do sent - bring prints of good  
pictures - he had  
written  
of it -  
God  
take  
from  
from  
Mary



What's weather in Chicago? How much snow should I have with so please tell that!

you: thought you, Luther, had been painting a house.

I think ma neglected to say to you, Luther, that in her last letter to Kantz she told him that perhaps by inquiring of you he might learn her decision before

hearing from her, direct, again. Her decision hinging on yours, of course it

now is that Mr. A may keep the house at the rate, and to the time specified in Kantz's late letter. She has n't written him yet, I think

one matter of importance



of her (Kittie's) schoolmate's  
and her (the schoolmate's)  
sister, some more of  
Grew Jewell's relatives?  
Kittie thinks Miss  
Helen Jewell is just  
about perfect - seems  
to, anyway - and claims  
she's much like Maggie  
Held. She doesn't look  
a bit like her, that I  
know, but I observe, too

as a unit - but I may not  
know and I don't know  
you to death

(over to page)



that when she  
got in the  
morning  
Pittie  
at  
Beverly

so if she should be in  
any hurry and therefore  
should ask you, know  
herby that such was  
ma's plan.

Ma is home for a  
couple of days, and was  
in here a little while  
yesterday afternoon.

Oh, has Pittie written  
you that she, no ma,  
has discovered in our

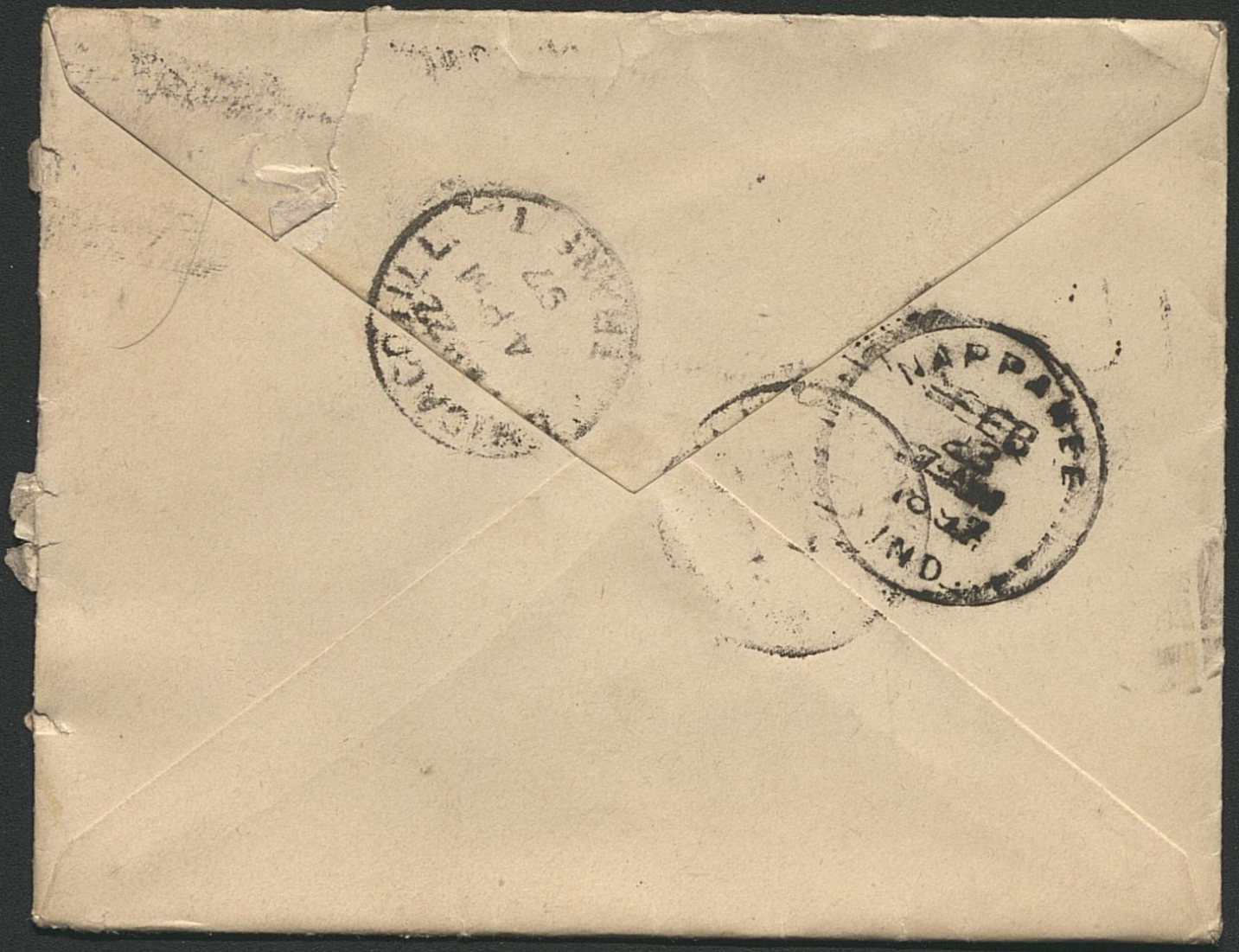


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Mrs. L. C. Swank  
Elkhart 200  
Gaspancee  
Ind.





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HAPPENEE  
IND.



Please write  
as soon and  
of time as con-  
venient.  
Mary.

2010 Sherman Ave,  
Evanston, Ill.

Sun. eve., Mar. 14, 1897.

Dear Pa (and Luther):—

I wonder what  
you people are doing  
today. I am just now  
engaged in making  
blots—at least one  
horrible one as you  
see above. Just call  
it a kiss, won't you?  
and go ahead.

I presume if you  
are both as well  
as usual, that you  
are now at League  
meeting, and that

Mom. Had a lovely little spin  
before lamp, this morning.



you, Luther, are in charge of the same.

Osa, we didn't know you had been clear down again until Luther wrote something about its being only a short time. I hope you are still improving, and that your mother is, also. Did she have the grippe?

I don't believe I and I don't know that the others have written you since Lou was here, about her being here. (That's a clumsy sentence, but I think you know what I

mean.) I want to thank you, Osa, for giving us warning as you surmised, I'd just a little rather know beforehand when folks are coming to "stay all night".

Your letter of warning came the day she left here; after she and I had started for the city, I believe.

I was in to "the Fair" yesterday, again, and saw a great, strap-ping fellow there who I would have



thought was you, Lu-  
ther, but for two  
facts; one was that,  
while his dimen-  
sions of breadth  
and thickness were  
like yours, that  
of height was like  
our lamented Nap-  
paul Kinsman's,  
(he was a regular  
young giant) and  
the other that he  
presently began  
puffing at a cigar.

How is that old  
epitaph; "When the day















EVANSTON  
MARI 5  
1030AM  
97



Mrs. L. E. Swartz  
Kappanel  
Ind  
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that tax statement, and will try to  
send money  
to you as  
we can.

2010 Sherman Ave.,  
Evanston, Ill.

Mary.

Apr. 5, '97

Dear Sister; -

We were  
glad to get your card,  
but sorry that Luther  
has that eye trouble -  
hope he is better now,  
and that your health,  
too, will improve as  
warm weather comes.  
It does seem, from a  
human "point of view"  
as if you two have



had more than your share of illness this winter; we have felt sorry for you and wished we could help you, if we haven't said much.

I am, as you can see, scrawling this in a great hurry, for it is nearly postman-time.

We are in our usual health, and are also as busy as usual; we didn't any of us realize, till your card came, that none of us wrote you a week ago last week's end. Of course pa had Bro. Jencks here at that time, and they were going a "good deal" I was just sick, too, for a few days, & with the worst cold we've had in years, I think. The last remains of it still stay by me, but it doesn't trouble me much any more.

I was very sorry to learn of Lucia's illness, and hope you may be able to give a more favorable



report next time.

The venerable Orrington  
Lunt died a day or two  
ago, and on account  
of his funeral, all  
departments of the  
university are closed  
today. S. understood  
the academy "kids"  
were to attend en  
masse and has gone  
now, on 'her wheel, to  
see some of the girls  
and find out.

I had a lovely ride  
yesterday afternoon and  
brought home a few  
"pussy willow."

I must say goodbye  
hoping you are both  
better. O, yes, ma wanted  
me to say, we understood





















Mrs. Cass Tripp Swartz,  
Wappanee,  
Ind.

Elkhart Co.

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I got up, I let myself  
 go to sleep again  
 and didn't  
 wake till supper  
 time. Piltie  
 had taken  
 up the  
 stairs  
 but she, too, lay  
 down and reads  
 nothing more  
 till it was time  
 to wait on table.  
 I guess, though,  
 she helped first  
 with the



2010 Sherman Ave., Evanston  
 Sun. eve, May 30, 1897.

Dear Sister Ovi:-

This is  
 beautiful, bright, sunny  
 it was very cool in  
 morning, so that  
 had Charlie build  
 a little fire in the fur-  
 but now, here in our  
 room, it seems like sun-  
 thank you very

I got up, she and the  
 children were out to  
 the garden with the  
 hose and the water  
 when I got up, I let  
 myself go to sleep  
 again and didn't  
 wake till supper  
 time. Piltie had  
 taken up the stairs  
 but she, too, lay  
 down and reads  
 nothing more till  
 it was time to  
 wait on table. I  
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 she helped first  
 with the



dinner  
 dishes  
 of ferns  
 & dicit.  
 I mean  
 to dress  
 now  
 and  
 if m  
 or K.

much for those flowers  
 seeds you sent - I did  
 it mean to beg hand-  
 new "store" seeds, as I  
 think the mignonette,  
 anyway, must have  
 been. I planted  
 them in the little  
 patch south of dining  
 room and pantry, in  
 which I'd already put  
 some sweet peas, nastur-  
 tiums, pansies, asters,  
 chrysanthemums, and  
 the few little roots and  
 such that we had in  
 the house. (Allie's seeds, mostly.)  
 Last evening, for the  
 first in a long time,

I went out a  
 few  
 miles on Kittie's wheel.  
 (The rear tire had  
 finally worn clear through  
 in one spot, and it  
 seemed as if we never  
 would get time to take  
 it off and patch it, but  
 at last we did.)  
 I brought in a couple  
 of clumps of ferns  
 which we set out under  
 the edge of the porch.  
 If I get awake early  
 tomorrow morning I  
 want to go for some  
 more. I discovered a  
 regular nursery of  
 'em last evening -

going to  
 evening  
 arrival,  
 go along  
 my  
 way,  
 I'll  
 here  
 I'll go  
 we, to  
 the  
 have  
 a little  
 bit.  
 I pre-  
 some  
 Luther  
 has told  
 you that  
 the  
 White.  
 was  
 were  
 well,  
 they  
 and Chad  
 over Sam  
 day and  
 R.  
 M.



the very first I've seen  
ferns growing wild - to  
amount to bunch - since  
we came here. —

I haven't been out to  
day yet. He more busy,  
me and I, all forenoon.  
I said something to Lutz  
about writing to you, and  
he said if I'd write before  
eleven I could send  
with a letter of his, but  
I hadn't time to write  
then. After dinner I  
came up and lay down,  
setting the alarm for  
four, but when it went  
off, I felt as if I'd had  
only the beginning of  
my nap, and, as I  
didn't just have to get





May 31, 1897.  
Evanston Ill.

Dear John: -

As Luther and some of the  
other folks have written to you  
I will endeavor to answer your  
letter. How are all of your  
folks do <sup>they</sup> you keep well. Have  
your folks married your little  
sister yet? And if so what is  
her name. Kittie likes to go  
to school very well. I like to  
live here in Evanston better  
than I thought I would at



first. Two weeks from yesterday we will have our childrens day exercises. Last Saturday one of our roomers was out playing ball and he ran against the goal and gashed his face like every thing and his eye was swelled up. He had the doctor. But I rather think he intends going to school to day. As you remember of us speaking about Mr. Porter. He is the one that ~~got~~ banged himself up. We have a nice little striped kitty it just came to us a little more than a week ago. So we took it in and gave it a home.

As I have no more of interest to write this time I will close.

Alice Swartz.



Mon Morn. May 31 '97

Dear Osa:

This is a lovely morning, this quite cool so much so that we made a fire in the grate. Yesterday we had a fire in the furnace. But the sun shines brightly this morning so I think it will warm up before night.

How are you getting along? Hope you will keep well while L. is gone. He has just now started to the city. We might have sent this letter by him so it would have reached you a little sooner but Alice and I both wanted to write some. She is rising the only pen there is down stairs so I am using this stub of a pencil.

Mary and I attended the Whetadon Chapel services last night. Our regular



pastor — Rev. Wilkinson —  
whom we esteem very  
highly — did not preach  
but we heard an excellent  
sermon from Dr. Benson  
one of the professors in the  
"Bib" My kindest regards to  
your father and Mother and  
all the family and if you  
meet any of our other  
old friends you can  
say we are well and  
wish to be remembered to them.

How you must enjoy being  
out in the Country part of the time!

I would live in the Country  
all the time if I could  
have the choosing. Yet there  
is some compensation in the  
Towns in the way of literary and  
religious privileges. to offset  
the freedom and beauty of  
the Country. May God bless  
and keep you is the prayer  
of your other  
Mother



CHICAGO, ILL.  
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Mrs. L. E. Swartz,  
Kappanau,

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Stappanee, Ind.

Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1898.

Mrs. L. E. Swartz.

90 Hammond St. Chicago.

Dear Sister:—

Papa sent me in to write a few lines to you, while he was hitching up to go to Nap. after Lalie.

Mamma is picking a turkey. You know what that means.

Papa says, "Tell them we are going to have a turkey, of our own raising some pumpkin pie, and a whole lot of good things. and you are all kindly invited to eat Thanksgiving



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dinner with us." Also tell  
Mr. Gerod, (that the way to  
spell his name?), there will  
be a plate for him, and  
he may have the honor  
of "carving the turkey."

Ma came in  
with the report that It weighs  
thirteen pounds, with feathers  
off. Come, can't you?

There was a  
gentleman spent last Friday  
evening with us who resides  
in Chicago. His name  
is Frank Hart. He is a  
piano tuner, and quite a  
musician.

We are all well  
and hope you are enjoying  
life in all of its glory, and  
you may be with us.

I will close.

Your Sister  
Meylie.





Mrs. L. E. Swartz,  
90 Hammond St.,  
Chicago,  
Ill.

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CHICAGO  
NOV 23  
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Mon. night. We have had another very busy day and I'll just write a little tonight on this. Of course we were very glad to have Phyllis and her party with us for a bank giving day. We invited Mrs. Perry and Helen. Uncle John was here too, in the afternoon. I visited the W.C.T.U. met with Sat. we went to Uncle Sam's in the afternoon and to visit both on a special invitation then we called on Mrs. G. and then to dinner yesterday called on Mrs. G. took supper here today my husband and I have to dinner here to dinner the to take dinner

11-27-98

Dear Son, Daughter & Granddaughter:

Your card

of Tuesday found me at Montpelier, Vt., only a couple of hours before I started home which I did at 9.35 Wed. morning. I found the folks all in fair health, and have so continued since. Of course you too noticed that C. has been growing, and we think looking so much like his brother that he gets called by your name quite often here at home. We have reason to trust that he has not been ensnared by either Tobacco or Strong Drink. Indeed he seems to have been using only occasionally the Coffee that Uncle Sam supplies no less than 21 times per week.

Did I tell you in my last that for some time I have been taking



at Epw. <sup>to him</sup> <sup>row</sup> <sup>last</sup> <sup>nights</sup> <sup>meeting</sup> <sup>was of</sup> <sup>head</sup> <sup>ill</sup> <sup>our</sup> <sup>from</sup> <sup>me</sup> <sup>did</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>know</sup> <sup>she</sup> <sup>could</sup> <sup>back</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>head</sup> <sup>from</sup> <sup>there</sup> <sup>last</sup> <sup>week</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>from</sup> <sup>from</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>"no"</sup> <sup>"all"</sup> <sup>today</sup> <sup>thanks</sup> <sup>for</sup> <sup>stripes</sup> <sup>Goodnight</sup>

drink at all, and with the exception of two or three slight attacks of headache - not severe, however - I have had better health, I think, especially along the line of my Kidneys, than for a long time. - John & Henry S. were with us for dinner to-day, and were both quite well. At Church this a.m. Bro. Wones gave us a Temperance Sermon, and said some very excellent things. To night a Prohibition Meeting, or rather a "Temperance Meeting" under the auspices of the Epworth League. I did not feel quite able to go myself as I took a severe cold a night or two ago, and am not yet over it, and it causes me a good deal of headache. So I guess you will excuse this excuse for a letter  
Father,



After 10 days, return to

Mary L. Swartz,

NAPPANEE, IND.



Luther E. Swartz,  
90 Hammond St.,  
Station A,

Chicago.

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Wappanee Ind

Dec, 27, 1898.

Dear Friend:-

Your letter and presents were received with pleasure and the "rubbish" as you called it was very welcome indeed, a little bird must have told you that I was out of handkerchiefs and said I hoped that some one would remember me with one, and sure enough I was quite fortunate as I got three. I thank you so much for mine and also for the handsome Christmas card, I am more than proud of it because it came from



Chicago and you.

That wonderful city how I would like to explore it to my hearts content; how I wished we lived there and could live near you and we could go sight-seeing together.

Well Qmas has come and gone and everything moves on at the same old pace.

Mac has a weeks rest between Christmas and New Year and Harvey has a two week vacation so between the two and Arnold you know about what I have to contend with. Harvey is like the little girl in the story-book he has ate so much candy that he



is sick. I think it is sick  
headache, I put him in  
bed and told him to sleep  
if he could.

Arnold was asleep when I  
began writing but he is awake  
now good and plucky and  
in every thing he can get  
into. I expect him and  
Daphne would make a  
team and horse to let.

I was sorry to hear of Daphne  
having such a cough, I  
hope that she is well of it  
by this time.

We had quite a time with  
Arnold last week, he took  
sick so sudden on Monday



evening with a high fever  
and cough and kept

getting so much worse that  
at eight o'clock we sent for  
the doctor. He said his fever  
was a hundred and three, it  
was a good start for lung  
fever but we got it checked in  
time, for three nights I never  
got any sleep to amount to  
anything only little cat naps  
between medicine time.

He is so much better now but  
I have to be very careful of  
him. We were so worried  
about him that we did not  
count much on Amas. but  
enjoyed it better than expected.  
I received a flannel shirt and



pocket book and easel from  
Mac and handkerchief from the  
girls and a vinegar jug from  
ma. Arnold received a silver  
knife, fork and spoon, a plate  
and china cup and saucer, a little  
red sprinkling-can, a horn, a sharp  
and a sack of oranges and candy  
from the boys up home.

Allie and children did not get  
to come on account of the  
children having such colds.

It is time I am closing and  
get supper. I send you a  
hook-mark for a reminder

that I also thought of you  
when I was thinking of others.  
Write as often as you can for



I like to get letters from you.

With love to all I am,

<sup>ever</sup>  
as your friend

Della Gutzhorn.





Mrs L. E. Swartz  
90 Hammond St.  
Chicago Ill.

200



IND., June 4+9, 1899

- Mother's father to daughter + family  
in Chicago - good content

Perue, Ind. 6-4-'99

Dear Luther, Asa + Gaphne (Sab. P.M. -)

If the weather is as hot in Chicago as in this part of Hoosierdom to-day and yesterday, you are having it about 90 I think, though I've seen no thermometer except one in the church just as I went in at 10.30. It registered 90 but as a large S. S. <sup>had just closed its</sup> session, the mercury was probably higher than it was elsewhere in the shade.

I have been thinking several times (and perhaps it would not be an exaggeration to modify "times" by the word "hundred.") about Charlie's insisting, and remaining so short a time either at home or elsewhere before returning to the Army. I am afraid in some way I may have been neglecting my duty in the case. He may think by "promotion" to gain a rank in the service by which to secure large pay, and thus be able to assist in home matters; or he may have become so attached to that kind of



(2.) a life, that common, every-day, "civil life" had become burdensome. Had I any thought that he contemplated going off again, and especially so soon, I might have adjusted my matters here so as to have been at home by the time he got there, and, <sup>at</sup> least had the chance to see him before his leaving again.

Did he let you know that he had enlisted again before he left your house? If so, what reasons did he assign for so doing?

In the inclosed, <sup>number</sup> ~~copy~~ of the "Christian Companion" you will see a copy of that clipping I sent you a month ago, with a little Introductory Note. The printer, as you see, made an omission of the phrase "of the gods" after "mills", in the quotation from Whittier, is it not? And should I not have written "exceedingly strong confirmation" instead of "exceeding strong confirmation"? But in Numbers 14-7, I find the translators of our Authorized Version of the Bible use "exceeding" as an adverb to modify "good" a similar case. And the same form also in Matt. 26-38. <sup>And finally, "exceeding fine" in my quotation, is another instance,</sup> But I guess I ought to tell you that this hot weather is going pretty



(2)  
told me some thin  
twenty or more years,  
and he has since  
married another  
woman who is get-  
ting. Their home  
is at Arcadia  
this State. He now  
seems like a steady  
man of good habits,  
and is member of  
the Lutheran Church.  
At the time he  
married Miss  
Wade I think it  
was quite likely thought  
she was throwing her-  
self away.  
But I am getting  
tired, and probably  
you are too, and  
I will close hoping  
to have an early chance  
of hearing from you  
again. I spoke ad-  
dressed me at Wash-  
ington and I should  
not be there to receive  
it. They will include it  
in one of their  
and send it when  
next writing.  
Affectionately,  
Father.

hard with me, and if it continue, I think  
I shall find it prudent to go further north  
almost immediately. It began yesterday, ~~yesterday~~,  
and I found it quite a task to look after  
business at all. Did only half as much as the  
day before, and put in considerably more time.  
I have been intending to leave here to-mor-  
row at 9.45 for Nabash and spend a week  
or longer there; but it is not impossible now—  
unless this "hot wave" shall have passed by by  
the time I reach N.—that I will go on home for  
a little rest, and home-staying, and then go  
up into Western Michigan or Eastern Wisconsin  
or North-Eastern Illinois. — I want you to keep  
this "Modern Jonah" article, and if it were in  
as compact a form as it was before its republication,  
I would request you to keep it when Cousin Well  
kept it before mailing it to me, viz. in the Bible, at  
the beginning of the 5<sup>th</sup> of the Minor Prophets.  
While at Greentown I mean converse — I met  
a gentleman whom I saw married by Bro. Webb,



(4.) at "uncle Mike White's," where, as you may have heard me tell, I made my home on my "first circuit," near Morgantown, W. Va. about 80 or 90 miles nearly due south of Pittsburg, as nearly as I now have the points of the compass in mind. The gentleman in question was "raised" by "Uncle Mike" & "Aunt Mary," as were a great many other orphan boys and girls, for they had six children of their own. And many if not most of the young or assistant ministers on that large circuit were kindly and gratuitously cared for by these good old people who lived on a large hilly tract of - I don't know how many hundred acres of land. They lived about a mile away from a little village of some four or five houses and a store and P. O. - the latter called Maidsville. - The man above mentioned was quite "wild" at the time of his marriage. He had been away from Uncle Mike's then, I think, some three or four years. He married Julia Wade, who had also been cared for by uncle and aunt W. and was making her home there, I think, most if not all the time that I did. She has been dead. Mc. Stone



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Home June 8, '99

Dear L. & O.

I will just write you a short letter now.

Perhaps you do not know there is to be a dollar "Excursion" along this line to Chicago a week from next Saturday - the 17<sup>th</sup> - from Alice and Nellie H. are talking of taking advantage of it, and coming to your place and if they can get their tickets extended will go right on to Evanston Sat. night and stay there over Sunday so if you should have a other company from here they will not be there to crowd you on Saturday night. If they do not get tickets extended they will return the same night. The Excursionists can return either Saturday night or Sunday night. C. H. Whitman has promised to write a line to be presented to the general Passenger Agt. in the City and thinks he will grant them an extension. We have written to your father about it L. for he is talking of soon coming



2 home and going further  
north to work. So we think  
probably he will come home  
next week and also take  
advantage of the "Excursion"  
and see to getting the girls  
tickets extended for a few  
days. Of course we know  
you would do it - for them  
if you had the time, but  
your time is too uncertain.  
Cousin Wesley  
Well's Parents are to be at the  
Evansston the 13<sup>th</sup> and  
may stay longer so I  
think likely if your father  
goes with the girls he will  
also go with them to Evansston  
on Sat. night. - But there is  
nothing very certain about  
the whole thing, yet I presume  
the girls will go if nothing  
unforeseen prevents.

Many says if you are  
worried about the crowd  
coming just to solace yoursel-  
ves with the thought that there is  
not less than there would be if  
it was not such a busy time at  
the shop. If the girls get their tickets  
extended I guess they will go right on to  
Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> and whether you have other  
or not and be at your place for the

Course in coming - Mother  
visit - We are well -  
of their  
Mother



P. S. I did not know I  
was writing on two different  
sheets till I went to fold it.

Now Osa if the girls come  
they are both "able bodied"  
so just set them to work & you  
sit down and boss them &  
rest — if you can —

I do not believe I can  
fill all this tonight for it is  
now near 10 P. M.

so "Good Night &  
pleasant dreams"



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Sunday 5<sup>30</sup> P.M. Aug 6. '99

Dear ones in the City:

I am really glad that you report the summer not so very warm there. We have not had so very much warm weather either, but a few days have been quite oppressive.

Will Smith's mother's funeral services were conducted at our Church today by Revs. Woss and Cleaver. The latter is pastor of the U. B. Church. She was in her seventieth year. Had been down sick at her son's for about six weeks.

It has been quite a pleasant day for the funeral. Not so very warm, but it is quite dusty.

We had a letter yesterday from your Aunt Carrie, Luther.

Harry though improving is still quite helpless. I think we wrote to you before about his having another stroke of paralysis. He is



almost <sup>surprisingly</sup> more helpless than an infant.

It is very hard on your uncle Sammie. He has to help him so much. He gives him electrical treatment twice a day and bathes him frequently.

Your aunt Carrie says her own health is better. Did we tell you before that Harry is Married.

He was propped up in bed ~~and~~ while the ceremony was performed. Your Aunt speaks quite highly of his wife. She was an Ottawa girl.

It is not long since we heard from your Aunt Nancy. They were all well. The last letter your father wrote he enclosed one from your uncle Jake and Aunt H. They were also in their usual health. <sup>Lib Palmitea had been there on a visit.</sup> Not long

ago we also heard from your Uncle John Swartz. He and your Aunt Mahala were about as common and Warts wife was in better health.

Hoping this will find you all as well as it leaves us I will close.

Daphne and a kiss to you all



Nap, Sun. night,

Aug. 13, '99.

Dear Gites:-

No, we did not forget to mail the letter of ma's, now a week old, but when writing it she had forgotten that I had written just the day before, so when she remembered she'd keep this and let it ripen awhile. She sends love now, and begs to be excused from writing more. She has been "on the go" considerably to-day. Alice is at preaching service now. We all and Nellie, went over to Whitman's a little while this evening to see

With much love and affection  
to  
Aunt Mary



the Brumbaugh family  
do you remember  
Luther, the time they  
were here and took a  
meal several years ago?  
Just Mr. & Mrs., that  
time, but they had the  
children along to-day,  
they moved from Canton,  
O. to Elkhart 4 or 5  
yrs. ago.

I enclose some stuff  
which I think is  
your writing, Luther.  
Please let me know  
whether or not I'm right.  
Kind you folks get  
out to-day? All I did  
was this going over  
to Whiting as afore-  
mentioned. I was a  
little slow this morn-  
ing in getting ready  
for church, and they  
lost hell nary two  
score for me & then



Haffrance, Ind.  
Aug. 13, 1899.

Dear Brother:

This is a nice <sup>day</sup> just cool enough  
to be pleasant. Last evening  
the Junior League gave an ice  
cream social on Reddyford's  
lawn, mother and I went.

Mamma & D. says they are going  
to get a library and they will  
call it the Sunday School and  
Junior League Library. I attended  
Sunday School this morning  
stayed to church. This evening  
will attend League and probably  
will go to preaching. Homer  
Nehr leads the League service.  
On my birthday Nellie Hebrman  
was here all day, in the evening



for supper Belle Stauffer and  
Jury also Clara Whitman were  
here. Mother and Mary made ice  
creams. I received for presents beside  
my spectacles from Mary, a set of  
gold sun-bell cuff buttons from  
Belle a tie from Mollie, a shirt  
pattern from Whitman, a sugar  
bowl from Mollie. I hope you  
could attend church to day.

The other day a horse run  
away with Mrs Casper and she  
went to jump and hurt her  
self very badly, and I heard she  
nearly broke her neck.

Your sister and Aunt  
Alice





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Sun. 8 P.M. Sept. 10 '99

Dear ones in Chicago:

Many wishes to be excused to you this evening and as Allie is not here tonight, having to stay with Nellie in the absence of her parents, I suppose what little I write will be all you will get home this time. We are all in about our usual health but I guess Mary tramped full enough for her good while in the City as she feels a little tired out since. but I think she is feeling some better than she did. She has been at the office every day.

Our W. C. F. U. Convention meets here in our church on Wed. & Thurs. of this week. So it will be a busy week as we expect quite a number of delegates.

Our State Pres. Mrs McWhorter is to speak Wed. night.



I wish you could be here  
to hear her.

I do not know as I  
have anything of interest  
to write. We have not heard  
from C. since his letter  
from Wondulu. Of course  
if you hear you will let  
us know. I went to the

Methodist Church near the  
school-house this morn. to  
announce our Convention  
was at S.S. and preaching  
there and enjoyed it - I  
very much. George H.  
is S.S. Supt. and seems  
to make a good one.

His Bro. Frank was to  
have preached but he was  
sick. Some other minister  
preached and the sermon  
was very good. His text  
was "Behold the Man."

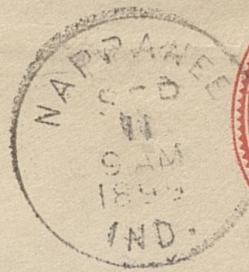
But if you will accept  
this in the place of a  
letter I will close.  
I hope to hear that Daphne  
is better. Lovingly mother



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(Cor. Ogden & Tilden Aves.)  
Escanaba, Mich.

(7 P.M.) 10-8-'99

Dear Son & Daughter; You will learn by this that I am pretty well except something of a cold, but after a good bath I intend to take before retiring, I guess it will be broken. - I received a letter from ma written on Friday, in which she hopes I can arrange to leave here a week or two sooner than I have been intending, and thought we might meet and visit a little together and with you at the same time, and attend to that "Deed" business there instead of at Naponee, and if I needed to return here I could do so without going all the way home. - Will finish in the morning, or sometime before mailing.



P.S. - (Monday Morning)

10-9-1899.

A lovely morning, and it looks as though we may have a nice week. Last week was "Fair Week" here, and I had a slow time in order-taking - only five, and it looks as though I may be about through here, at any rate, as the largest Church organization and the one most able financially is in the midst of a church-enterprise, and the same is true of two others. But as I will likely see you soon I will be close.

Yours affectionately Father



- To 2-yr-old g-daughter - + letter -

Essex, Mich.,  
Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1899,

Dear Daphne:

As you are now 2 years old, and will soon be a "young lady," your grandpa Swartz wants to write you a letter all for yourself: and I expect I ought to have been doing so for several months; <sup>months</sup> but then grandpas as well as granddaughters don't always do just exactly as they ought, for we will sometimes forget. But I hope our little granddaughter will never forget to be kind and gentle to everybody, and never forget to love her pa and ma, and the good Lord most of all. - I expect that your grandma Swartz and grand



<sup>too,</sup> pa, will both call to make you a little visit now in a little over a week, and I expect we will find you have been growing so fast that we would hardly know you if we should meet you away from home, and by this time I expect you can talk a good deal, and walk a ~~good~~ great deal faster than when I last saw you.

I must not forget to tell you that we heard lately from your little cousin, John Lukens, who lives in Ohio, and is almost as old as you are, but am sorry to tell you that he cannot talk any yet, but I hope he can before very long. His grandma, who is your papa's aunt, has been unwell, and not able to work much, but was better when she wrote about a week ago. I hope you are well and that I may hear from you when you get a chance to write from you loving grandpa



C.W. ...  
Escanaba  
Mich.



Mr. Luther D. Swartz  
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Station  
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Nappanee Public Schools.

S. W. BAER, M. A.,

Superintendent.

Nappanee, Indiana,

July 7,

1900.

Mr. L. E. Swartz,  
Chicago.

Dear Friend: -

On next Saturday, July 14th there will be an excursion to Chicago. In case the weather does not become too exceedingly warm or some other unforeseen event prevents we shall be in the city on that day and in case you are at home we may call on you. We promised the girls a little outing this summer and we thought they might ~~take~~ take it at Chicago as well as elsewhere, and at the same time enable us



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Nappanee, Indiana.....190....

to have a brief visit with you. Now in case it is not convenient for you to be at home, if you have planned a trip, please do not change your plans on account of this note because something may prevent our coming and in case we do not find you we shall simply take possession of the city in our own name and no one's feelings will be wounded.

With best wishes to you and yours, I am  
as ever,

Your friend,  
S. W. Baer.



S. W. BAER,  
SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.  
NAPPANEE, IND.



Mr. L. E. Swartz  
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IND. 11 July 9 + 11, 1900

- family + friends to Chicago for visit



Nappanee, July. 11. 1900  
Dear children

There is an excursion  
out Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>  
to Chicago and if you  
will meet Ma at the  
station she will come  
if nothing occurs to  
prevent her. I don't know  
whether she will bring  
Pearl along or not.

now if you cannot  
meet her let us know  
at once. The train will  
be there at about half  
past 9 or 10 O'clock.

we had an awful rain  
last Saturday. it laid  
my Cats flat. but is good



for the other growing  
crops. Some of the  
corn is as tall as I am  
and if nothing happens  
to it we will have a good  
crop. but the bugs are  
trying to eat the potatoes  
up. it is not necessary  
for me to wear out my  
lead pencil for if ma  
gets there she can tell  
it all. so I will stop.

Clark Trux



Tues. P.M. Aug. 21, 1900.

Dear L. O. and D.

You will, I know excuse a short letter. We had kind of a busy Sunday and seem to have been busy ever since.

Attended S.S. at our church and from there went to U. B. Quarterly-meeting. And at night attended a song service in our church.

Alice washed yesterday & I potted round at the other work. Today we have ironed canned

some tomatoes and put some corn to dry. & just as I got ready to clean myself up

P.M. Uncle Henry & I drove up with I saw

and Mary Dawson. I supposed they had come to spend the P.M. but they only stayed

a  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr. or so. It is now after 4 o'clock. I wonder if you are having the

letter from Father from  
Mabel's - she is nearly done  
I saw  
the  
Dinner



same kind of weather  
There we are here, if so  
you have plenty of  
rain. It rained

Sunday P.M. and  
yesterday toward  
evening and after  
dark there was just  
one thunder shower after  
another.

It is quite  
warm yet so I do  
not believe the rain is  
entirely over.

The letter you forward to  
Alice from Charlie I  
took to Mr. Murray yesterday  
or I might send it to  
you as I think he  
did not write to you  
by the same boat. He  
told Alice to let you

know he was well and  
to thank you for papers  
and Magazines you  
sent. A late letter from  
Kittie. She was well.  
This leaves us well and  
hope it will find you

Mother  
your  
D.D.



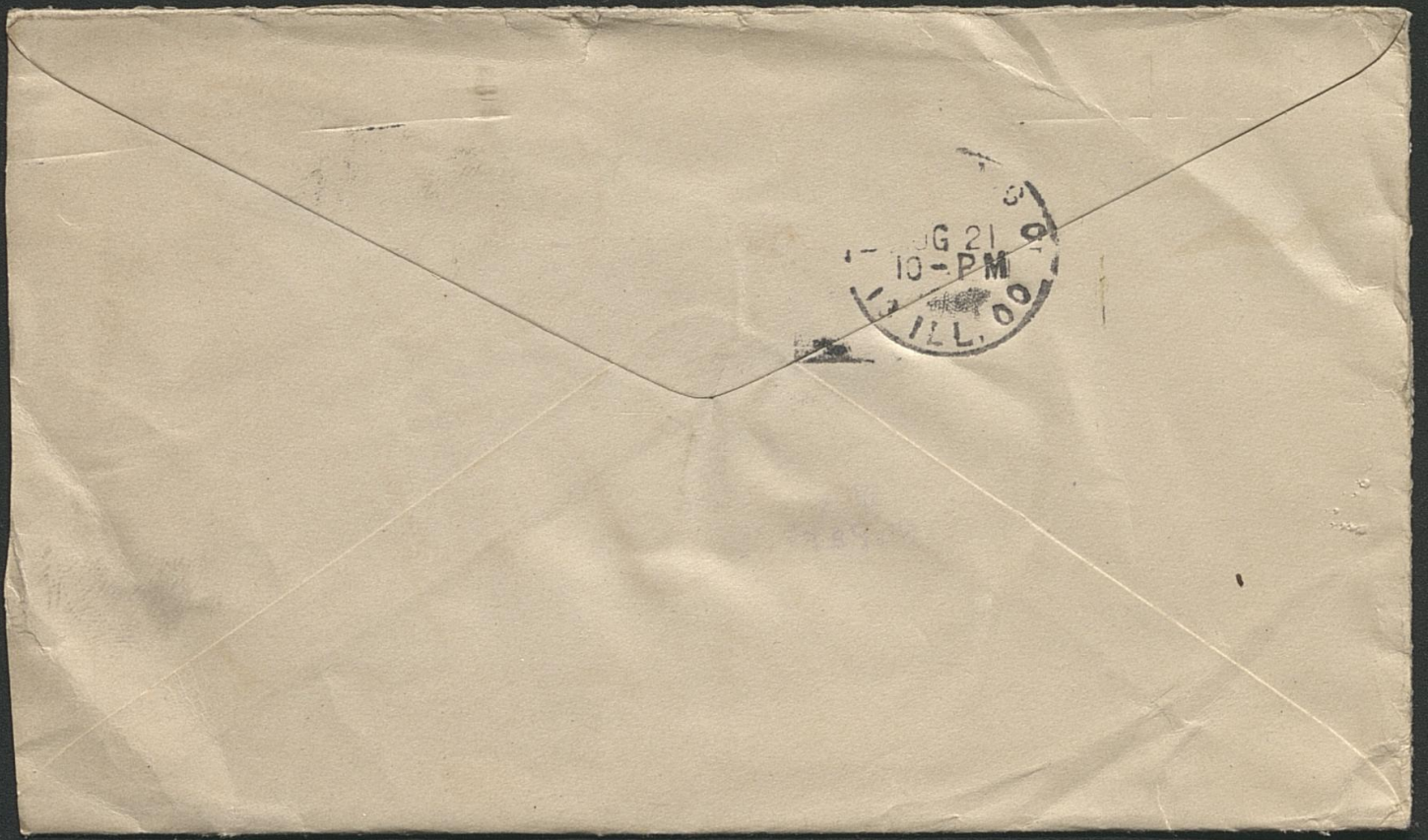


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At P.O. -  
Your card just  
received, Mrs.  
morning about  
9 o'clock) as the  
Rural mail bear-  
er did not get  
in last evening till  
quite late. - An-  
other card from  
mother. She is get-  
ting along finely likely  
and will likely  
reach the Junction  
to-day in time for  
the train that  
is due here at 1.30  
P.M. If not, they  
will take the one  
leaving here at  
4.15, so I have  
no need of going  
to meet them all.  
I hope you can all  
be here on Thursday  
in time to take  
dinner. If not we  
hope we may all  
take tea together.

Home, Monday Night  
Dear Son & Daughter; 10-6-'02

You will learn  
by this that we are in about our  
usual health, and that we had  
word from your mother this morn-  
ing written on Sat. morning, leaving  
her quite well and much pleased  
with her place of entertainment.  
Her host met her Friday even-  
ing, (or about 4 P.M.) at the church  
and took her to her stopping-place.  
They reached Huntington between  
12 and 1 o'clock. -

We had a letter to-day from  
Sister K. of W. Mansfield stating  
that they are in their usual health.  
They are having something of a



P.S. -

By "all" in the last paragraph I mean not only you two and our grand-children, but Mr. & Mrs. Truex and as many of the boys and girls as can possibly come. We would be glad if every one of those at home could accept the invitation, and also those away from home. (See over)

"Smallpox scare" in Logan County this Fall. Just how extensive I do not know. But I think there had been but two or possibly three fatal cases, and but one, I think she said, in their town, though others had the disease. While K. does not seem to think that we would run any great risk if we should take the precaution to be re-vaccinated if we have not been lately, I think it a good deal more than likely that we will postpone our contemplated Logan & Putnam County visits until later on - perhaps till next Spring or Summer. - We trust you and Mr. Truex's are all well, and that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you all not later than Wednesday, or Thursday at latest, by dinner time. Yours affectionately Father.



After 10 days, return to

Box 16 -

NAPPANEE, IND.



Mr. L. E. Swartz

Care  
Clark Truex  
Rural Route No.

Nappanee  
Ind

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Mon. Morn 11. 16. '03

Dear Ones:

I will just  
empty this pen on  
this scrap. I think  
your father is going  
to write some soon.  
Well there, I dipped  
in again, I had  
been writing the  
address on some  
papers to Keturah.  
We were very glad to  
hear that Daphne  
is able to be in  
school again and  
that you are all  
well.



Tues. Morn  
Well, The "Cold wave"  
seems to be coming  
as prophesied. We did  
not put out our clothes  
yesterday and  
what we have got  
out this morning  
are stiff. Think they  
tonight it will likely  
be freezing hard  
but mercury  
stands at 29.

How is the price  
of coal and wood in  
the city this winter?  
We have a gr. of a ton  
for our kitchen stove  
" \$1.25? Have not  
begun on it yet.  
We are all our usu-  
al health. Daphne Cant

to the  
side  
now  
I have  
and



IND. March 11, 1903  
-reception

Wappanee, Ind.

Dear Luther, Ose, Mary & Daphne: Tues. mor. 11-17, '03.

I have been pretty busy since coming home last Fri. evening, and have "lots" of things to look after yet before starting back to finish up matters at Walkerton, but I will gladly take a few minutes this morning to let you know that I am much better of the severe cold I took last week and think I can quite safely return to W. about Thursday or latest on Friday unless the weather becomes bitterly cold and in case it does, I should not want to be from home on acct. of your mother and A., as well as myself, until it should turn warmer again.

I don't know that I have yet written to either of you that during the recent frost - beginning not even 2 weeks ago - your



father

has been unusually helped and encouraged in my "work" in both branches of it, indeed, though if I had time to write the particulars of some evangelistic services and anti-saloon efforts at W. and <sup>also here,</sup> and <sup>and to tell</sup> an interview I had last evening with an ex-saloon man here who admitted to me that he is yet carrying on sales of something that is doing much harm, and that in a talk I am expecting to have with him yet this a.m. I am not without some reasonable hope of inducing him to enter upon some branch of useful commerce, you might conclude that I had almost if not totally abandoned the "secular" part of my business—selling "Scrolls"—and am giving all my time and labor to spiritual and Temperance work. But I have by no means given up "Scroll work", and during the first week at W. I made a better



as to number of orders placed  
 record, than I had in any week for about  
 if not fully 2 years. And I am quite sure  
~~that~~ where sincere, earnest Christian  
 people know that the person who comes  
 to them with so helpful and desira-  
 ble an article is spending in their  
 towns at least half or two thirds of  
 his time in an honest and earn-  
 est effort to rid them of the  
 saloon-curse, and is also doing  
 what he can to "stir up" a formal  
 church to active Christian-work, and  
 to rescue poor drunkards and  
 drunkard-makers from their sinful  
 ways, they will be far more likely  
 to patronize the one thus engaged  
 in their midst than others who pay  
 attention to nothing but mere money-  
 making. So if you folks should be-



gin to think that your father has  
 gone "clear wild" on Temperance and  
 other Christian-work, and is spend-  
 ing his time in evangelistic work  
 without any "compensation" to enable  
 him to procure good comfortable Lodg-  
 ing and good food and Rail-Road  
 Fare, and in addition as much  
 more as to "help out" in home-ex-  
 penses, and old obligations, I hope you  
 will not give yourselves anxiety over  
 the matter very long nor very distress-  
 ingly; for I wish to assure you, beyond a  
 peradventure, that this "freak of fanaticism"  
 (as I think some at Walkerton, <sup>considers it</sup> especially  
 some of the Saloon-Keepers there, and  
 a few of the weak-kneed Church-Mem-  
 bers, and even one prominent church-



worker), will not control me very long if it really is a mere "whim of the imagination" leading your father into foolish extravagances and useless efforts v. s. the great, boastful "Goliath" of Alcohol or rather of its producers and vendors. For I believe fully that if I am now entering upon an important and needed form of evangelism, the Lord will so bless the effort that the ones engaged therein will not be allowed to suffer for either food, clothing or shelter, nor with annoying indebtedness. Hence, if within a few days of the time I return to N. there shall not be considerable increase in my "secular" work of scroll-selling - though in reality it is itself <sup>a</sup> religious and much-needed.



activity— ~~unless~~<sup>6</sup> ~~the~~ or unless, in some  
other way I am not sufficiently compensa-  
ted to enable me to continue in this  
way of doing, without treating my fam-  
ily as I should not, and without any  
outlook for getting "square with the  
world" in the near future, I shall  
accept such lack of divine approv-  
al of what I now feel very sure to  
be the work laid out for me, as  
an indication that "Possibly I have  
made a mistake in commencing  
it a little too soon or not at the  
right place; and turn again from it  
at least for a little season, or to an-  
other place where such work may be  
more properly and successfully carried  
on.—

But I see it now lacks but  
40 or 45 minutes of the time of Mrs.  
Richmond's funeral services and your  
mother and I wish to attend, and I  
want to take this to the P.O. first.

Sincerely, Father,



After 10 days, return to

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WALKERTON, IND.

*Wappanee*



*Mr. L. E. Swartz,*

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*Grable View Station -*

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*Chicago*



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Wappanee, Ind. 1-22-04

Dear Son:

I am <sup>not</sup> sure, S., but I owe you a personal letter, and I hope you will not think strange on noticing that this one is especially written for to you, while I think it will do no harm to neither Osa nor Mary if you think it best for them to join you in its perusal after you see what it contains.

I do not believe that you doubt either your mother's or father's earnest wishes that all their children shall, at all times and under all circumstances, be the best of Christian men and women. But when I look over the many instances in my own past life, since the days <sup>and years</sup> that have come under their observation, in which my example of imperfect living has not tallied with my high ideal



of a sincere and real Christian character,  
 I feel as tho it well becomes me to "make  
 confession" to my dear boys and girls of my  
 manifold mistakes and imperfections, not  
 to use a much stronger term to indicate  
 my faulty example. And I am very sure  
 that unless each one of my children, who  
 has lived to man and womanhood's  
 estate, has been able to make use of a very  
 large amount of that charity which "think-  
eth no evil", and "endureth all things", they  
 must long since have been tempted, at least  
 on certain occasions, to question the gen-  
 uineness of my Christian life, notwithstanding  
 my official relation to the Church of my choice.  
 But I am thankful that even though so often  
 I have failed to measure up to what <sup>the</sup> I have  
 believed to be the correct standard of every-day  
 life of a true disciple of our Master, yet very  
 often has He "manifested Himself" unto me



so marvelously, that I have had "joy unspeakable and full of glory". And these wonderful "spiritual uplifts" have been sufficient, even if there were no other proofs, that the favor and love of God are wholly unmerited, and <sup>to the penitent and trusting soul,</sup> come alone through the infinite grace and tender compassion of Him who is our "City of Refuge". While these "seasons of gladness" and exceeding joy are not, I think, to be expected every day, and possibly, <sup>not</sup> even every week, there is a blessed "inheritance" of "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" that the true follower of our Savior may and should possess at all times, if he lives up to his privilege in the Gospel of Christ. And to the calm trust and daily heart surrender essential thereto, I am sure more attention should be given by all of us than is usually done. At least I feel that such should be the case with



me, and the frequency and intensity of the "uplifts" already mentioned would no doubt as a result be greatly increased.

I do not forget that you have on two or three occasions told me of some of the difficulties that arise at times in your mind as to some of the teachings of "orthodox theologians" on certain doctrinal points, and I think most of us would have more or less difficulty if we accept the "interpretation" that others give to the Scriptures rather than (or instead of) the Scriptures themselves. For it seems to me that when we concern ourselves with the plain, manifest teaching of the "Book of Books," we get a "world" of wisdom and helpfulness nowhere else obtainable. And the older & become, the richer and sweeter become its lessons and promises. — Yours ever, Father



Mon. 8½ PM 1. 25. '04.

Dear Mary and all:

Things do seem to get wonderfully in a tangle sometimes, but our kind "Father in Heaven" will straighten them all out in His own good time if we "trust and obey." For my part I scarcely knew this time how to answer yours and Kittie's last letters. I think the "Mary Thompson" scarcely deals fair with its nurses. You would not want to get a certificate of time and good-conduct from there and finish somewhere else would you? Say at the Temperance Hospital or Battle Creek? This is only a suggestion. Kittie is very desirous for you to come out there, I think, tho



surely they will allow  
you to pass the Ex's  
and graduate this spring.  
Of course you would  
have to finish your  
time afterward. Sorry  
you didn't keep the M.P.  
I think we could do very well  
without it. I am afraid  
you are sewing too steady  
and will not get the rest  
you ought. Wish I had some  
of your sewing here. I  
am just now in the quilt  
black business and Alice  
is working me a cushion  
top that she had aimed to  
make for <sup>my</sup> birthday. Of course  
when I spoke of whether  
Luther knew I meant both  
of them I am sure it is just  
as well that they do. Of course  
they are sorry as we all are.  
But what else could be done?



another teacher is sick.  
Now remember the home  
"latch-string" is always  
out, and whenever you  
think it will be best for  
you to come we shall  
be glad to have you.

Well Alice is  
home from Church.

There are to be cottage  
prayer-meetings every  
afternoon this week except  
Sat. At Bro. Silman's and  
two other places tomorrow.

Glad one is so near.  
It was a cold day today  
to wash, but Alice washed  
and put out part of the  
clothes, It got to snowing  
and blowing this eve. so  
we have them all in but a  
piece of carpet and two or  
three other pieces. Good night.  
With much love to all. Mother



2) I have not looked  
for that towel yet - but will.  
We do not know whether  
C. is keeping up his Insurance  
or not. I wrote sometime  
ago and asked him about it  
but he never ansd.  
I did not find the original  
M. P. letter, but send you  
the copy. We will try to  
get weighed again before  
long. I do not go down  
town often this cold  
weather. Your father  
weighs 149. He looks  
better in the face is not so  
pale. I think F. L. is now  
nearly well. Measles are  
very prevalent but no  
deaths. Two of the teachers  
have been having them  
May Todd and Miss  
Hochstetler. And this evening  
we heard, Miss Morgan,



After 10 days, return to

*C. W. Swartz,*

NAPPANEE, IND.



*Mr. Luther E. Swartz,  
526 Newport Ave.,  
Chicago,  
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*W. S.*



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IND., May 12, 1904

- sister

Elkhart, Ind.

May 12, 1904

Dear Sister:

Received a  
pleasant surprise yesterday  
in the form of a letter from  
you?

I am taking a five-  
day vacation (by request)  
this week. The Memorial  
are still running, but I do  
not understand how they  
are going to keep it up  
much longer. They are  
trying to introduce the  
first mortgage, gold bond  
plan but it does not seem  
to be looked upon with  
much favor by the creditors.  
I do not much like the



idea of being out of work but I guess I can stand it about as well as a host of men in this city who have families to support and have no work. There were over a hundred men laid off at the Lake Shore Shops a week ago, and seven hundred more to be, along the line, in a very short time; besides there are seven or more shops that are not running at all. Elkhart is certainly seeing "hard luck" this year.

Eulalia and I are boarding at Foughe, you remember Della Trues, don't you? She is our landlady. I do not



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like boarding any better than you, but it looked like it was the only thing to do so we did it. Lalie likes it because there is no work attached to it.

Did mamma tell you that Mr. Carpenter has gone to Arkansas? He went in March, and his mother and her family went this morning. Yes, I am "a grass widder". Fred likes it real well out there, but I would like it better if I was along.

We were at home last Sunday. The old farm looks fine this spring. I was almost tempted to stay but I feel like I almost



4. had to work to make up  
for what I have lost. Those  
bank wreckers are in the  
pen all right, but Elkhart  
people are just as bad  
off as if they were here.  
We will get another 10%  
dividend the first of July.  
That will be the second  
dividend.

Well, I must write to  
Harley, so take good care  
of yourself, and you might  
try and write once in  
a while, for it is most  
awful dull here.

With love to all I  
Remain your sister  
Myrtle.

515 Franklin St.



ELKHART  
IND.  
MAY 12 7-11 '04



Mrs. L. E. Swartz,  
526 Newport Ave.,  
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CHICAGO, ILL.  
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Wed., June 14, 1905

- Mother to  
daughter

Wed. Night 6, 14, '05.

Dear Osa: Your good, kind  
letter came last week and  
I believe has not yet been  
answered. I wrote quite  
a long letter to Mary and  
she may report contents  
to you, it is all right  
if she does, but I was  
thinking if she did it  
would not be worth the  
while for me to write the  
same to you. Suffice  
it to say that I have  
been kind of dragging  
around since the <sup>11/21/04</sup>  
but think now Alice is  
home and I am resting  
and taking some heart  
medicine and a little  
tonic I shall be my  
usual self in a few days.  
I have been quite comfortable



today and wiped dishes  
and mended stockings  
and did some other little  
things. I was very restless  
for a few nights, but  
last night and the night  
before slept well.

Alice enjoyed her visit  
very much but it seems  
good to have her home  
again. She came home  
on the one o'clock train  
Monday and has baked  
and did a two weeks  
washing and got the  
ironing nearly done.  
Is just finishing it.  
I guess she is pretty  
tired for I usually help  
some. Perhaps I might  
this time without doing  
me any permanent  
harm, but she did not



I want me to risk it so I  
didn't. I am so glad  
Keith is so good. It  
gives you some chance  
to have a little rest.

I'll warrant you can  
always find enough to  
do anyhow, but it does  
not worry you as it  
would if you had a  
fretful baby. I shall  
be — Isn't that a selfish  
way to put it? I mean we  
all shall be so glad  
to see you and the  
children and have  
you to stay here with  
us all you conveniently  
can. Of course I  
do not yet know just  
what the calculations



of the other <sup>of the company or of</sup> young  
people are, Kittle nor  
Charlie hardly knew the  
last they wrote K. thought  
if she came she must  
attend school most of  
the time in Chicago.

And I hardly supposed  
Mary would come till  
she finished her "time"  
unless she gave out.

But however it may  
be we want you all together  
some if all get here so  
it can be so. You know  
in the summer time.

we can spread out  
most anywhere and  
we have plenty of quilts  
and comforts. Your

father saw Pa about a  
week ago and he seemed  
to think you were coming  
soon. The sooner the better.

If you do not get all the sewing  
done you want to you can do  
it here. I must stop

From Mother and Grandma  
Sweet night!



At P.O.:-

12-35 P.M.

of June. - 18<sup>th</sup> of June.

Read upon noticed that the story in current nos of "The Christian Herald" is from the pen of Mrs. Florence M. Kingsley, author of that prize essay entitled - "Titus - Leon - rede of the Cross".

On pp. 74 & 82, of the issue (over)

Dear S.:

6-14, 1905.

I am going to write a little this evening about the "Christian Herald". You may have seen the offer of its Pub. to send it the balance of 1905 for .25 to any one whose name is not now on their list, and as yours is not, and is a case somewhat like one referred to by one of the subscribers in a letter of inquiry, we ~~have~~ <sup>about</sup> decided to send in your name, with a list of 5 others, who authorized me to do so, for the paper to come to their address. So in a short time



For <sup>25</sup> May 31, mailed  
 To you yesterday  
 are two articles  
 that have been  
 a source of help  
 to me, and if you get  
 time, I think you  
 would get encourage-  
 ment from them also.  
 My way, as one of  
 contributors -  
 that I gave you  
 some years ago  
 and would loan it to me  
 for a week or so I  
 would be most  
 obliged by you.  
 I think you had  
 it in your Bible  
 at the beginning  
 of the book of  
 Joshua.

Thurs. P.S. A letter today from  
 K. written Mon. at Kebody.  
 She did not know then  
 just when she would  
 start on. She may  
 be at your place  
 now. My heart is not  
 quite normal yet but  
 I feel pretty well  
 L.H. S.

them refers to the Book of Joshua, if you get have that



Box 16,  
Naperville,  
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Mr. L. E. Swartz,  
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CHICAGO, ILL.  
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Mo. 1 Jan. 8, 1907

- Mon to niece re: visit

South St. Jo. 1-8-07

Miss Mary Smartly Chicago, Ill.  
Dear Niece We recd your  
card in due time and if  
nothing happens to ditam us  
we now expect to start from  
St Jo by way of the Burlington  
route at 6<sup>30</sup> P.M. <sup>Friday</sup> and arrive  
in Chicago at 8<sup>00</sup> A.M.  
Saturday morning

If anything interferes we will  
let you know in due time.

All in usual health colds  
~~except~~ excepted as ever yours

Walter & Nancy



Return in 5 days to  
HAMMOND PACKING COMPANY  
SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, MO.



Luther and Mary Swartz  
526 Newport Avenue  
Chicago  
Ill

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I know within  
fifteen or twenty  
dollars of the  
balance due  
after deducting  
what you find  
inclosed. I  
felt it but justice to  
Huggs over to  
R. most of the  
Conference Al-  
lowance (after  
visiting the 10th  
thereof as I feel  
should have  
been done) as  
she has been  
supplying most  
of the groceries,  
wood and  
other household  
necessities not  
only the year or 12  
months, but for

Tues. A. M. - near

Dear Son:

9.30  
4-9, 1907.

Some five or six days  
ago I received a draft from  
the Conference Stewards of  
S. Kansas Conference for  
"Back-Pay" - as you are in the habit  
of calling it - the "allowance" this  
year falling six dollars less than last  
if I am correct in remembering that  
am't to have been 138 dollars. And  
as we have been owing you on a  
note - to say nothing of indebtedness in  
other directions - for so long a time



a good  
many other  
in months  
since re-  
turning  
from  
Silver  
City as  
well as  
while  
there. <sup>2</sup>  
Hoping  
this may  
find you  
all quite  
well. I  
will close  
after  
saying  
that I  
hope  
we may  
hear  
again  
shortly  
Father.

I am ashamed to think of it,  
that I am now inclosing you  
a money order for twenty-five dol-  
lars to apply thereon.

Later: 1.33 P.M. Tues. - <sup>100</sup>

Since beginning this letter I had  
a call from the "well to do" brother  
that I guess you know stood re-  
sponsible last year for \$36 per  
quarter <sup>to your father</sup> as an "assistant Pastor"  
or town missionary. He wishes  
to continue the arrangement  
another year at least, and  
if my life is spared till  
the sixteenth of next  
July I am liable to be  
able to make another payment  
- (as that will be the close of the 1<sup>st</sup> q<sup>r</sup>)  
- out of what size I am not now  
able to say. I am not sure that



EVANSTON  
APR 8  
12:30 PM  
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Mrs. L. E. Swartz,  
Naperville,  
Ill.

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