

a very interesting meeting.
Our meetings are generally inter-
esting, but not always well at-
tended. There are only about 40 of
our class who are church mem-
bers (I mean the boys), I believe
that all of the girls are. It is
still very warm & sultry. But
I think that we will have
rain soon. I suppose that
you are on your way to Pills-
burg now. I hope that you
will have a safe trip. I will
look strong, for you & Mr. Brown
in about two weeks. No more
this week, therefore I will close.
With love to all, I remain, Your Son,
J. M. Gillespie

Monmouth, Ill. 25th of 5. 1881

Dear Father:

Your letter of 19th inst.
came to hand last night, with
check enclosed; Thanks for it. I have
not had a chill now for several
days, & think that I will not
be bothered with them any more.
They relieved me of about fifteen
lbs. of flesh, which I could very
easily spare, as I have a good
supply. The weather is very warm.
We need rain very badly, as
it is very dry. I took a long
walk to the country, a few even-
ings ago. The farmers are all thin,
planting corn. Some of the corn is

is up, but it needs rain pretty badly. There is some very fine country about Monmouth. The main portion of it lies South of Monmouth. They do not raise very much wheat here, what they do raise is mostly Spring wheat. Their principal crops are corn & oats. The farmers about here, as a general thing, are wealthy, & well situated (fixed). It is a fine thing to be a farmer, if every thing else is OK. You spoke of the Latin question between myself & Prof. R. It has been settled satisfactorily, & I guess every thing will move all right. This warm weather has a bad effect on students. And it is a good thing that we are reviewing, as it does not take much work. I was glad to hear

of your success in the work at the dumps. They will make a big improvement on the crib, & tickle the farmers. Our class is going to have a picnic next Saturday, out about three miles from town. We anticipate having a good time. There are about seventy in our class, which makes a right good crowd. There are a few more boys than girls, but are pretty evenly divided. We go to a large woods, which has been cleared up on purpose for picnics. School time came before I could finish my letter, this morning. I have just come from class prayer meeting, which is held every ^{Wednesday} evening by our class (All the classes have prayer meetings) We had

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Mr. D. K. Gillespie,
Hickwood,
Shelby Co., Ohio.

Monmouth Ill, June 7 1851.

Dear Father.

I embrace this as another opportunity of writing to you. I am well & enjoying myself finely. We have been having "fall weather" for a few days, but today is a genuine Spring day. We have been having a quantity of rain this week. The ground is thoroughly soaked. & the farmers are happy. There was a very heavy thunder storm the other day, which purified the air generally. Precipitations closed yesterday. We are through for this year all but examinations, which occur as follows, Geometry Thursday, Greek Friday & Latin on Monday. Next, I am glad that the business is so near through, for this year, as I think that a little change would be acceptable. I have been keeping in about the same old notch, on the scales. I weigh at present, one hundred & seventy five ^{lbs.} (175). And never enjoyed better health in my life than at present, only I am tired of books. Ten months are a pretty good stretch. But a fellow can not spend ten months in better employment than at school.

It is a fine thing to have a good consti-
tution. It has played a good part with me
this year. Although the course here is not
a very rough one, yet a fellow must study
for all that. It is not so much the amount
of study a fellow may do, as it is in keep-
ing his mind in a frame for study at all
times. So when needed it is there. I have
learned that there is a science in stud-
ying, as well as in the books which we
study. I read an account of the "Funeral
Assembly" in last weeks U.P. Did you meet
our Mr. Campbell there? I believe that he
was there, as I understood that he was going.
He does not make very much noise & if
you did not happen on him, you would
not likely see him. I was proud to see
your name standing out so prominently.
It is drawing pretty close to the time
for commencement, & I will look for you
at the furthest, on Monday ^{if not before}. Just let the boys
run the affairs for a week & come out to
attend our exercises. It will do you good,
it will do me good, it will do us all good.
If things prove as interesting as it is anticipated
they will, we will have a fine time.

W. H. Doon. Your Son
J. M. Gillespie



Mr. D. K. Gillespie,
Kirkwood,
Shelby Co., Ohio.

Womnouth, Ill. Sep. 25-51.

Dear Father:

Your Ever welcome
missive came duly to hand
this evening. I was glad to hear
from John all, + of your
success in business. I think
the flax sale a good one.
I was glad to hear of Lu's
improvement, but was in
hopes of a more favorable
report. She has surely had
a siege of it. But I hope
that she will soon be better.
College still booms. And every
thing seems to be moving
along ok. Now + then a new

Student makes his appearance. But is soon whipped into the harness + moves along as though he was as old as the rest. I received a letter from my old roommate last night. He is hard at work for his father-in-law. He expects to go in school next year. He is a first rate fellow + is about as true a Christian as I know. He is the kind that carries it with him.

But he up set all his arrangements when he got married - so he says.

We have had some pretty warm weather for some time but this evening is very cool, almost death

for front. We have been
having a great deal doing
about the death of Hayfield.
More than I think was
necessary. We have lost two
days of school on the force
of it. & there is no telling
when they will take a mo-
tion to drop of again to
Council as to whether Arthur
would or would not have been
just as well left out of the
programme. The question ar-
rises in my mind as to
whether it would have created
such a sensation had Sen.
Hancock been in Sen. Sar-
fields place. As Stuart says:
"I don't duck" there would
have been much stir about
it around college at any

rati. I presume the Sr. would
have merely taken it as a
matter course & proceeded to
buy. This is the hottest repub-
lican town that I know of.
It is perfectly lousy with them.
& the College is not better. It
is said that if a ^{democratic} fellow goes
through without being a "turn
coat", he is a "good one". But
I think that it will be a mat-
ter of rejoicing with them when
the turn my metal. Although
my room-fellow is a "black-ab-
olitionist" of the deepest dye.
You must take care of your-
self & not expose yourself too much.
Tell William that a letter
from him would not be reject-
ed. Hoping that this will find you
all better I remain, as ever,
I M. Pillsbury



Mr. D. A. Gillespie,
Hirtwood,
Shelby County, Ohio.

Chicago. Nov. 25, 1884,

Dear Father:

Your of 24^{inst} received
this A.M., thanks for the draft
inclosed. I have found no
^{further} traces of the other letter and
no one seems to know any
thing about it but Gillespie
the grocer - who vows he gave
it to a post-man. Gillespie
stands high in business
circles and I am inclined
to think he is ok and that
the Post man is a schister.
I wish you would let me
know as soon as pos-
sible whether you succeed-
ed in stopping payments

draft and whether it had
been presented for pay-
ment, as I would delight
to make it interesting for
some of Uncle Sam's
Smart Al's; they are the
most unsatisfactory set of
sons of Guns I ever met
also contemptably insolent.
We are having lots to do
and progressing finely
there is at present a very
delightful fall of snow.
Have you seen an ac-
count of the Republican
howl, Ha, Ha, they were
sadly beaten. Give my
love to all & write from
yourson truly;

J. M. McKillop
641 Congress St.

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W. H. Hillis
Kirkwood.
Ohio.



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J. M. GILLESPIE, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Welda, Kas., May 29 1885-

Mr. Gillespie,
Dear Father:

I embrace a few moments to write you a line. I have not received the draft yet, and am needing a little money. Mr. Buchanan is wanting a five for expenses of dudd. I have about five dollars guess will give it to him. Have not paid for the papering & painting - don't know what their bill will be. Have booked about \$18- Think I will do well after I get a start. Made 45¢ yesterday and 25¢ so far today. Am getting up my rep as a dentist as well as

Dr. The old Dr. pulled out.
He did not have a case
while I was here & since I
came back, and as his
new boarding house demand-
ed cash he soon got tired.
He went to Topeka, everything
is lovely and our little home
still improves. Rented the
three lots for $\frac{1}{3}$ crop of potatoes
could not get money rent.
Have been having some
rain but farmers still busy.
It is almost train time and
I must close. Please send
me some money soon.
Nothing new to report.

Yours as ever,
D. M. G.

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO
DR. J. M. GILLESPIE,
WELDA, - - KANSAS.



Mr. J. M. Gillespie.
Kirkwood.
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Mr D. K. Gillopie

Dear friend.

Your favor of the 3rd inst- was gratefully received. In regard to Mr Proctor keeping the money longer I dont think I can. Will be very sorry if it will inconvenience him in the least. But if he can possibly get it for me I will have to have it by the last of this or the first of next month. It is money that I did not want to use but it is unavoidably necessary. And if I cant get it by that time I will have to borrow it. And I dont want to do that

if I can avoid it. I am sorry
to have to trouble you so much.
But will you please him and
if he can't let me have all now
even part would be better than
none at all. and let me know
as soon as possible. We both
thank you very much indeed
for the interest you manifest
in our welfare. And no one is
more hopeful of Brother's success
than myself. We can not unfold
the future at present. We can
simply aim and wait. trusting
God for the fulfillment of our
hope. And it is (and always has
been) my aim in life to see Bro
climbing to the top. A successful
Christian man. And when I
see him there I will feel that
my mission here has not

been altogether vain. His intention
now is to study medicine if we
can succeed in giving him
a medical education.

With kind regards to all

Am Yours Respectfully
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Mr. W. K. Gillespie.
Kirkwood
Ohio

J. M. GILLESPIE, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Welda, Kas., Jan 22 1885

D. K. Gillespie,
Kirkwood, Ohio.

Sir:

Yours received and contents noted. The lots are not any better to me as there is no call for them. The people here are very anxious that you would put up some houses. You could rent as many as five immediately. Our people here do not have the money to invest or they would buy lots and build. I would advise that you put up a few houses. I think that it would pay you to sell your

at Dorado property and im-
prove your lots here, how-
ever as you think best.
You speak of an unkind
letter received from me.
I have a distinct remem-
brance of writing you a
Cold Statement of facts
which you may use ^{at your}
own convenience, about
answering. - William has
been here and has reviewed
the draft. Let me know
about the houses.

Respt.

J. M. Gillispie.

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