

Wheatland 10 February 1868

My dear niece,

I have received yours of the 10th & am truly rejoiced to learn that the Baby is so well; and I infer that your cold is much better from your visit to hear Mrs. Dickens. I hope that you have entirely recovered.

In regard to the Rev: Mr. Jones, I have only to say that the Congregation desire to select a pastor of experience who will visit the members of his congregation composed generally of plain people in the ancient manner. They have, with singular unanimity fixed upon the Rev: Dr. Masters of the State of New York and I approve their choice. It is not certain that he will accept their call, nor has it yet been made.

Lois will leave here on Wednesday for home and after remaining there a week will then go to Baltimore. She is a sprightly, agreeable good girl to whom I have become much attached and Henrietta Jane is a triumph. Lois feels that she will be comparatively a stranger in Baltimore though she is devotedly attached to yourself.

I have not seen Dr. Carpenter since the receipt of your letter, but when I do. I shall request them to send you his Bill. The price of the Intelligencer is \$5.00 per annum. You can send \$10 to Mr. Smith and he will of course return you a receipt up till the time when this sum will reach.

Maria Weaver came here on Friday last. She is quite good looking and her manners are pleasing and lady like. In conversation her pronunciation partakes much of the Virginia and Maryland patois from which you relieved yourself after you went to London.

I really have no news to communicate. All things proceed as usual. Patty Nevin has just arrived to pass the day with Lois previous to her departure. I have not seen Mrs. Lane for a fortnight, the weather has been so unfavorable. I called on her on Saturday last; but she was out dinner at Mr. Fordneys. William Reynolds is now here and when he comes there is a grand dining out of Pat McEvoy, Jeremy Duffy of Marietta, Samuel Reynolds and I believe Dr. Carpenter. [Jr., etc.]. Mrs. Lane certainly gets into strange company through Fordney and Reynolds: and though I do not believe she has the least present intention of marrying William Reynolds yet by many it is considered a settled thing. She and I are the best friends imaginable.

Miss Hetty proposes to leave with Lois for Philadelphia and go on with her to pay you a visit. She has now, however, a very bad cold which may delay her for some days.

Mr. Johnston doubtless watches the signs of the times and has observed the avalanche that is arising throughout the West in favor of paying the ⁵/₂₀ with Greenbacks. It will probably increase.

My own health, thank God! is now good for a man of my age.

With my kindest regards to Mr. Johnston,

I remain yours very affectionately

James Buchanan

Mrs. Johnston

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