

Branchville Jan 23rd 1882

My dear Pastor:

I hope you will pardon me for not answering your last letter before this time.

I had an inflammation in my eye for some time after receiving it and since that time the cares of the world have come on. But yet I hope this letter with what it contains will be acceptable after all the delay.

When I got the window shades &c that you left here it was with the understanding that I should keep them until you called for them or pay you ten dollars for them.

I think you will never want them as they are so faded I am about taking them down from my windows.

Please accept the enclosed ten dollars with my thanks - I have been hoping to see you before this time and hand you this.

Perhaps you would like to hear how
we are all getting along. In the first
place then (as you Ministers say) we have
peace and prosperity here in the dear
old home — I have just had a
delightful visit to the City —

I spent Christmas day in Newark
with my son George and family —

I attended several different Churches
very handsomely decorated with
candies but the service at the church
of Dr. Hew Smith where Libbie and
George attend, I enjoyed more than any.
His closing remarks were excellent —

This church was very handsome by trim
They sang out of our hymn book
and one of their songs was 'Joy to the
world'. — He said in his closing
remarks that he would not be faithful
to his trust unless he reminded them
that it was the last Sabbath of the year
and asked us to consider the Sabbaths of the
past year how spent &c and then with
poetry directed our thoughts to ev

Fathers House above

on Monday by special request
we all went over to Brooklyn to dinner
with my brother Warrens family we had
roast turkey and a good time —

I went with him in the evening to
some exercises by his Sunday school
of which he is superintendent with which
I was much pleased — on my return

to Newark I found Brother Edgars
folks had been down for me to
go to Orange. I went up there on
Wednesday and that evening their

Sunday school had their entertainment
I attended that and was very much
pleased with it. They had no pastor
there and Brother was very anxious to
have you. I imagined as I sat there in
the church that if you were pastor
there I would make quite frequent
visits there and stay over Sunday.

I understood that Dr. Ellenwood wanted
Dweller Kott formerly of Newton to be heard first

You know Mr. Karcross moved away from here. Minnie and Estella correspond. They have had some disappointments since they left - did not stay in Kansas I hope they will succeed where they are. Mrs. Jesse Roe and Mrs. Gabriel ^{oldlyms} have both been quite sick but I hear they are both some better ~~but~~ not able to leave their rooms yet - we have a very good school here now I think the best we have ever had.

Mr. Straley the principal has succeeded in getting it a graded school. He is also a member of our church - I heard him read before last in the prayer meeting. He arose and went near the desk and then made some excellent remarks. I think he had prepared them for the occasion and then offered prayer. I hope you will come and see us as soon as convenient. Please write to me when you receive this. ^{love to all} Mrs. J. P.

Mrs. N.S. Roe -

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Ans. 29th

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