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Rev. W. H. Belden
Bridgeton
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the Mrs. J. C. Van-
Camp, Sweetland
Iowa, or if to
Muscatine in
our care. When
you are settled
please let-
us know
your address.
Best wishes
from all to
yourself and
family, and
hope return-
ing health
and strength
may be your
lot. Yours in
friendship
C. C. Corvess.

Muscatine Iowa

Jan. 18th 1890

My dear Friends, Mr. & Mrs. B.

We did not receive your
welcome letter till last evening,
owing to our distance from
the office, and I hasten to
reply. We were very glad to re-
ceive it, had felt sure sickness
or some similar cause must
have prevented your acknow-
ledging the invitation, am
glad to hear you are on the
mend. The influenza is raging
here also though we have escaped
as yet, except Minnie had a
slight attack of it the first of
the week, came home after it,
for a day or two, Thursday evening
was sent for as her sur board

was suffering with it, of course she must be with him.

Now as to the wedding &c It was a very quiet affair, her father's health has been very poor this winter, nerves seem to be in such condition, as not to be able to bear any excitement, and the thought of losing her seemed almost too much for him, yet I felt she must be married at home, so none but the family were invited. The Father & Mother of the groom two brothers, and one sister with her family, and one cousin of Minnie's with her husband, were the only guests present. Other members of his family, as well as of ours were too far away to respond, our pastor's wife

was so indisposed to be out, which we exceedingly regretted.

She sent Minnie a very nice note accompanied with an oil painting her own work. They also presented them with a book entitled the "Bridal Day" containing marriage ceremony certificate, with other good advice. Of course her presents were not numerous, his Father & Mother presented them with a large Family Bible, of silver ware nothing except a half doz. tea spoons, and a butter knife. Most of our gifts were confined to things necessary to keep house, as they intended ~~to~~ to get to house keeping next week unless this prevailing malady prevents.

He is the son of a farmer, & remains on his father's farm

for the present, about four miles from us, but they are to keep house by themselves, both of them are young Minnie only 21, while he is not quite 23, we would rather they would have waited a year or two, yet it may be far better for them, we hope for the best. He is a member of the same church with her, ought to know each other well as they have been very intimate since we came to Iowa.

I feel so thankful she is to be near us, thinks she will be home every week, but I do not expect that. It was indeed hard for us to give her up, but thus it always is in this life, and any sacrifice that ~~is~~ is for our children's happiness or benefit is not too much. Her future address will