



Tipton Cedar Co. Iowa.

Sept. 18th 1865

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To: Anna Brackett
From: Mattie Carpenter
September 1865

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This is sabbath evening I don't know whether you approve of letter writing on sabbath or not, but I have been reading almost all day. I could not go to church on account of the rain this morning, and the day has seemed pretty long to me. So I thought I would converse with you awhile this evening through the silent medium of my pen.

Well Anna, the soldiers from around here have nearly all got home and we have been having some fine times. There has been a number of social parties in this neighborhood all of which past off very pleasantly. We had one not very long since at our house for my cousin Lt. Scott of the 24th Iowa wish you could have been here. There is a pretty respectable society of young people in this neighborhood. The most of which are pretty good looking too.

A niece of mine, who is near my own age, is with us now and thinks of remaining with us for a year or so, and we have some gay times. She is a very nice girl and a music teacher. Father got us (my sister and I) a good five octave melodeon this summer. Prince and I have been taking lessons but have not had time to pay much attention to music for a while past.

Conference commences next Thursday in Tipton. Then I expect we will have a busy time but notwithstanding all that I wish you could come down and make us a visit and hear the Bishop preach. We live about 3 1/2 miles from town so I don't expect we will have many preachers to board but we shaw perhaps board some of their wives and children.

I am not going to school this fall neither do I expect to this winter thou I can hardly tell yet as that is much too far ahead in the future. Would like to very much if I could make it suit-us.

Now Anna, it is getting quite late and I will have to quit scribbling. I hope I may hear from you soon please write a long letter. Tell me all about how you are getting along and all things in general. Who is boarding at the "SEM" that I was acquainted with? and how is school prospering?

Remain as ever true friend,
Mattie Carpenter

(PS- on front page)

I see Jennie Wright quite often - she keeps well and is still teaching.