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Portage 8th April 1881

Dear John

Your letter of 27th March has been duly received, - and I hasten to congratulate you on the birth of a daughter, - and to receive her into my family of Grandchildren, she being the 20th.

I pray Gods blessing will ever rest upon her, and hope she will be spared to be a blessing to her parents and to all around her -

Three days ago I wrote a letter to you - because I thought you were longer in writing than usual - so I felt glad to ^{hear} from you and hope your wife will have a speedy recovery.

I have just had a letter from Mary telling me that she intends being in Portage with her baby - which is nine months old, - about the middle or end of May -

God has dealt very tenderly and kindly with me in many ways, but he has especially blessed me in sparing all of my children to grow up to be useful members of society

- and a great comfort to me - true they have nearly all left the old home but still I do rejoice in all their joys and their happiness - and their letters are always gladly received,

It pleases me much to think that you have now a home and a family of your own - you have much cause to thank God for the many instances of his kindness in bringing you through so many dangers as you have encountered in days gone by -

You must have your home in a much fairer climate than than ours, as we have still large

- drifts of ~~snow~~ water which is gradually streaming out making the roads nearly impassable some of the streets are full of water, and nothing yet can be done on a farm, but every thing is moving backward than usual this spring,

There is still a good deal of scarlet fever here, and some diphtheria too but it is expected that these diseases will all pass away - when the ground dries up -

With kind wishes to all
I am Lovingly
Matthew