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1854

Dear

I have delayed
 answering your letter so long that I am
 almost ashamed to write but I suppose
 it is better late than never
 but I hope you will excuse me for
 being so negligent. I can hardly tell why
 I have not written. I have thought a
 great many times I would write but some
 way or other I felt putting it off until
 you wrote that you "was going to speculate
 a little on my background" & then I was
 left that I have been pretty active & about
 your letter. But you see my "hurry" of
 to "literary" & "not natural" which I think
 that compare with yours & hardly
 think they will help for all that however
 you will have to except this for me more
 all pretty well. I have felt rather dull
 for a day or two since school has been out

we have been splitting rails.
 I have not seen you since this way in
 a while I suppose you are busy
 constructing clocks. You will so I hope
 you will have good success in that
 business. Our singing school was out
 last Tuesday evening had a very good sing
 and was sorry that it was out so soon.
 but I suppose it was just as well since
 that the roads are so bad and the
 evenings are getting rather short. I was
 much surprised on coming home
 to see Mr Smith & Mr Maitland
 have one or two rounds fighting
 seeing it was not the kind of fun
 that interested me I came away from
 them and left them and their companions
 to fight it out. its getting rather late
 John I guess I will quit writing.

from your friend A B Brown
 P. S I don't know whether you can read
 this or not my pen is very poor and
 I am in a hurry. but I hope you will
 except this for an Ave. A B Brown

[], March 18, 1859.

Dear friend John:

I have delayed ans[wering] your letter so long that I am almost ashamed to write, but I suppose it is better to write now than never. But I hope you will excuse me for being so negligent. I can hardly tell why I have not written. I have thought a great many times I would write, but some way or other I kept putting it off until now. You wrote that you were going to speculate a little on my backwardness. I think myself that I have been pretty backward about ans[wering] your letter, but you see my "bump of letter writing is not very large." When I come to compare my letters with yours I hardly think they will pass for an answer. However you will have to accept this for one. We are all pretty well. I have felt rather dull for a day or two since school has been out. We have been splitting rails.

I have not seen you down this way in quite a while. I suppose you are busy constructing clocks, sawmills, etc. I hope you will have good success in that business. Our singing school was out last Tuesday evening. Had a very good sing and was sorry that it was out so soon, but I suppose it was just as well seeing that the roads are so bad and the evenings are getting rather short. I was much surprised on coming home to see Mr. Smith and Mr. Maitland have one or two rounds fighting. Seeing it was not the kind of fun that interested me I came away from them and left them and their companions to fight it out. It is getting rather late, John. I guess I will quit writing.

From your friend,

A. B. Brown.

P. S. I don't know whether you can read this or not. My pen is very poor and I am in a hurry, but I hope you will accept this for an an[swer].

Alfred B. Brown.