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Dear Brother Dan

Sta Barck Sep 9th

I was quite taken by surprise to hear of your removal from John but you did not come quite far enough west I am happy to hear that you intend to reform as regards writing I am of opiⁿ that the great need of attainment is on your side but to succeed as you will not see the place this summer I will try to describe it to you. Instead of those large fields of weeds there are fields of stubble each containing a fresh strawstack the willows have grown about twice as tall as before and also the trees the orchard looks much as it did last year () also the mallow patch but our flower garden, just step out before the door and look around north are maps ~~some~~ south map roses east map roses and west those are that's all about it. But the farm its self has diminished as Dave Wallace has bought the loghouse eighty \$1200 being the price. Delighted with the looks of my writing as it looks like shorthand will you see Maggie came home from the water cure and staid up here a while well the consequence was that we have mostly become patients I will give you some of our receipts that you may go and do likewise for breakfast - beans flour mush and johnny cake for dinner potatoes & bean flour pudding & leaspoons of

cream. for supper potatoes and Litcham bread
no wonder that my hand is unsteady

"With brain on the brain
And brain on the stomach
I'll soon be insane

Deliver me from it JS

The people in this neighborhood are still pressing
inward in proof of which I would just say that Dr
Joe Lytle is getting up a new house of which I am
sure you will be glad if you can remember anything
of the appearance of his old one

So also is Mr Duncan getting up quite a nice one they
have moved into the old log house on their farm as
their old one is pulled down Obed French is also
getting up a new one which was quite needful though
Zell has got a new house and new well for herself
in company with John Davis which must be quite
a relief to the old man & Mr Z Wait a fancy barn
& the Bellfountain house in new addition

The Presbyterians are going to get up a church in
James Brown's field over near Srahams which I
think looks well, If every one would think as
much of their interests in the next world as they
do in this, this world would be a much happier
place. pray Daniel that we may meet in unbroken
family above. your affectionate sister Annie