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[43]  
it brings to my remembrance so  
much of my youthful days -  
among the first things I can remember  
is going to church and the bell ringing  
and our family was so large we occupied  
two long pews - but all of them have  
gone into eternity - but my sister  
and myself - my prayer is that  
we may be found ready when  
the Lord is pleased to call us home

Now Dad I hope you will write  
soon - as soon as you can - and  
may the choicest of heavenly blessings  
rest upon you - and may you  
yet see many happy birth days -  
and at last find glory everlasting  
is the sincere prayer of your  
affectionate Mother

[1] June 29<sup>th</sup> 1869

Daniel Dear

This being  
your birth day - my mind  
and heart - turns towards you  
with much affection -  
not unmixed with anxiety  
for your welfare - it seems  
so long since I had a letter  
from you - Two weeks ago  
I had an opportunity of enquire  
ing about you in Portugal  
but they told me they had  
not heard any thing of you  
lately - I have since been  
more anxious to hear from you  
- some times I think you  
must have got fever again  
this summer - if so - will you  
try to get home - I would be  
glad to see you - and take care  
of you - you know I would  
spare no pains for your comfort -

We are you still at every but very busy - or have you left every altogether, if you have I hope some friend will forward this letter to you - I hope you have got the letter and paper I sent you lately -

Your father is very busy indeed farming - I expect some of the girls home next week - they have been very little at home since you were here last winter -

Have you had a letter from John lately - I have not heard from him for a long time - I have been told he intends to extend his travels to other countries, I trust he will be protected from dangers by night and by day by a kind heavenly Father who alone can save -

Mary has got a horse and

buggy to ride around - she thinks her health is benefited by it - about two weeks ago she rode to Hickory Hill alone - and stayed a few days with us - the rest are all well as usual - when I last heard of them -

Since the farmers have all got frame houses for themselves - they have now begun to build churches. The Presbyterian church is built in their graveyard but not yet finished - a Methodist church is about to be raised on the school section not far from Smith's house - and a baptist one near the stone school house so at last we will have churches I hope many will be brought to hear the sound of the gospel news - that only waste their precious hours of the day of rest - I do love to hear the sound of the church going bells -