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shared a nice horse and buggy
David rides all he can and I
think is improving.

We, at home, are now comfortably
settled, with our surround-
ings pretty much to our minds.

In looking back, Dan. over the
changes which the last few
years, or, I might almost say
one year has brought. I feel
that God has led us by a way
which we knew not, and has
led us into pleasant pastimes
God is very good, and my heart
rises in gratitude to Him.

Concerning the enclosed money
order father wishes me to say
that none but me four in
the house shall be made
acquainted. Mother sends
love to you and Emma, as do
and I am and yours

Affectionate sister Annie

Portage City, Wis.

Oct. 21st. 1872.

Dear Brother

As father has appoint-
ed me to describe this evening, I step
into Benjamin's shoes and report
all the changes, "for better or for
worse"; - (What church sends me back
to the parlor, in the old house on
Hickory Hill, and to the day when
you and I stood up, joined hands
and listened to those solemn
words, ^{from the lips of "Lanc" the "Squire"} found in Sandy Gray's
old book which at that time
opened so readily to the sermons
from which this is quoted.) but
to duty - Father says - The pain
in my stomach is subdued

and is healing slowly; and except when much tired by over-exertion either in thinking or speaking, the rest which before required the application of cold-water cloths, now seems to call for heat; — For further description of his case, I refer you to his notes which he handed me to copy from, and which I enclose. Several times during the last three or four days Father has come very near fainting, after any extra exertion, or ~~rather~~ ~~change of position~~; he also appears better in the evening than in the morning, this only today and yesterday. — David is still very poorly, and complains of having written a description of his case, to you over a week ago, and received

no answer.

Last week John Cairns' wife, Levi Reeves' wife (Abbie Perkins) and another lady were riding down a steep hill in the buggy which she used to own, (a very high one you remember,) when Levi having left the "tugs" too long the buggy ran against the horse causing him to come, the ladies were all thrown violently from the buggy into a ditch, Mrs. Cairns had her left arm broken between the elbow and the shoulder Mrs. Reeves her shoulder hurt and bruised and her collar bone dislocated, or fractured. I hardly know how the other lady escaped with but slight injuries. It now comes natural to report these cases to you. Perry and Tunis have pur-