

Dayton June 21<sup>st</sup> 1872

Dear Father

Mr Hall last night paid me <sup>161.</sup> about enough to square off the note we gave Mark for his land, and which you hold I believe, I presume no deeds were made out - as was talked of last spring and I have just written to Mark to make out a deed to Hall for the eleven acres and to Manifer for the house & lot. Mr He thinks he can pay some more in a few weeks. I hope he can pay enough at least to part pay what we owe the Mills that worries me more than any other financial matter. I am dreadfully true, but I find

plentiful grace to enable me  
to bear up under the heavy  
burden. though my spirit  
often cries out in agony & tears  
Yet shall not the Judge of  
all the earth do right -

I feel impelled to throw all  
my power & energy into the  
Temperance Work. and it  
seems that every thing tends  
to lead me in that direction  
By trials I have been brought  
to the foot of the Cross. and  
can now weep with those  
who weep & sympathize with  
the afflicted & sorrowing ones  
of earth. Bred from a home  
I all I hold dear. I find  
the freedom I need to go  
forth and battle in the  
strife. Surely God is leading  
me. The way is dark I  
daily ask to be lead,

I cannot but grieve over  
the past & regret that my mis-  
fortunes have cause a thins  
anxiety & distress. But what  
is now beyond our power to  
control must surely be left to  
a higher power. who doeth  
His will in the armies of  
Heaven and amongst the  
inhabitants of earth. I am  
thinking some of going into the  
Southern Counties to lecture &  
organize Lodges. Will perhaps  
be down before I go. If I do  
not come will send the money  
down. Wish I could keep \$20.00  
but perhaps can get along  
without it. Please let me hear  
from you. between this and next  
Wednesdays.

Your affectionate son  
Cyrus H. Walter