

I will write you again
in
Forest Grove Dec 4th 1882.

My Beloved Father,

We rec'd a letter from you today, and I wish I could tell you how it cheered my heart and how much I should love to see your dear precious face. I cannot tell you how much I love and honor you, how I have always been of your father. I remember so many times when I have been impatient and not made you as happy as I might have. I wish I had always been as good to you as you have been to me. I don't suppose I shall ever have

me nearer to me than
have been. Somehow it
seems as if you went away
when I was dreaming. I
realized so little that you
were going. I am so glad
that everything is so nice and
pleasant for you and that all
your plans are being carried
out. We are getting on well
at home. All is peaceful and
happy in our little family.

You wrote about our
disagreement in regard to Willie,
I'll write and explain
as a little. I never felt
that Willie was married
and that he loved Mattie very
much and have always been
together. I am very glad he
is happy, but I have felt hurt
sometimes at things that
Mattie has said and done.
The time that they stayed here

she seemed somehow
and unsympathetic
rather chilled and made
me feel unhappy. I don't
know why but somehow she
never seems to feel very affection-
ate towards me. I certainly
have tried to treat her as
kindly as I knew how to do,
and it is rather discouraging
to have her always act so
cool. Perhaps it is out of
way. I had such a hard
when they were staying
and taking their meals
so much of the time
acted as if she was
with us all. That was
cross, not that Willie is
married but that his wife
was not so congenial as I
had thought she would be.
I can put up with it however.

... has been in the main
... boy, although he needs
... watching, so that he may
... neglect his work. I suppose
... boys are so. He has been
... doing unusually well of late.

We, Sarah and I, have no trouble.
I always could get along well
enough with her if I have her
all to myself. She has been
painting some little pictures
for Mrs. Porter and Laura.

She has nearly finished
them. She will make about

... dollars. It seems to
... bother her up ever so much

... something to do. Horace
... to be a little lonely, but

... think he is well. I was
... that he would be lonesome

... Had you heard of Mrs.
... death? She died some
... weeks ago. It seems so sad.

It will change things at
White Salmon a good deal.

I am glad you got my

I wanted to have a
I trust in the Lord
wait patiently, trusting
what has seemed a grief
to me may yet be come out
all right. The church seems to
be getting on as usual. Dr W-
preaches all the time. The Van
Dersol matter seems to have died,
although Mr V- is still living
here. I went once to see Mrs V-
I felt very sorry for her and

so that you did not
long about us. I do
disagree with you about
the joy of having a home
of ones own, but until I
can marry one whom I
truly love I shall continue
as I am. I know you
would not have me do
otherwise. I could never
be happy with one whom
I simply married because



Per Horace Lyman.

Union Falls.

Care of Mr Francis Duncan } New York.