

It is surprizing to see how the people
turn out to hear the truth notwithstanding
~~ing~~ even in this hurying time of haying
and harvesting. I think Bro. Van Horn.
must be the very man for this place.
I prize the privilege of hearing him, very
highly. I would like to hear him through.

I would like very much to come to
Greenville and shall come if I can
reasonably. You must be careful
and not ~~work~~ this work too hard
this hot weather. Try in every way

to minister to the comfort and happiness
of your parents. I think you have it in
your power to do more to that end
than any other person living. Be
sure you improve this opportunity well.

Remember that Not mighty deeds make up
the sum. Of happiness below. But little acts
of kindness that any child may show.

You can never know a parents feelings
till you become a parent. You know
your mother loves you for she manifests it in
a way that you can understand, but I fear you
are sometimes in danger of misjudging your
father's feelings on account of his stern nature,
but Edson, he loves you with a depth and strength
of affection that is not easily measured and seldom equalled

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Dear Bro. Edson.

I was very glad
to receive such a good long
letter from you, and ~~was~~
am particularly happy to know
that you are in so comfort-
able a state of mind.

I hope you will not forget to
thank the Lord heartily for
his tender mercies and loving
kindness toward you, remember-
ing that you owe all this
happiness to Him who has but
used others as instruments
in his hand, to do you good.
Oh Edson! be careful that you do
not in your youthful ardor, lose
sight of the giver in your ad-
miration of the gift: that you

do not in the warmth of your affection for the creature, forget to love the creator with all the might, mind, soul and strength.

Be careful also that you are not too much elated with the favorable turn which everything is taking with you. Enjoy every good thing with meekness and gratitude, but improve well the time in gaining strength for future conflict, for in all probability you will be tried by adversity. There is work before you. work. work. work! And will you not take hold of it resolutely, cheerfully, Trials and crosses will come.

Will you not meet ^{them} calmly, resolutely. I hope you will, I believe you will.

But I forget that you do not need my advice or encouragement now, since you are with those who are infinitely better qualified to give you such aid.

I have more paper but I must close now or my letter will be delayed four days

You see my schoolmaster ways will crop out. I think my strength has improved some since I came here. I have been able to lie down and sleep almost any time during the day, when I could find time to do so. That, you know, is something very remarkable for me. Sometimes I have slept three or four hours in a day. I have helped Am. in his corn all I could. Since Bro. Van Horn commenced meetings here my anxiety with regard to them has been such that I can not sleep so well. He gave his first lecture on the evening of Sunday July 12th. It was real good; excellent. Last evening the people could not all find seats. Many stood and looked in at the window. All my folks are interested beyond my fondest anticipations. I think Am. already believes as far as he ^{has} heard, and is having serious thoughts with regard to what he shall do about it.