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Oct. 27th 1886.

Dear Lizzie

we received your
welcome letter today, and smile, at
your quiet indifference to home and friends.
Annie says she would not go away
& stay so long a time from home,
Home is the chief attraction for her,
Mamma & Annie says, your going, to
bring a sheep skin for each of them,
Samuel J. says where is his, what is
Nettie going to bring. Mr. Montgomery
from Chicago, he did not forget her,
Miss Chestnut came last Wednesday
Nettie is very fat, Lillie is too, but
she dont show it as much as Nettie
they had a very good time visiting their
friends they were at Beaver Falls,

a few days, & saw Lillie, Armstrong
she would have come with them, but she
was waiting for a friend that was visit-
ing in that neighborhood, there was
a report that Lillie was going to marry
a preacher, but the authority was none
of the best, when will all of our stray sheep
& their skins come home, Annie says
she will go after you, she will have to get
a vacation if she does, Mamie says Lillie
will be as big as she is, & seven years old
so we are looking for something imminent
Metha says she cannot make your
dress, she does not know your measure
since you have grown so fat, you &
Annie are just the same weight
James Vincent is very poorly, Maggie
has to meet him at the Ferry & help him
home, the rest are well, on Monday ev.

Martha & I went to see Jim Pettus he
is up stairs they carried up his chair
for him to rest on, Sat. & Sabbath he
had been very ill, it took him three hours
to get his clothes on, & get down stairs.
That eve, Samuel & Annie, Joe Steele & E. P.
Mrs. Montgomery, Johnstone, J. McIlwain
Mr. Pettus, were invited out to Mrs.
Mamie, they had a very pleasant time
plenty of fun in the cars, J. Armour made
them laugh, he would get up in the car, & bow
to Rachel & make a face & keep them all
a laughing, we have a nice piece of music
from the Choral, Annie heard at the Chorus
sang, last Sat. eve, that there was to be a
great Temperance meeting in the Academy we
asked Bob. to call at Nos. Chestnut st. & ask for
tickets, they asked who they were for, when he told,
they said they knew who that was & gave him
a package for him self, & one for me, it will

be very crowded, the speakers are Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, Saml. J. B. Finch, Rev. W. H. Doole, Rev. Ch. W. Meade, Prop. E. C. Chamber, Meade will sing and expect it will be a grand success. Mr. & Mrs. Stevenson are at the Convention in Minneapolis if I had sent 25 cts I would have had the report of the convention every day. we are going to a meeting next Tuesday evening & J. Steele perhaps will join. what do you think would be nice to give cousin Lizzie. do you know the size of her fingers, we would like to send her something, we heard just now that Jim Mc. Kee is going to California on Monday he has friends in Australia may be he will go there, Maggie had the baby out at church it is growing nicely. Aunt Lizzie & uncle went up to see it last Thursday eve. Mother & Aunt were at the Temperance meeting & Presbyterian Home. I had a letter from Aunt Rebecca, she wondered why I did not write soon, she saw Wannie & Annie once but she intends to see them soon again when she looked at your photograph she thought it was Annie Forsyth & she look so much alike. she did not send me hers. Mary J. she says Mary does not get much to school since they got the land they have pretty good crops, but it was wet for two weeks. she they are all well & all our cousins. we are going to have a singing class after prayer meeting. just to learn new tunes, it is the only evening we can get them together. Father says did you get the Charles man, it was to be sent for three months to uncle George. be sure to stay in Chicago & see all that are worth seeing especially the Mission & Signal office. & give the white ribbon. give our love to uncle & Aunt Lizzie & our cousins, not forgetting yourself.
Your loving sister, Marie F. Brown