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Neil gives her  
permission to have  
fun go where she  
wants & with whom  
He trusts her -

Well Miss Nora I am glad that  
you are getting homesick & that I  
am not left alone I always want comp-  
any even in my misfortune I am  
not as bad as I was some time ago  
I look forward to the time when we will  
meet again I will try and be in  
on or after the 11 of Nov. if all is  
well - I am very sorry you can  
not have all of the fun you want  
on account of the weather It has been  
very bad weather here every since I  
came into the valley It is now raining  
very hard When it gets fine weather  
you must make up for storms enjoy  
yourself as best you can for we have  
only one life to live in this world  
and all we get is what we enjoy so  
try to get your share I have no objections  
and I guess no one else does -  
I got 50 worth of paper to day and will fill  
another sheet what until I get it won't you

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Dear friend have  
just returned from Montpelier  
from posting a letter to you  
but as you have not had  
any farm me I will write  
you again this eve.

There had taken place just  
now an incident I will tell  
you I bought some candy for  
the children and gave it to  
one little boy and girl (the other  
" being away) When he came  
home I was teasing him and  
told that I was not going to  
let him have any he was very much  
puzzled finally he came up & I  
asked so nicely that I could not  
refuse When I gave it to him he went  
away & his mother asked him what he must say and  
he says to come and said thank you & he said he did not want  
and he said that he was going

On the Sunday you <sup>was</sup> stopping  
in Paris it was staining there also  
that is the day I received the book  
you sent me I had been reading  
the life of John Paul Jones  
<sup>1st</sup> Quin Terry. Captain John <sup>1st</sup> ~~Jones~~  
<sup>2nd</sup> others was reading all day I  
did not get your book until <sup>morning</sup>  
I read a while and have not had a  
chance since (you must <sup>not</sup> kidding  
for I have no time at present <sup>to read</sup>)


Well Miss Crockett I am very sorry  
that our mail is so delayed but it  
tends merchant men, and we will be more  
anxious when we get it as for my  
I can account for it but I do not know  
why it is that you fail to get  
your I assure you I have written  
quite often The letter I got today  
came to St. Charles then to Bloomington  
then to Paris & to Montpelier while  
yours go direct to Logan You need not  
think it immodest to write so often  
one will know it but my self and I would be glad  
to hear from you every day if you could write  
as often as you have time and I will

That horse you spoke of riding I  
would advise you not as this is a risk  
to run and no pay just wait until  
I come down and you may have mine  
(or yours) for I want to leave it with  
you I am going north if nothing  
happens and will spend the winter in  
Bourbon City I would like it with  
you if you don't object But I do not  
want you to run any risk riding  
wild horses For I do not want the  
trouble of finding another Stead and  
asking her parents

You spoke of me going to Log  
and wanted to know when I was going  
I have not decided whether I will go or not  
If I do go it will be soon as I come to  
Logan (I do not have my time or money  
and I durst not lose much as I want  
to get settled down soon I find there is  
no money made by running round

I had thought of teaching a  
writing school in Logan on my  
return Mrs White wanted that I should  
go in and help her but I guess I will not

I have no time at present to read



W. L. R.

Compliment  
Your friend.  
N. E. C.

Now I am ready  
When you get this letter you will think  
that I do not write a long <sup>(letter)</sup> one do not think  
but write a long one as soon as you get  
this or before I do not care which

I am glad you are getting along  
with your school so nicely And only  
hope that you will continue to be suc-  
cessful and give good satisfaction  
and the trustees will call on you  
every week

Well now I have answered  
your letter as well as I know how  
all but the poetry I will have to study  
it a moment or two

By close examination I find that  
the word vessel has an additional (s)  
making it vessels I live in hopes that  
it will only be a vessel and I think  
we will do well if we keep from being  
captized in it

The rock fault has wrecked many  
a happy crew on the placid and  
rough waters of the stream of life  
there has been many who thought that  
they were sailing along so nicely  
and in an unguarded moment were  
wrecked on this ill fated rock I hope  
that if we do sail in vessels instead of  
reeds that we may both steer clear of  
the enemy

I read at the top more of  
your letter and the words in quotation  
marks have attracted my attention

"Live for me as I for thee my dear"  
these words contain a great deal they are  
my sentiments and should be a land  
mark for every man and woman

I admire the person who wrote it and  
do not object his or her living according  
ly but must object them getting you  
but I am only one and they say that it  
takes two to make a bargain and so it does  
and the shrewder the person the better  
the trait I seem that I have an  
opponent which I am not aware of

Will you have your own choice and I hope  
you will get the one that will be the most wanted  
of you This world is wide and there is many  
a man better than myself and if you can  
let it go yourself you are free but remember that you  
will have wronged — My love You having my  
word and when you doubt it will you  
please let me know I do not wish to restrict  
your company in the least go when you  
please and with who you please and I will  
do the same I have placed entire confidence  
in you and when that is broken I will let  
you know I can trust you at any and all  
times considering your word good as my  
own — It is raining very hard and  
dropping on my writing and I am  
afraid I will have to quit for to night  
let. Would like to ask you several questions  
but I guess I will not

By the way you said that the writing  
on the board looked like mine who  
I do my best — I beg your pardon  
you have never seen my best writing  
yet wait until I come back and teach  
a school in Logan and I will show you