

Struggling with
religion

Yes, I knew you had the journals
& was just waiting to hear from
you. Now which do you like best?

Journal of Education
American Teacher or Education

I only paid for the American
Teacher & requested Mr
Picknell to send you some ~~copy~~
extra copies samples of his
best works, which I suppose he
did. Tell me the kind you
like best & I will have it sent
to you. For my self I think
they are all hard to read.
I am taken up with the
Teacher & like it very much.

I am aware I my letters do not contain
very much good sense & logic & feel it with
in the mortification but can't help it. I write as
I feel, & when I find I can't say what I mean
I have said what I meant in half of the
time & space. I have recd. letters before now
were to me as my last was to you, have
started in to write a long answer & find I have
I have completed one I had filled one
sheet. But your letters are very interesting to
me & when I start to answer I have to stop for
something else besides thoughts I find it is
now the same at the bottom & could fill two or
three more & then still want to tell you something
else but must stop as I have no more time
I answer soon in accordance with your wish
Will.

Montpelier Nov. 13. 1884
Idaho Ter.
Miss N. E. Crockett
Logan City
Idaho Ter.

Dear Friend

Just recd. Yours
of the 11 inst. - Very glad to
hear from you so soon.
Good girl to get up so
soon & get your lesson.
I like early birds. They
always catch the worm.
Although I can't brag of
having more than my share.

I am glad you did not
have your lesson with you
& wrote me. I suppose I am
to thank Delia for your writing
this time, & so I shall, I also

feel obliged to you, & to express
my feelings I answer directly
by return mail.

Then you feel doubtful
of me carrying out my
intentions. Well I had when
you doubt. The chances are I
may, I didnt think for
a moment you might
doubt, but thinking it over now
I see it is nothing more than
natural. At any rate I am
glad you did not mention
it to any one. but I thought
I could detect it in Lydia's
countenance when I was there.
Must have been mistaken;

Wait my dear girl & be
patient - It is a question

of great weight with me & cannot
be decided in a day or a week.
It is a step taken I do not
wish ever to regret or retrace.
I am not much of a thinking
man but I can find plenty of
points on this sub. to keep me
busy. When I come to ask
myself questions I find that
I am more of a skeptic than
I thought I was. Something
I have always tried to keep clear
of. I have mixed so much with
with the world & seen so many
points of origin in religion
with but one point of insertion
That it bothers me not a little. All
seem to make rapid strides to
accomplish their aims. Well I
am decide as to my mode
of acting & hope all will be
well you need not fear a war