

1 Excuse yours

Benedict Hob.

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Mrs Nora E. Reant.

My dear friend:

I told Miss S. to beam
her letter & I would write
too; but you see I did
not succeed in writing at
once. But the only excuse
for this, & part neglect is
work: - a great blessing
to humanity, especially
of a troubled mind - but
then, we can get too
much even of a good thing.
I find my new work
much more confining than
teaching. And what I
miss most of all is my time

to read, & havint time to
 read the newspapers, and if I
 begin a book I become
 discouraged before I get
 through. But I have suc-
 -ceeded in reading "Butler's
 Analogy", which is fine.

Have you read it?
 Most of my reading this spring
 has been of a religious
 character; I have tried
 so hard for the past yr.
 to have a mind settled, and
 at peace with God.

I have been rewarded, and
you know dear Nora, the
 blessed comfort of knowing
 that "He careth" and is pleased.
 Miss H and I both united
 with the Episcopal Church
 of York, this spring.

Sweet baby! how I want to-
see you all. — We went
fishing today & had such a
nice time. I wish you
could come over & eat catfish
with us, in the morning!

Our old home place in
Iowa will be sold this
sum mer, it almost breaks
my heart, it seems like
selling graves, but none
of the family feel like
taking it, (who can,) & so
it must go, since the young-
-est is of age. Mother
will visit me this fall.

I wish you could be here
too. How Mrs. Ream
since I recd the last letter
from you, — if you can't
write to both of us at once,
it will not feel bad if you
leave me, but do please
write to me first as soon

as possible!
 I'm always
 as glad
 to get your
 letters
 & read
 & receive
 picture
 I'll see
 about your
 household
 in the
 from
 friend
 George

I felt that I wanted to
 tell you, because I knew
 you would be interested:

Yes our home
 is a great comfort to us, but
 I expect we will not be in
 it longer than this summer.
 I shall teach again, & it
 isn't likely that we can
 both be here longer.

I only cease talking of
 visiting you because you
 will not let me think of it
 at present. But my future
 opens to me the Mountains,
Ocean &c. - & you included
 "Hope" as a bright star, & I
 can wait. - of course I
 would like to have baby's
 picture

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Mrs. Nora Beam

Dear Friend

I trespass almost too far upon
your good nature by not
answering your kind letter
before this but my days are so
full of work that I must rest
when night comes. I will tell
you just what I do and let
you judge. I teach a very large
school two and a half miles
from where I live so that I
must walk five miles
daily. Then I study four branches
besides a little music so you
can understand how busy I
am. I do not even get time
to write home. My sister felt

was married May-15 - to Mr.
Frank Reid of Chariton your
husband will know him.

Miss Rose is not teaching
this summer, she is desiring
for a change, but expects to
begin teaching again in Sept.
Our spring has been rather late
in coming, but is fairly here
now. have had lots of rain.
Our garden however is looking
fine, we have a good sized
lot and it is planted full
and every thing is up. I
suspect your boy is quite a
man. and I so much care
for you, how I should love to
see him. I keep you and your
husbands pictures beside the
baby boys and when I show them
to people they say "that is a very
nice looking family."

I should like so much to go to San Francisco this summer to the teachers convention but am afraid I can not, if I could I'd stop off and see you when I came back, is your husband farming this season, or do you do much farming - I presume tho' that you deal more in cattle.

Are you reading anything new? I find I bought a copy of "The Haverly Novels" last week but I have not had time to notice them very much yet. A number of us are going to a fishing party out Wednesday, we expect and hope to have a fine time, I should enjoy having

you visit us and if you
should go to Iowa again it
will not be a bit out of your
way to stop at Benedict.

Miss Rose said she would
write you today also so I won't
take you any further, Good
Bye Dear Friend. I hope you
will answer this just as
soon as you can find time
and this shows me that I
am forgiven for my long
delay. Tell me all about the
Spring term, it must be fine
and now Goodbye with
love and kisses for you
and baby - and your true
friend

Anna Hopkins.

Benedict

"Good Bye"

Sept



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