

15 Aug 1888  
Nora - D Still  
from Preston  
She was teaching  
to help pay debts  
Mary Mitchell with D

± Preston Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1858

Dear Will - I will write  
you a few lines this  
morning. I am at the  
school home. It is 10.15  
& as yet but 4 pupils, on  
account of the storm.  
The rain has just been  
pouring down. But of  
course I came although  
I did not expect many  
pupils. I shall stay as  
it is too far to go home  
& come back this after-  
noon. If it clears off  
I guess there will be  
a school. It looks very  
dark & dismal out  
side & chilly in the  
house. I had a school  
yesterday only until  
noon because there  
was a funeral here.  
A young man 25 yrs  
old. left a wife & two chil-  
dren. Cause of death - drowning

I got your letter yesterday.  
I can tell you I was  
glad to get it - for I  
was beginning to get  
nervous as well as  
homesome. I was afraid  
you were sick.

We are all well - excepting  
~~I have a very bad cold~~  
I am so hoarse it hurts  
me to speak. I have  
had a bad cold most  
of the time since I left  
the ranch. I can not  
tell how I get it.

Will - you asked me  
not to teach. but I did  
not get your letter until  
I had been teaching  
over a week, but if you  
do not want me to teach  
I will not teach longer  
than this term. Will -  
What ever happens through  
my teaching - I can truly  
say I have done only what  
I thought best, & can not

but if any one of these  
conditions <sup>fail</sup> I do not  
know <sup>how</sup> far I would be  
carried away.

I did not think  
Mr. L. could get witness  
es to swear for him  
regarding the home-  
stead, how did he  
manage it? I hope  
you do let Mr. Grinnitt  
have the chance of the  
land if he will pay  
the expenses - I would  
much rather you did.  
Has L. done any thing  
about that note yet? Do  
you hear from home? Do  
they say any thing of Mart W.?  
Write soon & tell me  
every thing.

Will, have you put my saddle in the house so people can not help themselves to it? Do you know how Mrs. B.'s getting along? How <sup>do</sup> you manage for bread, do you cook it your self? Are you very lonesome without us? I do not think I could have stumped away from you so long if it were not that I have been teaching & that takes a good deal of my attention.

As long as school goes all right & you & the children are well & I can hear from you often I do not think lonesomeness can entirely run away with me

I had no papers so I took  
a blank leaf out of an old  
book to write on. I wish  
you were here to spend  
the morning with me.  
<sup>How</sup> much more pleasant  
it would be. Well, I  
have not yet examined  
yet. & I do not know how  
I can get to Malad - the  
boys are all so busy  
I guess I will have to  
wait until you come  
over. I could alone  
school Thursday night  
go over <sup>some</sup> on Friday get  
examined on Sat &  
return on Sunday  
therefore missing but  
one day. Write & tell  
me what you think about  
it. You see I can get no  
pay for what I do teach if  
I fail to get a certificate.

the better  
I get examined

reproach <sup>2</sup> myself. Do  
not think I have meant to  
go against your wishes  
for indeed I have not.  
I thought if I could  
earn something to  
help pay our debts or  
even support myself  
& children till you  
could pay them it  
would leave you  
free to get them paid  
without worrying about  
me. I think we will  
get along all right.  
Lydia is very good  
to the children. Baby  
Mitchel, gets along nicely  
but Wesley nearly breaks  
his little heart. Every  
morning he begs me  
not to go. I feel very bad  
for the little fellow for I  
know how lonely I need  
to be last winter when you  
went to school.

saw her in Logan &  
she said she was  
about to back out from  
going back.

Well, Will, I will  
quit for this time.  
I have written  
all the news.

I will look for  
an answer soon

With much love  
& a thousand kisses  
from myself & the  
boys, I am still  
Your's  
Yours truly



Are the four little  
turkeys alive? Have  
you taken the Turkey  
them home yet?

When you bring  
my cows over be sure  
to bring Lade for one  
for I see now what a  
good smilker her  
mother is. Lydia is  
smilking her now &  
I think Lade will be  
just like her.

Willie is up here  
now. I do not know  
when he will be  
going back to Ben Lake  
Is Miss Holland leav-  
ing there again now? I