

Dec 28 your birthday  
Dear Nora and I thought  
that I would let you  
know that I have been  
waiting for Willie to write  
and he has not so I will  
send it any way with  
love to you all and  
kisses to Leabe I am  
your loving mother  
Alice

I must win &  
God grant that I  
do! If cattle was  
any price at all I  
would sell all but  
yours & the hay to  
which I may do  
yet I will see you  
first & tell you all  
& I haven't time to  
write & no paper  
I have 3 requests  
to make they are then  
be good to yourself  
the boys & dont ~~head~~  
Give me your  
sincere blessing  
& my mind will be  
content & the debts  
shall vanish I believe  
it in fact I know it  
You have but to  
trust & wait but  
a little while not long  
& all will be as I say  
I must go to bed as  
it is very late &

want to haul  
loads tomorrow &  
write another  
letter soon in  
the evening

With much  
love & a deep de-

desire to see  
you all I close  
Haskins Gods  
blessing upon us  
& that we  
may realize before  
dying his full power  
made man so in  
that way I believe  
it will go with  
sincerity that you  
may be comforted &  
enjoy life trying  
to do so.

Love to your & ours  
Dear Will.

before he no  
engaged

Well don't let  
her father disengage  
you Bring her  
home that is if  
you are not a shay  
for here to see us,  
or is she a very  
fine handsome girl  
Is a polygamist

Does he want  
you to have more  
~~than one wife~~  
his daughter?

Does she want  
you to have more  
than one wife?

Bennington Oct 18th 1888

Dear Sister Howard I will try and write  
you a few lines today as I am not in  
school I dismissed for the week this mor-  
ning on account of the cold

There is sixteen panes of glass broken  
in the windows and the ~~glass~~ wind  
just now in

Well this leaves me well and I hope that  
it will find you the same.

I commenced school on the first  
of October with only twelve pupils so  
you see that I have a nice time  
I let school out at three in the  
afternoon.

Say where is still I enquired  
and found that he was not at  
home

Well I havn't any thing to write  
about that would interest you  
so I will have to quit

Give my love to Lydia and the

folks write soon &c your loving  
brother Will

Address at Montreal

Sunday evening  
Daisy

I enclose

a bill or an order for books  
which I wish you to put  
the money in & send to  
the publishing house if  
possible send it so I can get  
the books by the 15<sup>th</sup> of  
Nov. & then I will get  
through & down between  
that & the 25<sup>th</sup> I hope you  
have not sent the money  
up here before getting the  
letter & I also hope you  
can get it & have it  
by Friday You had  
better not teach anymore  
at present I think it best  
Hoping all will turn out  
well I am Ever Your  
Love & Kisses for you Will.  
& Babes