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Maggie → Nora

Wellsville Caches County

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Miss Nora & Brockport

My Dear Friend your ever
welcome letter came safely to hand and believe me
it was welcome as your letters always are. You see by
this that I am at home again in the rain, as it
has stormed ever since I arrived, but I am in hopes
it will clear up ^{as} it is always darkest ^{just} before the dawn
I am pleased to think you like teaching there so well
as it is a good thing for the health to be happy. I
guess I will weigh nearly 200 lbs and am quite healthy
But Baby has had quite a sick spell since we came
home, but feels some better today, Charlie is not at home
is still at Aspen but I left him in very good health
but thought he would be homesick for his little Nora
when we were away. but I guess he will survive, at least I hope
so he will be home in about 3 weeks and will make up for lost
time, by being more affectionate, Now take my advice do not
marry as long as you can make a living for yourself as men

are generally deceitful "But opposition is the life of trade".
Well I have found things in about their usual dead
condition, it is terrible lonesome I wish you were here; there
has not been any meeting or S.S. to amount to anything today
as there has quite a number gone to conference, mother has gone ^{and}
I am keeping house for her father has gone also. I hope they will have a
better time than I have at home. it has just poured down all day. I
was up to Martha Haslem's today awhile, she is looking to be confined every
day now. she has a nice new house on Mrs Catenbergs lot, and so has
Mrs C. I saw Euphemia today and she looks as if she had swallowed some-
thing that would not digest. Mrs Barber is still the same, Mary Owens
is very sick today. there is a very great deal of sickness here now. Sadies
Jones has been quite deranged for about 8 weeks but is better today
Levi has gone to Salt Lake and M.D. & M.A. sit up all night to sell
liquor. they get a pretty hard name here. Mary E Hill is up to Beaver Canyon
I had quite a nice time this summer out there as well as a
pleasant trip home, and Mary A will be home now in a day
or two as well as the Misses Stoddard. Mr J.A. I still corresponds
with Ellen, Johnny wrote to me last week and sent his kind
regards to you. I think you have escaped something by
giving J.W.S. the mitten as his summer wages will not
pay his debts, excuse all mistakes, and this paper as it is
all I could find Nora ^{is} as cute as ever (I think) hoping to hear
from you soon I am your sincere friend Maria