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Do you hear from Mr. & Mrs. Smith?

I am very glad to hear from you
and wish you were here.

I will try and write
you more news in the next and hope
it will be of a different nature.

Please write on and continue the de-
scription of your journey, which ended
in describing the plains.

I remain as ever your loving
friend
Elara J. Reice

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Mrs. Sara Reice

Well I presume you

think it true that I do not intend
to answer you welcome letter.

I was so glad to hear from you, but
thought I would not answer it
right away because you were travel-
ing and might not get it very soon,
and then I have been very busy.

I have a very large school sixty
three and a mixed class of third
readers numbering 24.

Some days I was perfectly discor-
and feel as if I would have to quit
but they are not very much.

We have ten days vacation and
it seems such a long time since
I left school.

Did not attend the last anniversary
and the teachers haven't met since
I began teaching. I went four
different times but two or three were
present, and so they have adjourned
until they receive word to meet.

Every school in Tegan is closed
this winter.

There hasn't been much amuse-
ment here this winter, a dance ball
and several concerts is all the amuse-
ments, and too I cross old teachers do
not have the chance of enjoying
those.

There is a theatre in Providence to
night gotten up by Mr. Doerksen
the school teacher.

I presume you have heard of the
death of Mrs. Brown. Her account
amount 25. One she kept a little boy
who was killed by a railroad in their
own house the day before the babe
was born. I heard yesterday that
Mr. Thompson did not think of such
a thing as her dying.

William Palmer was buried three
weeks previous.

Mrs. M. M. Wicksten has gone to Sweden
to her brother's ^{wife's} funeral.

Miriam was down yesterday and sends
her love to you. Eva is trying to
get the tangles out of her hair and
wishes to be remembered to you &
it is about the last time Eva Rice
will join with the rest of us in
sending her regards to you.

Almy N. Co. Dec 27

Mrs Nora Ream

Dear aunt

I reciev'd your welcome letter and was
glad to get it. we are well and
hope you are the same. I think
it would be fun to hunt mice nests
but I couldnt have the heart to ~~get~~ rob them
because they may have little ones and
had the nuts for them in the winter.
Ma and I are invited to a party
this evening I wish you was here
to go with us. Mr Fairburn spent
his evening with us last night and
staid until half past 11 o'clock.
we got a letter from aunt Mary
yesterday and she says that Rosa
has gone to keep house for Jim
but they are not married yet.

I guess will quit with love to you both
I remain your loving niece. Ca.

Kara - Your wish, as a request
is granted. You shall not have to
move your house. You need not think
I have forgotten my promise to you
either in fact or feeling. In
the confusion of conflicting affairs
things at one time plain, often
appear obscure, even duty does not
always seem straight and plain.

It sounded curious yesterday when
you said "we would not molest you
any more were we are now, than
in the places". How the threads
of lives do tangle up. It would be
a rare pleasure, to live close to you now,
to be on pleasant footing, good friends
good neighbors, to be all, except on
good open social footing, is odd
indeed. Oh! that the "deviding

wall". I saw once in my mind.
how real how solid it appear now.

Have no fear of your note becoming
public property, or any body's but
my own.

Even though you do
not call me friend. do not fear
to think me so. do not show
my house whether I am absent or
present, as I understand things
there are those here who have
for you the kindest feelings, besides
myself. If for any reason you do
not ^{wish} to call at my house. consider
it others. and call the same
when I am here, as when I am
absent. And consider ^{me} now as
in the past your Friend
F. L.