

at our not coming back this
fall, she speaks more favorably
this time of you than here to fore
all our well-crops are good apples
were nearly all blown off by a
storm. They make me another
offer if I will go back. But I don't
see how I can. a very good one
too. So I don't feel much
like writing to night will
close

Good Night

To my Nora

I will write soon again
Ever Your E - Friend

W. L. R.

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My Dear Friend
Your long and interesting
letter was recd a few days
since and I am well pleased
with it. Could take time to
read one like it every few
days as to answering it
I would not have time for
at present as we are busy
haying. If you have time
write and rest assured that
your letter will always
will be welcome. I will
not tell you of my trip &
how I spent the time while
below. Had a very good time
however. Your letter was
very newsy & interesting. The
sentence "Then he's a moral coward"

weighs more heavilly than
you may imagine I rang
in my ears while I was moving
all day long & it rings
them now I can see the
group at Mrs W's & see depicted
in their countenances a look
of scorn (In imagination)
It scorches my feelings not
a little But I forgive you &
wish that all such ideas
were erased from your
mind I have nothing to say
in favor of myself, You have
known me over one year &
ought to know what I can
by now, or nearly so, I think
if I were a coward as you call
me I would have played my
hand to a very good advantage
by joining the church when I
first came to Estab^d and played

the base hypocrite - I could
have gained many points
by doing so, - But enough we
will not quarrel. - I had intended
writing you all day, a nice long
letter but was in company
with a gentleman - from S. L. E.
& could not very well excuse
myself to write & to night I
scribble you this note (Which
I am ashamed to send) in ans.
to your nice long letter. - I am
in better health now than I
have been for several mos &
feel more like myself. I am
very sorry I shall be permitted
to enjoy your society very little
the next year. It is as you say
I will be in L - in - Tex and
if all is well - Had a letter from
mother the same day I got yours
she is very much disappointed