

Avon May 19th, 61

Miss Abbott.

I seat myself to write you a few lines thinking it will be some time before I have another opportunity. I arrived home on wednesday and found the squad of boys which I expected on monday therefore I am obliged to wait for another squad which leave for "Dixie" one week from next monday so that I think there will be time to for a letter to reach me before leaving Ohio. We had a very pleasant trip coming from Mich.

I had not been on the cars more than half an hour before it commenced raining and it seemed as though the buckets were turned tap downwards and pouring water on the surrounding country every thing seemed to take new life after the shower birds sang vegetation changed its color and even man appeared glad. In the lake the scene was rather different though still grand if not beautiful. On leaving the Detroit river and entering the lake we found that the storm had reached that section and left old Erie still foaming which was the cause of a certain kind of sickness called sea-sickness among the lady passengers and I think the gentlemen were not entirely free from its effects as I saw several visiting the side of the steamer quite often but we reached Cleveland in safety at half past-five A.M. and each took his departure from the Steamer Cleveland. I hope you will excuse the hurried manner in which that short note which accompanied my picture was written as I expected to be to late for the train as it was^I/only had about 3 minutes time to spare.

Please direct your first letter to North Dover, Cuyahoga Co. Ohio you will be duly informed of my whereabouts when I arrive in Dixie hoping that peace will be declared before many months I remain your true friend.

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